Knowsley Safari Foundation

RSRN Red Squirrel Ranger

RECRUITMENT PACK OCTOBER 2026

THE ROLE

Job title:	RSRN Red Squirrel Ranger
Location:	Knowsley Safari
Report to:	Research and Conservation Coordinator
Hours of work:	1170 hours per annum (based on an average of 22.5 hours p/w). Hours will be worked across split shifts. Flexibility regarding working hours is therefore required.
Contract Type:	This is a fixed term contract until December 2029

This job has been designed to give a clear definition of the role, but it is hoped that the employee will seek to develop the role to the best of their ability and that the role can and will be developed to make full use of their potential.

Purpose of the role

Our mission at the Knowsley Safari Foundation is to have a long-term positive impact on our environment and communities by integrating people and nature. This role, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, is designed to connect the local community to our natural heritage as part of a wider conservation project aiming to see Red Squirrels (Sciurus vulgaris) return to the Knowsley Estate and the surrounding areas. The post holder will contribute to the implementation of a targeted grey squirrel control programme to clear the current grey squirrel population on the Knowsley Estate and prevent incursion from the surrounding areas.

Main Tasks and Duties

- To carry out grey squirrel control using a limited number of agreed, humane techniques.
- Record geographical and ecological information and submit records to research and conservation team periodically.
- Assist with implementation and monitoring of fertility bate trials within woodlands on the Knowsley Estate.
- Support the Community Engagement Officer with delivery to community.
- Contribute to organisation and project effectiveness by working closely with other teams as required.
- Attend team meetings and briefings as required.
- Work with and support volunteers.
- Attend team meetings and briefings as required as part of RSRN, Knowsley Safari Foundation & Stanley Enterprise
- Embrace and positively promote the Knowsley Safari Foundations mission, strategic objectives and values through the development of departmental and personal objectives.

- Ensure the cleanliness and maintenance of all equipment and department resources, as well as company vehicles and areas where external training may be held.
- Ensure that the Knowsley Safari Foundation is seen as an educational and conservation driven resource.
- Ensure the safe use of firearms at all times.
- Take part in any training required for the use of firearms.
- Ensure the safe and proper cleanliness and storage of firearms and associated equipment.
- Ensure that all health and safety procedures are understood and adhered to.
- Develop & run training experiences and skill-based activities for the local community.
- To perform any other reasonable task or duty as directed by his or her supervisor.
- Candidate must have access to own vehicle to carry out duties detailed above

THE PERSON

The successful candidate will have the following characteristics, skills, and qualifications:

Essential

- Understanding and previous experience of practical conservation techniques involving native UK wildlife and countryside management.
- Knowledge of UK wildlife legislation.
- Flexibility in work approach, with the ability to work well both within a team and independently, reliant on own initiative.
- Flexibility to work split shifts.
- Excellent IT skills, including the use of Microsoft Office.
- Confidence in lone working in woodlands with potentially difficult terrain, in all types of weather.
- Knowledge of health and safety/risk assessment processes.
- Full driving licence and access to own vehicle, insured for business use.

Desirable

- Previous experience in conducting all aspects of ecological surveying, from planning stages to implementation and reporting.
- Experience working with multiple stakeholders.
- Experience working with and training volunteers.
- Knowledge of UK pest control legislation.
- Knowledge of UK firearms legislation.
- Experience using a large, 4x4 vehicle/truck.
- Experience in grey squirrel population control.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your CV to recruitment@knowsley.com

At Knowsley Estate we support sustainable practices, to support us in this, we ask that all applications are completed electronically and sent in by email.

However, where email is unavailable, please post to:
Human Resources, Knowsley Safari, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 4AN.

Role Advertised	**Tuesday 20 October 2026**
Application Closing Date	**Sunday 08 November 2026**
Interview Date(s)	**Thursday 19 November 2026**