

## **District Forester - Operations**

Forestry Commission  
East England Forest District

### **The Role**

Forestry England is looking for an accomplished forestry professional with sound silvicultural knowledge to bolster our forestry and land management leadership team in the East England Forest District during an exciting period of change in our staff structures and forest practices. This new role will lead and operationally support two of our geographical beats at Chilterns (Buckinghamshire) and Sandlings (Suffolk); whilst also directly planning, leading and delivering forest operations associated with ash dieback management and ancient woodland restoration across the District.

As District Forester Operations, you will also be part of the East England Forest District's Forestry and Land Management Board, helping to steer and drive our forest operations to deliver against Forestry England's objectives and our District's Strategy.

### **About Us**

East England Forest District, covers an area of 35,000 ha from North Norfolk to Brighton; including Thetford Forest and the outlying beats of Sandlings, Kent, East Sussex, Chilterns and Thames Chase Community Forest. The District has a varied landholding including the largest lowland pine forest in England at Thetford, community woodland on the outskirts of London at Thames Chase, and a range of mixed woodland, many of which are on sites of Ancient Woodland.

There are numerous sites of conservation interest designated across the District, including Special Protection Areas to conserve the breeding habitat for the Woodlark and Nightjar, Special Areas of Conservation, Sites of Specific Scientific Interest, Areas of Outstanding National Beauty, Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland, County Wildlife Sites and Scheduled Monuments.

The District offers outdoor recreation, leisure and wellbeing activities for hundreds of thousands of people each year at its recreation

centres. Forestry England's whole freehold estate is dedicated for public access on foot, with numerous small carparks and informal access points.

### **Location**

This role offers great flexibility, you could be based either at our Santon Downham main office or at our Chilterns or Sandlings beat offices.

The postholder will be required to travel within the East England Forest District to lead their beat teams at Chilterns and Sandlings and undertake other operational management. Some overnight stays away from home may be necessary to maximise efficiency in this role.

Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.

### **Closing date**

11:55 pm on Sunday 16th May 2021

### **Link to apply at Civil Service Jobs**

<https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/jobs.cgi?jcode=1715553>.



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