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# Nathan Summers

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Highly Experienced and Qualified Ecological Guide

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Career Overview | 20 years' experience in Education and Tour Guiding  
7 years' experience Recreational Development ~ Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC)  
20 years' experience in Bushcare ~ Regeneration and Coordination – BMCC & NPWS

Current Roles | Environmental Education and Tour Guide -  
~ City of Parramatta; Blue Mountains City Council; National Parks & Wildlife Service  
~ Tread Lightly Tours; High n Wild; Lifes an Adventure, Private consultancy  
Bushcare Officer ~ Blue Mountains City Council

Tickets / Licenses | Current National Police Check and WWWC Check ~ WWC0937875E  
Authorised Bus Driver, Authorised 4WD Driver  
NSW Driver's Licence ~ Class MR ~ 4WD Course  
Senior First Aid Certificate ~ Remote Area First Aid  
OHS General Induction for Construction Work NSW ~ WorkCover  
Bushfire Fighting Training ~ Managing Chemical Use  
Front End Loader Certificate ~ WorkCover Class 18  
Chainsaw Operators Certificate ~ Problem Tree Felling

Qualifications | Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment – Western Sydney Inst. of TAFE  
Community Facilitation Modules, Cert IV Cons. & Land Mgt – Western Inst. of TAFE  
Certificate II in Agriculture – Western Institute of TAFE  
Certificate II in Bush Regeneration and Supervision – Ryde College of TAFE  
NPWS Excellence in Guiding – Statement of Attainment [CIV Guiding modules]  
Bachelor of Natural Resources – University of New England, Armidale

Ecological/Tour Guide | Ecological Tour Guide / Discovery Ranger - National Parks and Wildlife Service  
Ecological Tour Guide – Blue Mountains Tour Companies and Private consultancy  
Tour Guide & Host – City of Parramatta  
Environmental Education Program – Blue Mountains City Council  
TAFE Teacher, Northern Sydney and Western Sydney Institutes of TAFE  
Bushcare program Tours – Lapstone and Knapsack Bridge, Springwood Forests  
Coordinator - Biodiversity Workshops, Blue Mountains City Council  
Ranger and Tour Guide – Cumberland State Forest – State Forests

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## Professional Profile

As a highly regarded Ecological Guide I have developed a passion for creating high quality experiences for my clients. My passion extends to installing a sense of wonder and appreciation for our world, both with nature and understanding its science, processes and its values, and also its connections with people. I pride myself in demystifying the natural world, providing enjoyment and familiarity with our landscapes, and providing an experience that is relevant to all groups of people.

I firmly believe that my professional objective to provide my clients with a safe, exciting and positive experience whilst encouraging 100% participation in a guided experience will align our passions. Other benefits that are attached to participating in outdoor educational programs are centred on meeting new people, improving self-confidence and improving social skills.

## Key Strengths and Attributes

- Environmental Education
- Tour Guiding
- Research
- Australian Landscapes
- Ecology
- Geology
- Botany
- Wild Food
- Astronomy
- Fauna and Spotlighting
- Aboriginal culture
- Agriculture and Horticulture

## Career Highlights

### *Full-time Employment:*

2016 to Current	Environmental Education and Tour Guide	City of Parramatta; Blue Mtns City Council; Tread Lightly Tours; High n Wild; Private
2010 to Current	Discovery Ranger ~ Tour Guide	National Parks and Wildlife Service
2017 to Current	Bushcare Officer ( <i>p/t</i> )	Blue Mountains City Council
2009 to 2016	Recreation Development Officer	Blue Mountains City Council
1997 to 2009	Bushcare Officer ( <i>p/t</i> )	Blue Mountains City Council
	Acting Bushland Management Officer ( <i>p/t</i> )	Blue Mountains City Council
	Acting Bushcare Team Leader	Blue Mountains City Council
	Bushland Operations Team	Blue Mountains City Council
1996 to 2002	Site Supervisor and Bush Regenerator	Indigenous Regeneration Co ~ Earth Care
1998 to Current	TAFE Teacher ~ Bush Regeneration Cert II	TAFE NSW ~ Ryde and Blue Mountains
1995 to 1997	Bush Regeneration Coordinator	Royal National Park
	Senior Technical Officer	National Parks and Wildlife Service
1990 to 1995	Ranger ~ Cumberland State Forest	State Forests

### *Volunteering & short term employment:*

2007 & ongoing	Central West Farming "WWOOFING"	Australian Conservation Foundation
2001	Southern Brigalow Bioregion ~ RACAC WRA	National Parks and Wildlife Service
1992 to 2002	Western Sydney Corridors ~ re-vegetating	Greening Australia
1993 to 1998	Murray Darling Basin ~ Land Degradation	Australian Conservation Foundation
1993 to 1994	Tour Guide ~ Environmental Excursions	Karuna School, Katoomba
1996	Royal National Park ~ Fauna Survey	National Parks and Wildlife Service
1988 to 1989	Nursery Production ~ Park Maintenance	Hornsby Shire Council
1988	Tour Guide, Trial Bay Gaol & Arakoon NP, SW Rocks	National Parks & Wildlife Service
1989	Cochoran State Forest, Kempsey	Timber milling