

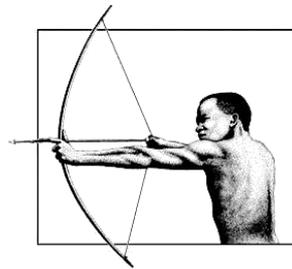


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FIELD GUIDING ACADEMY

Professional Field Guide Training and Development

FGASA Nature Site Guide NQF2



CyberTracker



LFGA is an Industry Leader in Eco-Tourism



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Malaria Free Dangerous Game Training Venues

Why choose LFGA ?

LFGA is FGASA (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa) endorsed, and a FREE CATHSSETA National Qualification assessment is also included in the 2 Month NQF2 course (the CATHSSETA NQ is what makes you legal to guide in South Africa). Our students also have the opportunity to write a special sitting of the FGASA NQF2 exam during the 2 month course, making it unnecessary to wait for the National Sitting.

We believe that, while working towards real, FGASA recognised qualifications, your training should at the same time be a fun adventure and build unforgettable memories!

During the course students also get the opportunity to make a meaningful, practical contribution towards the conservation of the eco-system in which they operate.

LFGA has been a leader in the industry since 2003.

Added Advantages:

Our courses have a unique combination of subjects included that is exclusive to our training academy and unparalleled in the industry.

We operate in small groups, ensuring personal attention.

Our Trainers are Highly Qualified and Experienced.



What about work after the course?

LFGA offers all our students who successfully pass the national qualification, a spot on our list that goes out to the TOP placement agents in the country.

They then in turn assist with interviews and job placements etc.

Our students are highly sought after in the industry and are often head hunted by employers.

We also offer **Internships** from time to time. This is a GREAT opportunity to gain work experience and the chance of a permanent position by the employer is always on the cards. Contact us directly for more details regarding Internships.

Included in our Courses:

2 Month Course:

- ∞ Full FGASA Nature Site Guide (NQF2) Syllabus (theory and practical)
- ∞ FGASA Study manuals and workbooks (when joining through LFGA)
- ∞ FGASA assessment
- ∞ FGASA national exam sitting
- ∞ CyberTracker Track and Sign Course
- ∞ Birding Course
- ∞ Basic Dangerous Game Training
- ∞ 4x4 training
- ∞ Game Drive and interpretation skills
- ∞ Bush cooking skills



Watch out for:

NB: A beginner can only achieve FGASA Field Guide or Professional Field Guide status after practical work experience. Therefore, if a training facilitator offers to do any advanced levels in one go, they do not work through FGASA, and are offering their own levels. This will not help the candidate at all - for a field guiding career, most employers require at least FGASA Nature Site Guide (NQF2) with the CATHSSETA NQ. If uncertain whether a facilitator is accredited, contact FGASA on (011) 886 8245.

It is very important to choose a course AND trainer that are both FGASA endorsed. All our trainers are FGASA qualified.

Requirements for joining a course:

- Minimum age requirement is 18 Years old (FGASA requirement)
- At LFGA we do not enforce an upper age limit. We encourage students of all ages to become part of our program.
- To complete the NQ all students must be paid up members of FGASA and register for the exam. (The student either registers themselves with FGASA or pays for the optional extra of FGASA registration through us.)
- There are no prior academic requirements in order to complete the national qualification.
- Please note that students are required to provide their own medical insurance while on course.

You can walk away with:

Full FGASA Nature Site Guide NQF2

LFGA Birding Certificate

CyberTracker Level 1,2 or 3

LFGA Basic Dangerous Game Certificate

Logged hours towards the Trails Guide Qualification

4x4 skills

Fist aid Level 1

Memories and Friends for a Lifetime!

Additional courses:

- ∞ Advanced Rifle Handling
- ∞ Back-up Trails guide
- ∞ FGASA Field Guide and Professional Guide practical



2 Month Course Program

Course program:

(8 Week program)

Week 1: Nature Guiding

Mon – Fri: Early morning practical session, mid-morning theory session, early afternoon study time, late afternoon practical session.

At times the 2 month group will partake in the same activities as the one month group.

Weekend: Prac session, study time, first theory exam (Sunday). Sunday afternoon is off time.

Week 2: Nature Guiding

Similar program to week one in the mid-week.

Practical assessments.

Weekend: Study time and second theory exam (Sunday).

Week 3: Track and Sign

Track and Sign Interpretation Course.

Improve your practical guiding abilities.

Optional extra: On the weekend there is an excellent opportunity to be assessed for a CyberTracker Track and Sign certificate.

First Aid Course

Week 4: Dangerous Game

Dangerous Game Basic Training course.

Learn how to approach Dangerous Game by foot and by vehicle.

This is the first step toward becoming a FGASA Trails Guide (Note: the Trails Guide qualification cannot be completed on this course – that process is continued after completing FGASA NQF2).

There is a compulsory break in-between week 4 and week 5. Please see course dates for details.

Week 5: Nature Guiding

Further practical and theoretical instruction for FGASA NQF2.

A similar weekly programme as Week one is followed.

Third theory exam. Sunday afternoon is off time.

Week 6: Nature Guiding

Final preparation for the theoretical assessment for FGASA NQF2

Practical preparation and assessments

Weekend: Study time and Final theory exam (Special Sitting of FGASA NQF2 Theory – Sunday)

Week 7: Birding

A complete bird identification and interpretation course to assist you with FGASA NQF2

Improve your practical guiding abilities.

Week 8: Knowledge Enhancement

The finishing touches to becoming a FGASA Nature Site Guide NQF2.

- * Communication skills
- * Interpersonal skills
- * How to guide guests.
- * Final practical assessments*
- * Feedback, certificates and departure.

*Subject to passing the theory component while on course.

Please note: It is part of a field guide's duties to be involved in basic bush cooking. You will be instructed in the preparation and presentation of basic bush cuisine. In order to achieve this, you will be in a duty team once per week while on course.

Included in 2 Month course:

- All requirements for a FGASA endorsed Apprentice Field Guide course
- Free CATHSSETA NQF2 Assessment
- Special Sitting of the FGASA Theory exam
- Track & Sign Training Course (CyberTracker Assessment is an optional extra)
- Basic Dangerous Game Training Course
- Bird Guiding course
- Knowledge Enhancement course

NOT included in course FEES:

- All FGASA fees
- Transport to and from camp on arrival and departure dates.



Note:

Your departure is 12pm on the Friday at the end of Week 4/ Week 8 in both Phase 1 and 2

The programme outlined above is a guideline only and is subject to change as necessary.

ALL students MUST leave the game reserve at completion of their course. Students are NOT permitted to stay on the property after course completion unless they are employed by the game reserve / lodge. This is for security purposes.

If any student becomes sick or injured while on course such that they are unable to complete the standard course activities, they will be required to leave the course until such time as they have recovered and can come back to complete the course. They will then have to wait for the next available opportunity to re-join.

NO student vehicles are allowed at any of our camps. Cars will be parked in a safe area at reception / conservation offices.

Students are not eligible for the FGASA theory special sitting and Practical evaluations (includes CATHSSETA Assessment) on course if they do not complete the full 2 month programme.

Please note that no visitors are allowed at the student camp. You may visit your family off the property. (This applies to all students on all course programmes with us).

National Qualification Assessments:

The 2 Month (FGASA Nature Site Guide NQF2) course includes a FREE CATHSSETA NQ assessment. *Subject to learners passing the FGASA theory exam on course.

NB – learners who do not pass the FGASA theory exam will be required to re-write their exam at a National sitting and return for their practical evaluation after passing the theory. In such cases the practical evaluation is no longer free of charge, but subject to the normal evaluation fees. See price list.

All other NQ assessments are available on request

MODULES:

1. Intro to Guiding in the Natural Environment
2. Creating a Guided Nature Experience
3. Geology
4. Astronomy
5. Weather and Climate
6. Basic Ecology
7. Basic Taxonomy
8. Intro to the Biomes of Southern Africa
9. Botany and Grasses
10. Arthropods
11. Amphibians
12. Reptiles
13. Fish
14. Birds
15. Mammals
16. Animal Behaviour
17. Conservation Management
18. Historical Human Habitation
19. Track and Sign Interpretation



Recommended reference books:

- * Mammals of Southern Africa (Field Guide) – Smithers or Similar
- * Birds of Southern Africa (Field Guide) – SASOL / Newman / Roberts
- * Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guide) – van Wyk & van Wyk or Similar
- * Tracks & Tracking in Southern Africa - (Photo Guide) - Liebenberg

GATE FEES:

Students are welcome to bring their own cars to the course – you can park at the Mongena Lodge.

You will be charged a conservation fee of R 80 per vehicle for each time the vehicle comes and goes from the reserve. This is payable at Mongena Lodge Reception.

Family / friends who drop off students in private cars are not required to pay the fee, as long as they do not exceed one hour in the reserve. After one hour they will be charged the Conservation Fee.

Fees and Banking Details

- * First deposit of 50% is payable a minimum of six weeks in advance to secure place on course.
- * **NB: The first 50% deposit is non-refundable and serves as a cancellation fee, regardless of timing of deposits and the timing of attendance of the course.**
- * **2nd deposit (50%) is payable a minimum of two weeks before course commencement. NB: Learners will not be allowed on course and deposit will be forfeited if full payment is not made before course commencement.**
- * The payment schedule as outlined above is a guideline only. LFGA reserves the right to allocate different payment schedules to any course payments, as circumstances dictate.
- * Only direct deposits and electronic funds transfers will be accepted. If a cash deposit is received, the student will have to carry the bank cost.
- * Bank charges on foreign deposits arriving in LFGA bank account must be carried by the depositor.
- * **If the full amount has been paid, and the student fails to attend the course within one year from start date, the full amount is forfeited.**
- * **Students who leave the course before it is complete, either by choice or through expulsion will forfeit all course fees.**
- * Please request a pro-forma invoice from our office when you have selected your course package and are ready to make payment.
- * NOTE: Any student changing the dates of their attendance of a course phase within six weeks prior to the start of that phase, will be required to pay a 25% surcharge based on the value of that phase. If a student is suspended from course due to disciplinary transgressions and / or breach of the codes of conduct of FGASA, AFGA and / or CATHSSETA, they remain liable for the 25% surcharge, as above.
- * No students will be allowed onto either phase if they are not fully paid up for that phase.

NOTE: No deposits are to be made into the company account or the trainer's personal account for pocket money. The student has to have their own bank account for that.

Banking Details

Account Holder Name : LIMPOPO RANGERS cc

Bank: ABSA

Branch: Bela Bela

Branch Code: 334447

Account Number: 916 951 7234

All deposit slips must please clearly indicate the depositor details.

Swift code: ABSAZAJJ

Clearing code: 334447

IBAN: SA does not have IBAN numbers, insert account number in this field

Address: Absa Bank

Corner of Potgieter and Marx Street

Bushveld Pick n Pay Centre

Bela Bela, 0480

NB: No cheques are accepted. Cash deposits carry bank a fee which must be covered by the student. Direct deposits or EFT (internet) are preferred

Limpopo Field Guiding Academy reserves the right to hold all deposits during natural disasters, health pandemics and any other local or global interruption that prevents operation. Such monies are held in order to maintain the existence of the company for all stakeholders, including students. Students place on course will be moved to the next available operating time, subject to the standard policies of the company.

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What to bring along (for both the 2 month or 3-4 week courses)

- * As many reference books as you have (course notes are supplied)
- * Bring at least 2 pairs of khaki or olive green uniform, for bush excursions. (shirts essential) NO Camouflage (Camo) please.
- * Binoculars – essential.
- * Flashlight (Torch) (Headlamp very NB!)
- * Pens, pencils, exam pad (make sure you write on both sides of your paper!).
- * “Bush clothes” (neutral coloured clothing) – bright and white do not belong in the bush.
- * PLEASE ONLY BRING CLOTHING FOR 1 WEEK AS SPACE IS LIMITED. WASHING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.
- * Something warm to wear, specially in our winter months / also a rain jacket. This is Africa after all...
- * Walking boots / shoes (plenty of walking)
- * Water bottle, sunblock, hat.
- * Soft drinks, snacks etc. (3 Basic meals per day are provided)
- * Toiletries and Towel
- * Your own bedding (Sleeping bag and pillow or similar)
- * Swimming clothes
- * Insect Repellent



EXTRA INFORMATION

According to the Tourism Amendment Act (South Africa), all persons guiding guests into the natural environment are required to have a national qualification (NQ) in guiding. This applies to anyone taking out paying guests or guiding as their job. Anybody caught guiding without the relevant NQ will be fined a substantial amount by the government. The landowner or employer will face an even more severe fine for each transgression

All guides must:

Be assessed as competent by a CATHSSETA assessor.

Register with NDT (DEAT)

Have a valid First Aid Certificate

Please note:

If your assessor is not a FGASA evaluator as well, the assessment may be questionable in terms of its credibility.

Although FGASA membership for guides is not compulsory, it is highly recommended (FGASA ensures standards in the industry)

All FGASA and NDT (DEAT) fees are not included in assessment packages and remain the sole responsibility of the guide. Limpopo Field Guiding Academy can facilitate this process.

WE CARRY OUT ASSESSMENTS FOR FGASA, CATHSSETA AND AFGA.

CATHSSETA code = 613/A/001741/2005. The Assessor is also ETDP Qualified

SEE YOU THERE !