

# Trails Guide Training 28 days



Partner van Eco-training South Africa

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## 1. Course rates

Camp	Cost per person 2010	Cost per person 2011
Makuleke	R23.800,00	R25.999,00

### Rates include:

- Accommodation
- Meals
- Instructors and Training
- Game drives
- Walks
- Tea, coffee and cordials
- Equipment needed for the course

### Rate excludes:

- Transfers/transport to and from the camp, before and after the course
- Lunch on the transfer days to and from camp
- Any accommodation before and after the course
- Beverages (beer, ciders, bottled water)
- Laundry R50 per week in 2010.
- Kruger National Park entrance fee R160 in 2010
- All FGASA registration, examination and moderation fees

*\*\*In unforeseen circumstances, rates are subject to change without notice for un-paid bookings.*

**Booking confirmation:** the registration form holds a provisional booking, the deposit confirms the booking.

**Deposit** - In order to confirm your booking, we require that a 40% deposit be paid.

### Cancellation Policy:

Should you cancel your booking:

- 8 weeks or more before the start of the course, then 25% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
- 34 - 28 days before the start of the course, then 40% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
- 27 - 21 days before the start of the course, then 60% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
- 20 – 14 days before the start of the course, then 70% of the full course fee will be forfeited.



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- Less than 14 days before the start of the course, then 100% of the full course fee will be forfeited.

**CANCELLATION DUE TO ILLNESS, DEATH OF A FAMILY MEMBER ETC.** – There will be no discounts or monies refunded for missed or unused services, this includes voluntary or involuntary termination, i.e. sickness, death of a family member etc. We will however bank their stay **for twelve months** during which you can return to take up their unused services. If you cannot return within this time they will **forfeit** your full course fee with us. All associated costs of returning to the project will be at the clients' expense.

## 2. Course information

The aim of this course is to develop and practice skills and knowledge learnt on the Level 1 course. It is conducted in a different, wilder area and therefore provides a more authentic Field Guide experience. The majority of the time on this Trails Guide course is spent exploring the wilderness on foot. This course gives grounding to conduct bush walks in big game country and has an emphasis on safety. Learners will be expected to show leadership and decision-making skills and that they are responsible and accountable for their actions in the field. Learner participation in the care of the camp, equipment and vehicle will be expected. Learners will be expected to pay attention to the needs of fellow learners and to work in teams at times.

### Subjects covered in this course include:

- Introduction to Trails Guide course
- Advanced orientation
- Tracks and tracking
- Survival and Bush Skills
- Walking in big game country
- Situational awareness
- Approaching dangerous game
- Dangerous animal knowledge & behaviour
- Animal behaviour
- What a Trails Guide carries in a backpack
- Birding & bird identification
- Geology
- Ecology
- Historical human habitation
- Conservation ethics
- Weapon handling, safety & ballistics
- Wilderness concept
- Radio procedures
- FGASA Rifle Handling and back-up VPDA\*\*\* qualification opportunities
- Presentations, tests and evaluations

### Tests, presentations and evaluations:

- 2 x Theory test
- 1 x Presentation
- 1 x Field Observation
- 2 x Scenarios (approaching dangerous game)
- 1 x Practical Assessment

\*\*\*View Potentially Dangerous Game



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### 3. Course dates

#### Kruger Park Makuleke Trails guide dates - 2010

6 January – 2 February  
17 March – 13 April  
21 April – 18 May  
30 June – 27 July  
4 – 31 August  
8 September – 5 October  
13 October – 9 November

#### Kruger Park Makuleke Trails guide dates - 2011

07 January – 03 February  
01 March – 28 April  
23 May – 19 June  
02 October – 29 October  
04 November – 01 December

### 4. Certification and Accreditation

**1. FGASA Trails Guide back-up:** If you want to attain the FGASA Trails Guide qualification as well as the Advanced Rifle Handling (ARH) qualification presented on this course, you must have the following:

- A full FGASA Level 1 Field Guide qualification (inclusive of a First Aid)
- SASSETA - Rifle Competency certificate before you arrive on course ([www.sasseta.org.za](http://www.sasseta.org.za))
- Have paid all your FGASA fees
- Be prepared to undergo the FGASA ARH qualification. Please note we offer limited training as part of the course, hence any rifle training you can do beforehand, will go a long way in you gaining confidence with a rifle

#### You need to take note of the following:

- It is imperative that you send us your FGASA membership number so that we can apply for your exam paper.
- Payment of all fees must be made directly to FGASA
- Also note that if you want to write the FGASA exam and do the assessment, we need **21 days** notification to arrange the necessary exams etc with FGASA.
- Also ensure that all necessary fees are paid to FGASA. Any learner who has not paid their current annual subscription and relevant examination fee will not be allowed to write their FGASA theory exam or do their practical assessment.
- On completion of the theory exam, it will be marked by the EcoTraining Instructor. If the participant has passed the theory with the required pass mark, s/he will be allowed to undergo the FGASA practical assessment.



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- After it has been marked at the EcoTraining camp, it is sent to FGASA for moderation, so the mark you receive at camp is not the final mark until confirmed by FGASA!

**Note: The pass mark for the FGASA theory exam is 75%**

**2. EcoTraining Trails Guide back-up:** If you did not register with FGASA and have not completed a level 1 Field Guide course, you cannot write the FGASA exam and do the assessment at the end of the course. You can write the EcoTraining Trails Guide exam and do the EcoTraining assessment, thus receiving an EcoTraining certificate at the end of the course.

**Note: The pass mark for the EcoTraining theory exam is 75%**

EcoTraining is a FGASA registered training provider and therefore is accredited by THETA. This means our courses adhere to THETA standards. THETA is the Tourism and Hospitality and Sport Education Training Authority of the South African government. These are the two bodies responsible for regulating standards within the guide training industry in southern Africa. For this course only, we will assist you by registering you for FGASA, THETA and eventually DEAT. (DEAT – Department of Education and Training).

For more information regarding FGASA requirements for a Trails Guide course, please enquire with [enquiries@ecotraining.co.za](mailto:enquiries@ecotraining.co.za)

### 5. EcoTraining camp

EcoTraining's accommodation facilities and game reserves are authentic, with as little clutter to dilute the relationship between nature and our learners as possible. While learners are at our camps, we want them to co-exist in the environment, when sleeping we want them to hear elephants browsing on leaves and nightjars call right outside the tents at night. EcoTraining stands for an honest, comfortable and safe experience. It's all about the bush.

#### Kruger Park Makuleke Camp

Our Kruger Park Makuleke Camp is situated in the 24 000 hectare (59305 acres) Makuleke concession in the far northern and most remote part of the Kruger National Park. The area is characterized by great biodiversity and a human history reaching to the remote past. Accommodation is in safari tents on wooden decks covered with thatch in the shade of nyala trees. Each unit has a veranda overlooking the bush and an en-suite bathroom with a flush toilet, shower and basin.



Most of the animals that are found in the Kruger Park can be viewed in the concession. Large herds of buffalo and elephant are not uncommon and the birding in this incredible part of the Kruger Park is unsurpassed. This camp is also unfenced in order to allow free movement for the animals in their natural environment.



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## Accommodation

The sleeping arrangements at all our camps consist of 2 people sharing per tent. Single requests are required to pay double-rates. Women and men do not share tents unless booked as a couple.

## Meals

Early morning wake-up	Tea, coffee, biscuits and fresh fruit
Brunch after activity	Cooked breakfast, cereals and fruit
Afternoon tea	Light snacks
Dinner	A balanced, warm plated meal (Meat, vegetables and salad)



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