



HUNTLEY ESTATE

RFS FORESTRY ROOTS

Woodland Assistant, Huntley Estate.



INSPIRING PASSION AND EXCELLENCE IN WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

The Royal Forestry Society (RFS) is the oldest and largest educational charity dedicated to the wise management of woods and trees in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Our mission is to inspire passion and excellence in woodland management.

Thanks to the support of the ALA Green Trust, the RFS, in partnership with the Huntley Estate, is proud to offer this outstanding opportunity at May Hill, near Gloucester. The role is designed to help college leavers secure their first paid forestry employment and provide the successful applicant an excellent first step towards a successful forestry career.

The Huntley Estate.

Huntley Estate includes 450ha of mixed conifer, broad leaf and coppice woodlands, located on May Hill, on the border of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. The estate is notable for the legacy of C. P Ackers who was a pioneering silvicultural expert and author of his time. Currently the estate is being diversified to include an ecological focus and more recreational activities such as camping and woodland courses.

Job Title: Woodland Assistant

Location: May Hill, GLOS, GL19 3HQ

Responsible to: The Woodland Grounds Manager.

Job overview : Gain a wealth of experience working alongside the Woodland Grounds Manager. Performing woodland management tasks such as coppicing, felling planation maintenance, fencing, pest control. Receive extensive on the job training and up to 20 days fully funded Continuous Professional Development (CPD) to obtain additional professional qualifications to reach the required level for their RFS Certification in Forestry.

Main Responsibilities.

- Tree felling, thinning and coppicing.
- Plantation maintenance (weeding, brush cutting)
- Woodland maintenance (fencing, ride maintenance, pest control)
- Checking camera traps, mapping compartments.
- Maintaining/ developing woodland diversification activities.
- Habitat improvement works.

Skills, Competencies, Experience and Qualifications.

Essential.

The successful applicant will have:

Recently completed a recognised level 2 or 3 course in; Forestry, Arboriculture, Countryside Management or Environmental Management.

Additional practical qualifications and tickets are not essential but may be beneficial.

A full driving licence at the start of employment period.

Personal attributes.

The successful candidate will;

- Have a positive attitude.
- Be enthusiastic and want to learn.
- Enjoy working outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Have a strong interest in woodland management, including ecological, silvicultural and recreational aspects.

Terms and Conditions.

Hours of work- 39 hours per week.

Salary- £16,000 pa.

Holidays- 21 days per annum plus bank holidays.

Term- 1 year fixed term contract with 1 month probationary period.

CPD- Up to 20 days paid release to attend fully funded CPD training. Regular progress reviews with the RFS and the employer.

The position is subject to satisfactory references, evidence of the right to work and live in the UK, other pre-employment checks as required and a contract of employment.

Accommodation may be available on arrangement , there is a £300 relocation grant available upon request from RFS.

The Application Process.

To apply please send your CV and a covering letter by email explaining;

- why you are interested in this position?
- How your skills and experiences fit the requirements of the role.
- The names and contact details of two referees.

You may apply for more than one of the advertised Forestry Roots jobs. If you do so, please list them in order of preference with brief reasons for your choices.

Send your application by email to: Adam Pickles, Future Foresters Officer:
Email: adam.pickles@rfs.org.uk.

The deadline for this application is: **5 July** short listed candidates will be invited for interview on: **26 July** at May Hill, GLOS, GL19 3HQ