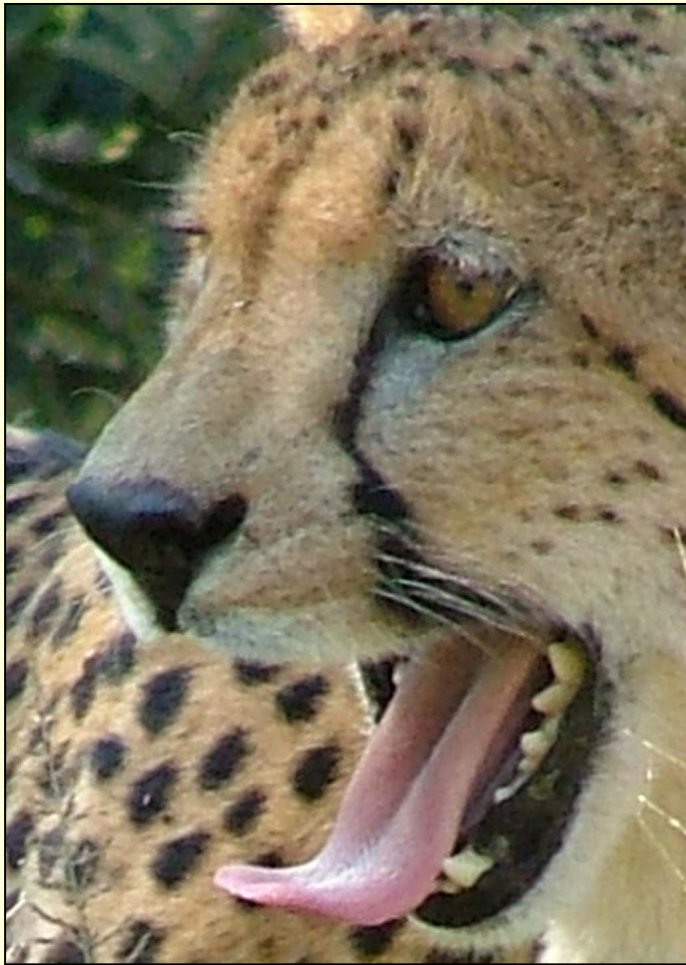


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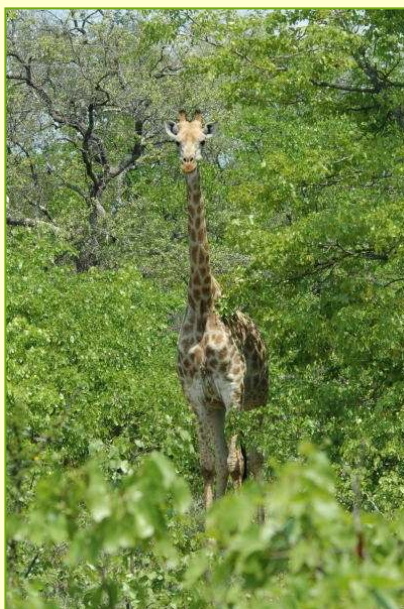
The educational walking trails embrace the EcoTraining vision of imparting wildlife knowledge, a nature conservation philosophy and enhancing the appreciation of nature, while doing this in an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere.

The trails are designed for wildlife enthusiasts (usually people older than student guides) who are eager to learn more but not in the more formal structure of EcoTraining's guide training programs. They are structured for more informal learning through a mixture of interesting lectures, discussions and "in the field" observations on the morning and afternoon walks.

Core topics covered in the lectures and discussions are mammals, birds and trees. Other topics depend on the experiences while out walking and are likely to include a number of those listed below in the customised courses.

### Customised Course Content

- ⇒ Geology and soils
- ⇒ Astronomy
- ⇒ Weather and climate
- ⇒ Biomes of Southern Africa
- ⇒ Trees
- ⇒ Grasses
- ⇒ Mammals
- ⇒ Dangerous game
- ⇒ Birds
- ⇒ Amphibians
- ⇒ Reptiles
- ⇒ Arthropods (insects etc)
- ⇒ Ecology
- ⇒ Animal behaviour
- ⇒ Signs of the bush
- ⇒ Tracks and tracking



### About Johna Turner

Johna is a qualified level 2 trails guide and savannah birding specialist who pursued his love for nature after he had spent his initial career in the corporate world of big business.

He has extensive wilderness experience from Alaska, Northern Australia, Tanzania, Zambia and Southern Africa. Apart the educational walking trails,

Johna assists EcoTraining in our formal student training program on the birding module.





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## Course Location - Selati Camp

Our Selati Camp is situated on the banks of the Selati River in the 33 000 hectare (81 545 acre) Selati Game Reserve to the west of the Kruger National Park. Camp accommodation is simple and rustic in dome tents with shared bathroom facilities and there is a communal area where learners gather for meals and lectures every day.

Selati is a good place for viewing lion, white rhino and elephant. General game is plentiful and you might even get to see the large herd of eland, as well as the rare sable antelope.

As is the case with our other two camps, the Selati camp is unfenced, and animals do on occasion wander through the camp. Learners have woken up in the morning to find the tracks of elephant, leopard or lion around the camp.



### Course Dates

**5th to 11th August 2009**

**14th to 20th October 2009**



### Course Rates

R 5000.00 per person for 7 days.

A minimum of 4 persons is needed for this course to run.

#### Rate includes:

Specialist Field Guide: Johna Turner

Lectures and Field Sessions

All walks

Accommodation and Meals

Tea, coffee and cordials

√ Further details on request or registration, contact details on next page or bookings are available on-line at [www.ecotraining.co.za](http://www.ecotraining.co.za)

## Course Location - Karongwe Camp

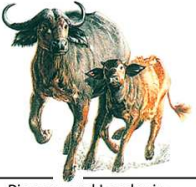
Our Karongwe Camp is situated on the banks of the Karongwe River in the 9 000 hectare (22 239 acre) Karongwe Game Reserve, to the south-west of the Kruger National Park. Accommodation is in walk-in safari style tents with shared bathroom facilities. Karongwe is a good place for viewing leopard, lion and cheetah as well as elephant and white rhino.

As the camp itself is unfenced, we often have four-legged guests in the camp. Hyena make nightly patrols of the camp and are often seen by learners who choose to make one of the viewing decks their home for the duration of the course. Elephant, cheetah and lion have also made appearances on occasion.

### Course Dates

**18th to 24th March 2009**





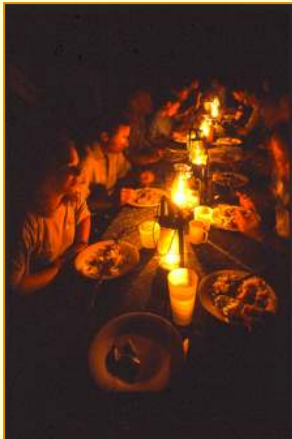
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## Daily Programme

A typical daily programme at the camp follows a routine of rising early, usually before sunrise, enjoying hot cup of coffee while you listen to the bush waking up and then leaving the camp for an outing into the wilderness.

The outings are extremely flexible and determined by the unpredictability of what is found during the outing in combination with the subjects that have to be covered. It could be following fresh elephant tracks, learning how to track the animal and finding it or it could be to a waterhole where animals come to drink and much interaction occurs.

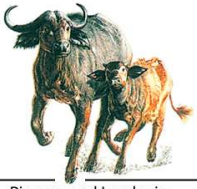
Returning to camp in the late morning for a hearty brunch which is followed by a lecture on the subject of the day. Study and rest time is then followed by afternoon tea and another outing into the wilderness until sunset. It is then back to the camp for dinner, stories around the campfire, discussing the day's experiences and wondering about tomorrow's adventures. The emphasis is on practical day-to-day experiences in the bush.



### Meals

- Wake-up to tea/coffee with biscuits and fresh fruit
- Enjoy a cooked breakfast, with cereals and fruit for brunch
- In the afternoon indulge with a few light snacks
- A balanced, warm plated meal finishes off the day for dinner





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## About EcoTraining

Established in 1993 with a mission to raise the standard of guiding in Africa, EcoTraining is the pioneer and leader of professional Field Guide and other nature training programmes. We aim to put the bush back into Africa for all those that are searching for the most authentic wildlife training and safari experiences.

### Our vision

EcoTraining aims to ensure that guides in Africa are of the finest standard and training. Critical to us is that the guides acknowledge that as important as wildlife knowledge is, even more key is the right philosophy and approach – to take the countless opportunities given to them each day to impart conservation principles to their guests on safari. Every person that a Field Guide guides can go back to their country and take the conservation message back to positively influence a greater community. EcoTraining realises the potential influence that guides may have on their guests. We are trying to make a difference and want to impact where we can.

### What will you learn and experience on an EcoTraining course

You will gain in-depth knowledge about nature, ecology and wildlife but that is only one aspect of the course. It is about absorbing nature, learning how to interact with the environment, and tuning you into the ecosystems. It's about becoming intertwined with the natural environment that sustains us. The bush is powerful and on course, you start to realize that the clutter of modern society's trappings becomes less relevant. There is a mental, emotional and spiritual shift to respect, consideration and sensitivity towards nature and your peers.

Along with learning about wildlife and nature... it is also a cultural interchange for our learners. The inter-human benefit of living and learning together in the outdoors for days tests one's social and emotional intelligence skills and provides you with a holistic life experience. It is a bonding experience in a few days participants learn about the natural environment, themselves and each other.

Learners who have attended our courses have returned to the "real world" with a different outlook on life. Some have taken this new outlook into their day-to-day lives and others, inspired by their time with us, have completely changed their lives and careers.

Because we respect and want to instill a respect in our guests for the environment, we do not take chances with nature. We have a 100% safety record since 1993 as we have and always will subscribe to two vital principals - safety and sensitivity. Sensitivity is exercised in relation to our entire environment which includes mankind.

**Have we forgotten that wilderness is not a place, but a pattern of soul  
where every tree, every bird and every beast is a soul maker? Ian**



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