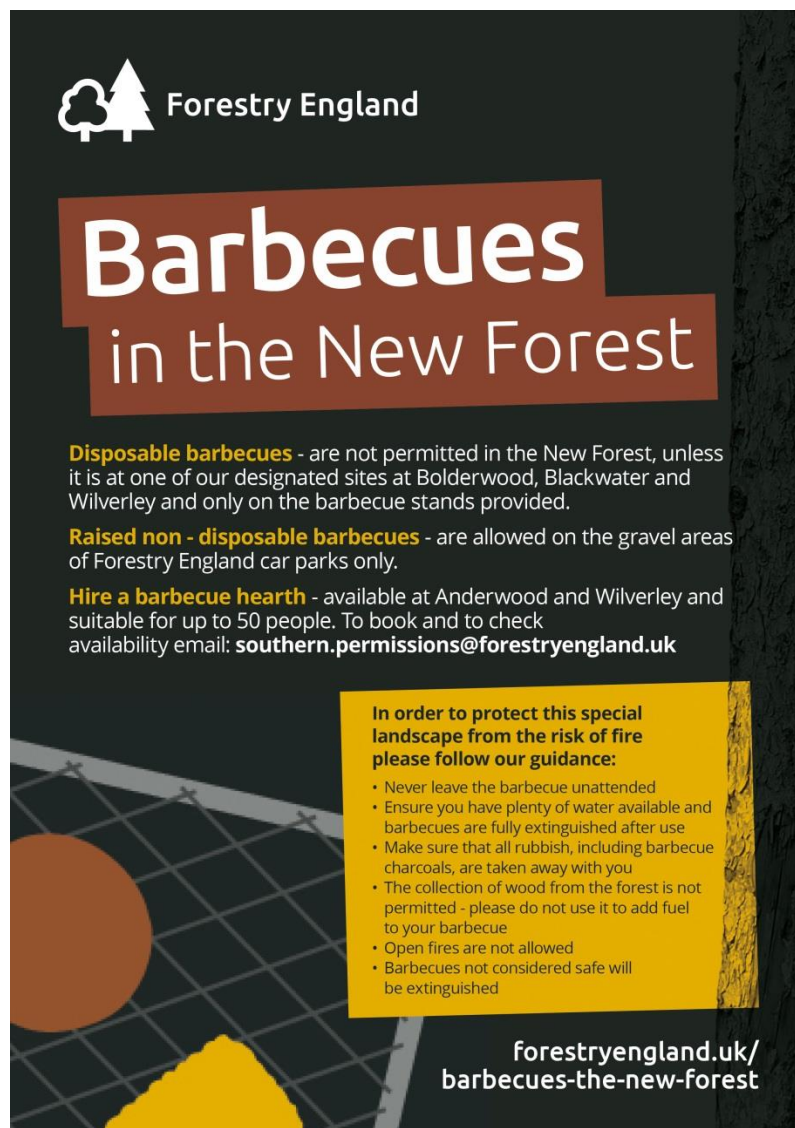



New Forest Access Forum – Forestry England Update

New Forest Show

Most of July was set aside for preparation and participation in the show. We moved our 100 years of Forestry exhibition from Lyndhurst Heritage Centre to the show. We shared a marquee space alongside the NPA and The Verderer's and as usual, had much interest in what is a great way to engage with visitors and locals alike. Our Woodland area created a rest-bite from the hustle and bustle and sun and is a place where we can demonstrate our offer in a relaxed manner. We had an area for picnicking, Go Ape and segways, The Zog activity trail for Children and adults alike, repetition celebrating our 100 years and joint working with Hampshire Fire Services delivering our fire risk messages and launching our Summer BBQ campaign.

BBQ campaign

A vertical poster for Forestry England's BBQ campaign. At the top left is the Forestry England logo, which consists of a stylized tree and a recycling symbol. To the right of the logo is the text 'Forestry England'. Below this, the title 'Barbecues in the New Forest' is written in large, white, sans-serif font, with 'Barbecues' on one line and 'in the New Forest' on the line below. The background of the poster is dark with abstract geometric shapes in shades of brown, orange, and yellow. A yellow box on the right side contains a list of guidelines. At the bottom right, the website 'forestryengland.uk/barbecues-the-new-forest' is printed in white.

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Barbecues in the New Forest

Disposable barbecues - are not permitted in the New Forest, unless it is at one of our designated sites at Bolderwood, Blackwater and Wilverley and only on the barbecue stands provided.

Raised non - disposable barbecues - are allowed on the gravel areas of Forestry England car parks only.

Hire a barbecue hearth - available at Anderwood and Wilverley and suitable for up to 50 people. To book and to check availability email: southern.permissions@forestryengland.uk

In order to protect this special landscape from the risk of fire please follow our guidance:

- Never leave the barbecue unattended
- Ensure you have plenty of water available and barbecues are fully extinguished after use
- Make sure that all rubbish, including barbecue charcoals, are taken away with you
- The collection of wood from the forest is not permitted - please do not use it to add fuel to your barbecue
- Open fires are not allowed
- Barbecues not considered safe will be extinguished

[forestryengland.uk/
barbecues-the-new-forest](http://forestryengland.uk/barbecues-the-new-forest)

The BBQ campaign was targeted at the use of disposable BBQ's. It was launched at the New Forest Show in partnership with Hampshire Fire and Rescue. This poster has been displayed across our car parks and other hot spot areas and is being used as an engagement tool for our ground staff to approach people having BBQ's in locations they shouldn't be.

Head of Recreation and Public Affairs

For those who have not yet heard, Sam Jones will be joining Forestry England as our new Head of Recreation and Public Affairs. Sam is due to start with us late September.

Balmer Lawn

Recreational pressure at Balmer Lawn has prompted us to re-visit the site this summer and look at further measures we can use to manage the site. We have been working with Hampshire Highways and NFDC to look at specific issues at the site, one being jumping off the road bridge into the river, which has resulted in a serious accident this year, a laceration caused by a hidden object, the other being the overspill from the car park onto the public highway causing obstruction and inconvenience to local residents. We will be erecting warning notices in line with RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) guidance around water safety and traffic enforcement through NFDC has been active. We also have agreed a number of other practical measures we will undertake.

Moors Valley Country Park

Work is underway to construct a purpose-built overflow car park/ flexible events space on FE land at Moors Valley Country Park. We hope to have it open by February half term. It is a replacement for our current overflow which is an unsurfaced grass field sited on a flood plain. It will provide 350 spaces.

The next stage is to remodel the existing upper car park and coach car park, which is currently very organic in shape. By remodelling it will provide more spaces within the current footprint and make it easier for visitors to self-park reducing the need for staff to spend busy periods parking cars. Work to start Winter 19/20.

Play trail:

3 new structures this year, none planned for next year!