Volunteering Opportunities in Interpretation and Outreach

Event Volunteer

Do you like sharing what’s special about the New Forest with people? Would you like to be part of a team running events in the National Park?

As part of the Our Past Our Future Landscape Partnership Scheme, the New Forest National Park Authority is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with events and activities aimed at connecting people to the National Park.

See the role description for full details.

OPOF Event Volunteer (NCS)
National Citizenship Service
25 June to 1 August and 24 & 31 Aug

We are seeking a number of volunteers to support our Rangers in delivering one day ‘Introduction to the New Forest’ sessions for groups of 16/17 year olds, undertaking a four week NCS programme. Each group can be up to 30 young people managed by 4 group leaders. This session is repeated daily, up to 5 times per week (Mon to Fri), for six weeks.

Generic session plan includes:
- Walking from Lyndhurst to Ashurst, discovering and exploring some of the ‘special qualities’ of the National Park en-route, through fun team oriented activities.
- undertake practical ‘conservation’ activities in Forestry Commission enclosures

Volunteer Skills

We are looking for volunteers with a passion for working with and engaging young people in the natural environment; comfortable and confident in the outdoors; able to engage, enthuse and motivate is essential. Volunteers should be physically able and practically minded. Experience of working with young people in the outdoors; good knowledge of the New Forest National Park and/or natural environment is not essential but helpful.

Volunteering Opportunities
Session runs from 9am to 3pm each day (Monday to Friday) for six weeks between 25 June to 1 August and again on 24 and 31 August.

**Volunteer commitment**
- Must be able to attend a half day induction session in June.
- Must be prepared to commit to (booked in advance) supporting a minimum of 4 sessions over the six week period.

**Essential Information**

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<th>Single/Shared Role</th>
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<td>Estimated preferred hours per month</td>
<td>Minimum 4 sessions over six week period</td>
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<td>Location</td>
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<td>Training</td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>Dress code</td>
<td>A volunteer badge will be provided. For certain tasks and events other equipment will be provided as required.</td>
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**Key Words / Tags**
- friendly, enthusiastic, communicator, outdoors, sociable, dependable, heritage, nature

**How to find out more or register your interest**

www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/landscape-partnership
volunteering@newforestnpa.gov.uk

There will also be opportunities to volunteer on other tasks as part of the Our Past, Our Future Landscape Partnership Scheme.