

Over 50 years of working together



A deep-rooted partnership that encourages a special way for people to connect with nature, and each other.

Forest Holidays was born out of the Forestry Commission's vision to maintain forests as special places for nature – for people to enjoy and for wildlife to thrive. It was a first of its kind, leading the way with a pioneering business model that carefully balances nature and people.

What started as an ambitious vision has evolved over 50 years. Forest Holidays locations respect nature and benefit ecosystems. They positively impact and conserve the environment and create incredible experiences for the millions of people who experience a break with them.

The nation's forests are a hugely important asset which many people benefit greatly from, but they need to be funded and supported. Forest Holidays was founded to do just that; broadening experiences in the nation's forests whilst contributing a sustainable income to help preserve them for years to come.

With a forest-centred approach, Forest Holidays always commit to ecologically sensitive decisions that protect and enhance the forest for all. The unique partnership ensures both people and nature can thrive alongside one another.

A partnership which proves business and nature can collaborate to achieve great things.



Forests care for us, together we care for forests.



Scan the QR code to view our video for an insight into our partnership.

Creating a step-change for nature recovery

Case Study

We're taking our partnership of 50 years to the next level – using innovative environmental DNA (eDNA) metabarcoding technology to inform nature recovery.

This is just the beginning of our biodiversity journey together. We're embarking on a pioneering nature recovery project at Kielder Forest, using an innovative, science-led approach to guide our work to increase the range and number of species and create a rich, diverse, fully functioning ecosystem.



**Kevin May, Forestry England
Director (North)**

“The nature recovery interventions we make must be tailored to each forest and the precise information the eDNA analysis will give us, will help us get this right for Kielder Forest and ensure it remains a science led, wildlife-rich example of modern forestry into the future.”

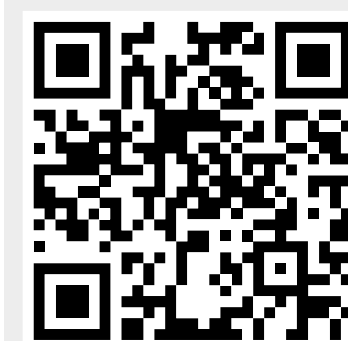


The project is on a scale rarely seen in England and presents exciting possibilities.



**Andrew Brook,
Director of Sustainable
Growth, Forest Holidays:**

“Our two organisations share a sustainable vision for the nation’s forests and our work extends beyond our cabin locations. Our support gives Forestry England the ability to deliver landscape-scale nature recovery projects, explore opportunities to revolutionise the way we think about forest ecosystems and create a step-change for wildlife in this country.”



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Over 20 years of working together



Forestry England



Go Ape – A partnership that enables visitors to connect with forests in a whole new dimension

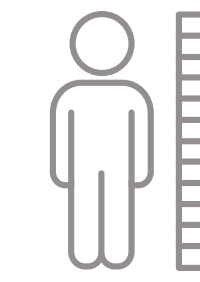
Offering fun filled adventure yet sensitively placed in fantastic woodland settings, a partnership that brings forests alive and helps toward their future.

Forestry England partnered with Go Ape at the first site in 2002. Over 20 years later, there are 15 Go Ape sites in the nation's forests. Offering a challenging, fun and confidence-building activity that whole families can enjoy together, at Hamsterley Forest the high ropes course would further strengthen the visitor offer.

Forestry England manage the nation's forests to provide benefits for people, nature and the economy. These benefits



Scan the QR code to view a video of unforgettable moments within the trees at various Forestry England locations.



Designed for anyone who is taller than one metre in height! →

include spaces for people to enjoy and to connect the forest environment. Forests enhance people's quality of life by providing places to watch wildlife, walk, ride bikes or horses and play among the trees. By opening up access to the nation's forests and offering a variety of experiences, we contribute to the wellbeing of the nation.

As well as health benefits, our woodlands make significant contributions to local economies around the country. The 226 million forest visits per year support over 80 private businesses across England delivering Forest Centre services – Go Ape are one of these businesses. Proudly employee owned, Go Ape have welcomed over 13 million customers nationwide.



Go-Ape is an multi-award winning provider of high rope treetop adventure courses.

RoSPA Gold Award winner for the last 4 years.

