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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

At the age 10, I began my career in the Audubon Society’s Junior Naturalist Program. Since 1993, I have been involved full time in offering the following opportunities to the public. Generally, I have served 200-300 people (teens and adults) per year in small private groups or through such entities as the NH Fish and Game Services, Science Center of NH, The Waterville Valley Recreation Department, local summer camps and schools. I have been a licensed NH Hunting and Fishing Guide for 25 years I earned my title of Master in 1999. I am an active member of the New Hampshire Guides Association and am currently on my second appointment of holding a seat on the board of directors. Guiding is my sole occupation seven days a week until I have serviced all of my clients in any given season. The exception is when I have been asked to be an Expert Witness. This is the sole area that I concentrate on professionally only the season and task currently at hand, in addition to extremely extensive preseason scouting in every season. Throughout my Guiding Career, I have averaged over 300 days annually afield.

Credentials:

* Licensed New Hampshire Hunting and Fishing Guide – RH#23 – RF#36
* Licensed White Mountain National Forest Outfitter Guide
* Leave No Trace” Outdoor Ethics Master Training Certification
* Wilderness First Responder
* CPR Certified
* Appalachian Mountain Club Instructor
* Wilderness Education Association Outdoor Leadership Certification
* NH Guides Association Board of Directors
* Licensed Sportsman in NH/VT in archery, muzzle loading, fishing all species, hunting, and general firearms
* Appalachian Mountain Club Wildlife Certification Courses ,Moose, Bear, Wildcats, Tracking, Herpetology, Wildflowers, Predatory Birds
* Appalachian Mountain Club NH Chapter Leadership Certification
* How to Call, Attract, Track and Observe Wildlife for hunting and photography opportunities
* Plant and Tree identification
* Edible and Medicinal plants of the North Country
* Master Trainer of Leave No Trace Environmental Ethics
* Nature Walks & Talk
* Classes on how to Hunt and Call Black Bear, White Tailed Deer, Moose and Turkey
* Written numerous articles for local and regional outdoor publications
* Town Moderator of Bethlehem NH, Retired
* Village District Moderator
* Previously on the NH Landscape Associations Board of Directors

Experience:

* Backpack Tours, Day Hikes and Nature Walks
* Orienteering
* Wildlife Calling and Tracking
* Hunting and Fishing Trips
* Winter Camping, Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing Trips
* Birding Expeditions (Watching and Identification)
* Scenic and Wildlife Photography
* Plant, Wildlife and Habitat Inventory and Identification
* Trail Talks and Lectures
* Classes on Edible and Medicinal Plants
* Scenic and Wildlife Photography
* Wilderness First Responder

Unique Characteristics:

* New Hampshire’s only full time Licensed Guide
* First NH Licensed Guide to use calls to attract animals
* First NH Licensed Guide who does Naturalist Interpretive Programs
* First Naturalist that is also a NH Registered Hunting & Fishing Guide
* First NH Licensed Guide who does ecological, wilderness and natural photographic tours
* Previously NH state record holder for Muzzle loading non-Typical Whitetail Deer
* Uncanny gift for understanding and interpreting the woods, environment and navigation through the landscape
* Three entries into the NH Skull and Antler Record Book
* Entertainer and educator leading “Nature Walks and Talks” identifying mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds by sight and by call, habitat and plant life.
* Award winner in competitive game calling, Moose
* Cartographer: create maps for client to utilize in orienteering or viewing wildlife in addition to inventorying plant and wilderness guide.
* Professional wildlife and scenic photographer.
* Client’s experiences are highlighted through sampling edible plants without disturbing the natural environment, illustrating usages of medicinal plants, and sampling self-procured and processed wild meats.

Memberships: Past and Present

* NH Guides Association
* Society for the Protection of NH Forest
* Appalachian Mountain Club
* National & NH Audubon Society
* National & NH Trappers Association
* Tread Lightly
* NH Fish and Game Volunteer
* Outdoor Network and Outdoor Prolink
* Wilderness Education Association
* Leave No Trace Master Trainer
* International Hunter EducationAssociation
* National Wild Turkey Federation
* North American Crossbow Federation
* Christian Bowhunters of America
* Quality Deer Management Association
* Whitetails Unlimited
* Guidefitter Guide and Outfitter Program
* NH Wildlife Federation through NHF&G
* Outdoor Guides of North America

Representative Class Descriptions:

* “Environmental Ethics and LEAVE NO TRACE Philosophy”

This is one or two-day course at a minimum. It can also be as long as one week depending on the depth of knowledge and application desired. We learn how the seven points of the “Leave no Trace Philosophy help us protect the environment. In all cases, we examine sites where we can discuss and apply these ethical environmental directives.

* “Biology and Life Cycles of the Wild Turkey, the Black Bear, the Moose, and the White Tail Deer”- the large game species in New Hampshire”.

Each one of the four classes is one day in length. They involve the life cycle of each species through one year of their lives, from birth until the following year. We examine the changes that their environment and ecosystems go through and how they adapt their behavior to survive with those changes.

* “ Tree and Plant Identification”

Four hour class – participants learn the dominant species of all the over story, under story, and ground cover.

* “Edible and Medicinal Plants”

Participants learn to identify and utilize plants that have edible or medicinal qualities for humans. We also discuss the proper techniques for gathering and harvesting these plants. The course can be half or full day class. If there is enough time and resources are available, we apply our new knowledge and prepare a meal from the wild.

* “The Predator and Prey Relations”

A half day, hands-on course in which participants observe the physiologies of predators and prey and explore how different physical characteristics have been adapted to their respective roles in the ecosystem.

* “Tracking, Fishing, Archery, and Shooting”

These classes are designed for the novice who wants to develop an understanding of each discipline. All are hands on activities including initial class time followed by a field trip to exercise the acquired knowledge. In the tracking class, we learn to distinguish the signs that indicate which animals have passed through an area and who makes what footprints.

* “Ecosystem Interrelationships”

This is either a half-day or a full-day activity. Participants will be asked to learn and discuss the different environments that we have here in northern New Hampshire. When we have accomplished that, we will examine and discuss how all the ecosystems interrelate with one another and why they are necessary for each other’s survival.

* “Wilderness Education Association Philosophy”

Depending on the depth of knowledge and involvement that the participants want, this course range in length from a three-day weekend to 30 days in the field. The Wilderness Education Association consists of 18 days. The course follows WEA and “Leave No Trace” ethics curriculum.

* “Fly Fishing / "Let's Go Fishing" Classes

Classes for Fly Fishing, the nuances of choosing to match the hatch to how to cast to them have the experience and background to tutor you in these techniques

* "Leave No Trace" Environmental Ethics

Learn how the seven points of the "Leave No Trace Philosophy" help us protect the environment. In the class, we examine sites where we can discuss and apply these ethical environmental directives. After the classroom segment the students will each prepare a lecture on the seven points or the LNT Philosophy. They will each present their topics as we travel through the White Mountains National Forest. The students will be required to demonstrate their acquired knowledge throughout the trip

* How to Hunt and Call Turkeys (Meleagris Gallopavo)

Turkey hunting is calling. The students will be taught how to locate turkeys, identify roosting and feeding areas. We will look at the areas that make up a turkey's home range and the little known information, such as a lecht. Included will be the types of cover used and why a turkey prefers one over another. The class will include how and where to set up for turkeys; what types of calls to use and why. We will cover the different kind of calls, their differences uses and effectiveness in addition how to use the calls. Turkeys have different vocalizations and we will cover which ones are used and under what circumstance. In addition we will cover field dressing, game care and care of a 'trophy' animal. The students will be required to demonstrate in the field their knowledge of material covered

* How to Hunt and Call Moose (Alces Alces)

Spend three exciting days with 'retired' competitive moose caller and judge, New Hampshire’s full time guide, learning their secrets & techniques for calling North America's largest member of the Deer family. You will study the life history of the moose, as well as the types of habitat they utilize. Learn to identify where to look for moose sign in addition to the difference between bull and cow sign. Study and learn hunting techniques such as calling both cow and bull, spot and stalking, and tracking before and after the shot. In addition to this learn which technique to use in any give circumstance. You will learn preferred food types and where they are located. Learn a guide's way to field dress a moose, game care, 'trophy' care and how to extract a moose from the woods. The students will be required to demonstrate, in the field, their knowledge of material covered.

* How to Call, Attract, Track and Observe Wildlife for Photo and Hunting Opportunities

Learn how to be one with the woods; to go about your quest without being noticed by the animals. Learn how to draw them in close as you need. What times are the best for these opportunities? Learn how to sound like you are one of nature's creatures. What type of equipment your guide uses and recommends. All of this can be learned through this course with Guide Wayne A. Derby

* How to Hunt White Tailed Deer (Odocoileus Virginianus)

This class will deal with the life history of the most widely hunted big game species of this continent: The White Tailed Deer. We will then move on to how to identify good deer habitat, finding and identifying different part of a deer's home range. The difference between buck and doe areas will be studied, and why they are located in separate areas. Bedding, feeding, and

staging areas, travel corridors, and ambush points will be topics of discussion. We will cover scents, their uses and in which time of the season they are applicable. Deer have a diverse vocabulary which will be examined, including how it can be used during the hunting season. We will study, learn and practice hunting technique such as calling, rattling & scents, spot and stalk, still hunting, tracking and the use of tree stands. The class will cover archery, muzzle loading and rifle hunting. We will also include how to track and recover game after the shot; and learn how to identify the sign of "trophy bucks." In addition we will cover field dressing, game care and care of a "trophy" animal. The students will be required to demonstrate, in the field, their knowledge of material covered.

* How to Hunt Black Bear (Ursus Americanus)

This exciting New Hampshire Hunting Classes will start with the life history of the bear. Then it will move on to where and how to locate bears; determining sign of where and on what a bear is feeding, sign that will indicate size and in some cases sex of the bear. The students will learn, in the field, how to find bear, how to recognize by sight the size of a bear and identifying a "trophy" bear. Hunting techniques, methods and procedures for such as ambush, stalking, still hunting, calling and baiting will be covered. Class will conclude with proper field care and 'trophy' care of their animals. The students will be required to demonstrate, in the field, their knowledge of material covered.