



Matt Chapman

Experienced Outdoor Professional & Leader

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Skills

Leadership & Guiding

Patient / Group Management

Navigation / Chartwork

GPS Usage

Radio Communications

Trip Planning

Wilderness First Aid

Search & Rescue

Ropework / Anchor Systems

Tramping

Rock Climbing

Mountaineering

Sea Kayaking

Canoeing

Swiftwater Rescue

SCUBA Diving

Flying (Aeroplane)

Flying (Paraglider)

Downhill Skiing

Profile

Experienced and multi-talented outdoor professional with a diverse background and skillset. Calm, confident, and assertive in high-pressure scenarios and critical decision making. Charismatic and enthusiastic, with a natural talent for guiding, teaching, and group management. Passionate about all things adventure, with the utmost focus on safety.

Qualifications

CAA Commercial Pilot Licence (Aeroplane)

Search and Rescue Field Operative

Wilderness / Offshore / In-water First Aid

Swiftwater Rescue (Grade 3)

Raft Guiding (Grade 2)

PADI Rescue Diver (Drysuit, Nitrox endorsements)

Marine VHF Radio Operator

CAA Airband Radio Operator

Class 1, 2, 4 Driver Licence with P Endorsement

Outdoor Experience

Trip Leader and River Guide

Experienced canoe guide, qualified in raft guiding on grade 2 whitewater, and certified in grade 3 swiftwater rescue. 9 years of commercial experience as a trip leader and guide on the Dart River, in Queenstown.

Search & Rescue Field Team Leader

Experienced subalpine Search and Rescue Field Operative and Field Team Leader. Competent in SAR techniques, team management, ropework and safety in steep terrain, stretcher management, and basic tracking. 4 years of experience with Wakatipu SAR, in Queenstown. Implemented dedicated Drone SAR team for aerial search.

Commercial Aeroplane Pilot

Commercial aeroplane pilot with extensive experience flying in mountainous terrain, in inclement weather conditions. Competent in aircraft and passenger management, flight radio telephony, meteorology, and navigation and flight planning.

Tramper

Experienced tramper, confident both on and off trail, in advanced and technical terrain for multiple days. Competent in navigation, route finding, trip planning, bushcraft, and group management.

Rock Climber (Sport & Trad)

Experienced climber across numerous areas of NZ and Canada. Safe and competent leader in grades of up to 24 (Ewbank). Well-versed in knotwork, anchor systems and rappel techniques. Experience across top-rope, sport, trad, and multipitch climbing.

PADI Rescue Diver

Qualified PADI Rescue Diver with Nitrox, and Drysuit endorsements. Competent in diver management, in-water rescue and First Aid techniques.

Paraglider Pilot

Paraglider pilot experienced in flying solo in mountainous terrain, in thermic and dynamic conditions.

Sea Kayaker

Experienced solo sea kayaker, completing regular and numerous solo open-water voyages. Competent in navigation, marine communications, and multiple self-rescue and assisted rescue techniques. Strong combat roll skills, and comfortable in rough conditions and winds of 45+ knots.

Downhill Mountain Biker

Competent downhill mountain biker, with experience biking in numerous areas of NZ and Canada. Comfortable riding in steep and technical Grade 5 terrain.

References

References available upon request