## Kent County Council Job Description: *Warden – Dryhill Picnic Site*

| Directorate:    | Growth, Environment and Transport             |
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| Unit/Section:   | Country Parks North and West kent ranger team |
| Grade:          | KR3   |
| Responsible to: | Ranger Services Manager                       |

### Purpose of the Job:

To maintain the site and its facilities in a clean, safe and attractive state, and to assist and guide visitors.

## Main duties and responsibilities:

#### **Visitor Services**

- Welcoming visitors, dealing with queries and assisting visitors to enjoy their visit to the site.
- Opening and closing the entrance gates daily. Opening to be at 8.30am and closing to be at dusk or as advertised at the site.
- Carry out daily safety checks as directed, and in accordance with the site safety procedures.
- Assisting with visitor surveys.
- Using a firm but tactful approach to discourage thoughtless behaviour by visitors, or in the last resort by drawing attention to the Bylaws (where appropriate).

#### Site Hygiene

- Clearing rubbish from the car park area and other heavily used areas on a daily basis and from the whole site on a weekly basis.
- Prepare rubbish for collection.

#### Patrolling and Emergency Repairs

- Patrolling the whole site by the end of each week to check for vandalism or damage to fences, trees, grassland, notices, furniture.
- Effecting minor repairs where possible or reporting the need to the Rangers. This is particularly important where public safety is involved.

#### Site Maintenance and Emergencies

- Assisting the Rangers with repairs and minor construction works.
- Responding to emergencies, which may require attendance outside of normal hours or as required by the Ranger team.

#### Administration and Miscellaneous

- Maintaining simple site records (eg. daily events, traffic volumes) and a site diary.
- Undertaking such other tasks as may be defined from time to time by the Ranger team

#### Schedule of work hours.

7 days on shift then 7 days off shift so working alternate weeks

| Summer (30 weeks<br>12 Hours | from end Mare<br>No. Of visits: |           | r (22 weeks)<br>No. Of visits: 10 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday                       | 1.5 hours                       | Monday    | 1.5 hours                         |
| Tuesday                      | 1.5 hours                       | Tuesday   | 1.5 hours                         |
| Wednesday                    | 1.5 hours                       | Wednesday | 1.5 hours                         |
| Thursday                     | 1.5 hours                       | Thursday  | 1.5 hours                         |
| Friday                       | 1.5 hours                       | Friday    | 1.5 hours                         |
| Saturday                     | 2 hours                         | Saturday  | 2 hours                           |
| Sunday                       | 2 hours                         | Sunday    | 2 hours                           |

(Bank Holidays are treated as Sundays in terms of hours worked)

Footnote: This job description is provided to assist the job holder to know what his/her main duties are. It may be amended from time to time without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of post.

# Kent County Council Person Specification: Warden – Dryhill Picnic Site

The following outlines the criteria for this post. Applicants who have a disability and who meet the criteria will be shortlisted.

Applicants should describe in their application how they meet these criteria.

|                               | CRITERIA  |
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| QUALIFICATIONS                | <ul> <li>You will be friendly and approachable, with a firm but tactful approach, as necessary when dealing with visitors to the site</li> <li>Physical fitness is essential as the site is very steep in places</li> <li>Any specific training needed would be provided</li> <li>You will be able to respond to alarm activation &amp; emergencies within 15/20 minutes of being called out</li> </ul> |
| EXPERIENCE                    |   |
| SKILLS AND ABILITIES          | General DIY skills<br>Good people skills as this is a front line post<br>Abiltiy to be self motivated and ability to work alone or as part of a<br>team   |
| KNOWLEDGE                     |   |
| BEHAVIOURS AND<br>KENT VALUES | Kent Values:<br>Open<br>Invite Contribution and Challenge<br>Accountable  |