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Book your place now you really can make a difference!

Blue Mountains National Park is a spectacular World Heritage wilderness right on Sydney's doorstep. The National Parks and Wildlife Service has long recognised the community's deep love for this place, and the appreciation of its natural, cultural and conservation values. The desire to protect it is strong and brings its own rewards.

The Great Grose Weed Walk has been going for over 25 years. This volunteer program encourages everyone to join in and protect this precious area by helping to stop the spread of weeds. All are welcome, and most activities don't require bushcare experience.

1st Braeside Broom and Gorse Blitz (Blackheath)

Sunday 28th of February, 9am-3pm Come along and support the Braeside Bushcare Group. We will spend the day hunting Gorse and Broom seedlings, who have sprouted in huge numbers, post fire. This is our chance to fight them off once and for all! Minimal bushwalking involved. All are welcome. Morning tea and lunch provided. Book by Wednesday the 24th of February with Grant on 0499 699 150 or grant.purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au

Thursday 4 March - Kittyhawke Swamp (Wentworth Falls) 9am - 3pm

Come and join the long-term landscape-wide ecological restoration efforts of volunteers and contractors to improve the ecological function of this Endangered Ecological Community. Lunch and morning tea donated by the Hominy Bakery. A combined NPWS/BMCC event. Bookings Essential. Please RSVP by Tuesday 23rd February at https://www.bushcarebluemountains.org.au/ event/swampcare-kittyhawke-westwentworth-falls/

Saturday 13 March, Remote - Porters Pass (Blackheath) 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Come and join us for a day in one of our new remote location at Porters Pass, Blackheath downstream of one of the Woody Weed Wander sites to treat Holly. This is a beautiful site in the Upper Mountains and we will be working along the creek above the falls at the intersection of woodland and swamp vegetation. There will possibly be some walking in the creek so be prepared for wet feet. A medium level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is needed as there is scrambling involved. Bookings essential. Book by Wednesday 10th March with Steve Fleischmann on 4780 5623

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Protect the Blue Gum Forest - overnight remote trip

Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th of March. 8am-

NSW's cradle of conservation and home to the towering Blue Gum's. We will be spending two days intensively weeding the forest. Participants must be fit and ready to work and hike in the same day. Some experience in bushwalking and self-sufficient camping is required. Numbers are limited. Please book by Friday 5th of March with Grant on 0499 699

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Katoomba Creek-Remote Friday 19th of March 8.30am-5pm

Continue the great work done by volunteers over 16 years in a remote section of Katoomba Creek. Bush regeneration and bushwalking experience are essential. It will involve offtrack walking and wading along the creek. Morning tea and lunch supplied. This is a joint NPWS and Blue Mountains City Council activity, and numbers are limited. Book by Friday the 12th of March with Grant on 0499 grant.purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au



Mt Victoria at Headwaters of the Grose River- Remote Friday 9th of April, 9am-4pm

Spend some time exploring the headwaters of the Grose River. We will be continuing from previous work to stop the weed invasion further downstream and into the swamp. Be prepared for the possibility of wet feet, some experience necessary. Morning tea and lunch will be provided, and numbers are limited. Please book by Friday 3rd of April with Grant on 0499 699 150

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D- DAY at Popes Glen

Saturday 10th of April 9am-4pm For the first time ever all the catchments volunteer groups will combine efforts to invade this historic harbour for Gorse and Broom seedlings. This is a great event for first timers. Morning tea and lunch supplied. Followed by a group afternoon tea! This is a joint NPWS, SwampCare and Blue Mounta City Council activity, Book by Friday the 3rd of April with Grant on 0499 699 150 or grant.purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au

2nd Braeside Broom and Gorse Blitz

Sunday 25th of April, 9am-3pm Come along and support the Braeside Bushcare Group. We will spend the day hunting Gorse and Broom seedlings, who have sprouted in huge numbers, post fire. This is our chance to fight them off once and for all! Minimal bushwalking involved. All are welcome. Morning tea and lunch provided. Book by Friday 17th of April with Grant on 0499 699 150 or

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Grose River

- 3-day Remote trip

Saturday-Monday, 1th-3rd of May The jewel in the crown. This multi-day activity is ideal for the fit and adventure who want to spend 3 days rock hopping and weeding along the river. Some experience in bushwalking and self-sufficient camping is required.

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Friday 7th May - Rocklea Swampcare (Hazelbrook) 9am - 3pm

This <u>little known</u> mid-mountains Blue Mountains Swamp has been part of the landscape-wide Swampcare program since 2014. There is plenty of primary work to be done on a variety of weeds - Erica, Buddleia, Privet, and Crofton Weed, Lunch and morning tea donated by Hominy. Bookings Essential. Please RSVP by Wednesday 28th April at https://www.bushcarebluemountains.org.au/ event/swampcare-rocklea-swamphazelbrook/

