

KEVIN PITTMAN

Forest Supervisor of Clemmons Educational State Forest North Carolina Forest Service

SCHOOL

BS Conservation and Natural Resources
North Carolina State University

FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

"I appreciate the variety of my work.

The seasons provide a range
of opportunities; like providing
programs to school groups, meeting
families, working with tractors, saws
and other equipment, managing forests,
and prescribe burning."

WHY FORESTRY?

"I enjoy being outside and working with my hands. As a kid my family would go on camping and fishing trips, and i spent time at my grandparent's farm exploring barns and fields. After school, I worked for various parks learning about maintenance, operations and programs. Through the encouragement of my mentor, I applied to a Ranger position with the North Carolina Forest Service."

ADVICE

"Be a willing and motivated worker."



FOREST SUPERVISOR

FOREST SUPERVISORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES, BUSINESS OPERATIONS, AND CUSTOMER SERVICES OF A FOREST.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage all aspects of the Educational State forest, including:
 - Develop and implement education and interpretation classes
 - Oversee natural, cultural and archaeological resources
 - Lead daily operations
 - Direct the forest management program
 - Law enforcement
 - Supervise and train certified and temporary employees
 - Provide direction to volunteers, community service workers, and inmate crews

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Graduation from a two year technical school with an Associates Degree in Forest Management, or an Environmental/Natural Science Curriculum.
- Four years of experience in forestry services

AVERAGE SALARY

• State average \$41,950 (reported by state of North Carolina)

SKILLS NEEDED

- Ability to adapt to a variable work schedule
- Critically think and reach conclusions through sound reasoning and judgement
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with ability to connect with diverse groups and stakeholders
- Self motivated and willingness to learn









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