

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Autumn Term

Job Title: Conservation / Countryside Officer

Salary: £22,000 - £34,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 37-42 hours per week. You may be required to work evenings, weekends, Bank Holidays. Volunteering is a great way to demonstrate your interest and commitment (Dartmoor National Park, Woodland Trust, etc.)

How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- University (degree in Land Management, Ecology, Geography, Environmental Science, etc.)
- Sixth Form
- College (Diploma in Countryside Management, T Level in Agriculture, Land Management and Production)
- Apprenticeship (Land Management, Countryside Ranger Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships)

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other local Sixth Forms
- Duchy College / Bicton College
- University of Bristol / University of Exeter / University of Plymouth

Skills Required:

- The ability to work well with others – you may have to manage staff and volunteers
- Analytical thinking skills – you may carry out surveys and complete research
- Knowledge of Biology and Geography
- Customer service skills – you may be required to attend events to promote the Countryside and Conservation and work with landowners
- Legal knowledge including Court procedures and Government regulations
- A driving licence is essential for this role
- Previous volunteering can help to demonstrate interest and commitment

Local Employers:

- Dartmoor National Park
- Forestry Commission
- National Trust

Progression:

You could move into Estate Management or specialize in a field such as Forestry or Animal / Bird Conservation. You could move into Tourism / Leisure / Outdoor Activities and work with National Parks.