The Forest Dedicated Server – Guide

Getting Started

1. Install The Forest Dedicated Server using Steam
2. Locate the Server.cfg file, use this to configure the server (default location is "%APPDATA%\..\LocalLow\SKS\TheForestDedicatedServer\ds\Server.cfg")
   a. Refer to Server.cfg for additional information about configuring the server
3. Run the server (refer to Running the server for more details)

Server.cfg

The Server.cfg file allows configuring the dedicated server. Descriptions of settings are included in the file and are followed by **//**.

Setting	Description	Optional
serverIP	IP address of the computer that is running the server	No
serverName	Display name for the server	No
serverPassword	Server password	Yes
serverPasswordAdmin	Server admin password	Yes
serverSteamAccount	Steam game server login token (get your token from here: https://steamcommunity.com/dev/managegameservers)	No

Running the server

To run the server, you must start TheForestDedicatedServer.exe as administrator (refer to Running the dedicated server as administrator for help with running as administrator). It is recommended to run the server in the background of your computer. Use the following arguments to do so: **-batchmode -nosteamclient -nographics**.

For help with passing arguments to the server refer to Passing arguments to TheForestDedicatedServer.exe.

Start the dedicated server as administrator

The executable that runs the dedicated server (TheForestDedicatedServer.exe) can be configured to start as administrator every time it is ran.
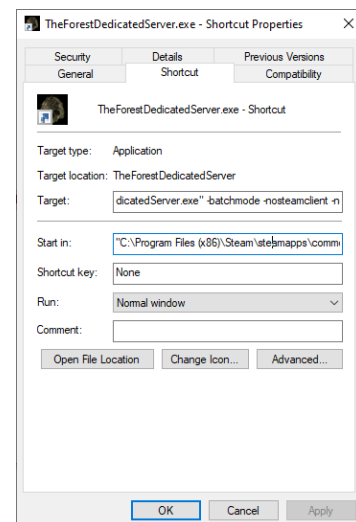
1. Open File Explorer
2. Open the folder where TheForestDedicatedServer.exe is located
3. Right-click TheForestDedicatedServer.exe, select "Properties", and then open the Compatibility tab
4. Under "Settings" check the "Run this program as an administrator" box
5. Click "Apply" and then "Ok"

Passing arguments to TheForestDedicatedServer.exe

You can pass arguments to the dedicated server by creating a shortcut or using the command-line.

Shortcut

1. Open File Explorer
2. Open the folder where TheForestDedicatedServer.exe is located
3. Right-click TheForestDedicatedServer.exe and select "Create shortcut"
4. Right-click the shortcut that was just created (the name will be "TheForestDedicatedServer.exe - Shortcut") and select "Properties"
5. Under the "Shortcut" tab, add the arguments after the executable path (screenshot on the right)

Command-line

1. Open the command-line
2. Change to the folder where TheForestDedicatedServer.exe is located
3. Run the following command: **TheForestDedicatedServer.exe -batchmode -nosteamclient -nographics**