

BBC Countryfile Live National Trust Theatre

The hot topics in many fields **Saturday 4 August 2018**

11.00 - 11.45

Let's meet Ray Mears

As perhaps the UK's most famous bushman, Ray Mears needs little introduction.



His stories of survival in extreme conditions have filled our screens for nearly 25 years now, and he's subjected himself to some of the most dangerous conditions imaginable.

Ray talks to Charlotte Smith about everything from sleeping in the Arctic, to top survival tips, and the UK countryside.

12.15 - 13.15

Choose (wild)life!

Our panel of experts can't imagine a job behind a desk: why should you? Britain desperately needs more young people interested in making a career from conservation, ecology and the natural world. If you're one of them, this is the session for you!

We'll be joined by Ray Mears; Findlay Wilde, young conservationist and campaigner; Billy Clarke, researcher for BBC's Springwatch; Gwen Potter, Countryside Manager for the National Trust; and Lizzie Daly, CBeebies presenter.



Ray Mears



Findlay Wilde



Gwen Potter



Lizzie Daly



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13.45 - 14.15

A deeper look at Blue Planet 2

Blue Planet 2 went deeper than any nature programme before. It brought us up close with a huge range of marine wildlife, and put issues like plastic firmly at the top of the environmental agenda.

In this session, the production team share their experiences of life on and below the oceans creating Blue Planet 2. They also explain why it's vital to safeguard our seas for future generations.



14.45 - 15.30

Lizzie Daly's wild adaptations

Lizzie Daly is a resident wildlife expert on National Geographic and various BBC productions including CBBC.

In this workshop, Lizzie introduces us to some surprise wild friends (be prepared for the appearance of a few creepy crawlies!) In the process, she'll show us how species have adapted for survival, and she'll delve into the science behind each adaptation to explain the natural world in a unique, interactive way.





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A guide to urban birds

Join David Lindo as he teaches you to see the urban environment as a bird would. He'll talk about his love of birds, and offer loads of useful tips on spotting the bird life all around us.

Known as the Urban Birder, David is a Fellow of the International League of Conservation Writers and a member of The British Guild of Travel Writers.



17.00 - 17.45

Life behind the lens with Simon King

Wildlife cameraman Simon King talks about how he turned his passion into a job, and passes on some of his love for the countryside.

Simon has spent his career filming footage for some of the BBC's most prestigious wildlife series, including Blue Planet, Life in the Freezer, Big Cat Diaries, and Planet Earth.

