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Bush Skills Courses

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THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM NATURE ARE MANY - THE IMPORTANCE OF A BEETLE

Bush Skills

4 Days

The course

Trained lecturer and survival experts will teach you everything you need to know to survive in the African bush. Training takes place in unfenced camps in game reserves in the Lowveld area. Understand how to use nature to your advantage - Where and how to find food, how to overcome being lost in the bush and how to build a shelter, learn tracker skills and situational awareness in the bush. Towards the end of the course you and your teammates will be put to the test during a makeshift survival scenario. The Lecturer will watch the team for safety reasons, as you use your new found knowledge to handle the situation.

So you may not be Ray Mears but by the time you leave the EcoTraining Camp you will be able to light fires, find water and fend for yourself!

Some of the topics that will be covered:

- Shelter Building (different structures, location)
- Fire (methods of lighting)
- Water (collecting, finding, filters)
- Trapping (different methods of trapping birds and mammals)
- Preparation of food
- Navigation and orientation

EcoTraining instructors will also be on hand to answer questions on various other subjects and encounters in the bush:

- Ecology
- Geology and soils
- Animal tracks and tracking
- Bird identification and behaviour
- Animal behaviour
- Astronomy
- Amphibians and reptiles
- Orientation and navigation
- Bush skills

Course locations

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 safe experience. It's all about the bush.

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.

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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 ante-

lope.

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.

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

Course Rates

Please contact enquiries@ecotraining.co.za for further information.

Rate includes:

- Lectures
- Game drives
- Walks
- Activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Tea & Coffee

Rate excludes:

- Transfers/transport to and from the camp, before and after time off
- Any accommodation before and after the course and time off
- Beverages
- Laundry

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7 Days

The course

Trained lecturer and survival experts will teach you everything you need to know to survive in the African bush. Training takes place in unfenced camps in the Mashatu Game reserve. Understand how to use nature to your advantage - Where and how to find food, how to overcome being lost in the bush and how to build a shelter, learn tracker skills and situational awareness in the bush. Towards the end of the course you and your team-mates will be put to the test during an assessment period. The Lecturer will watch the team for safety reasons, as you use your new found knowledge to handle the situation.

Find direction and food; build a shelter while your lecturer keeps an eye. Use your situational awareness to survive the 3 day practical section of your course.

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- Preparation of food
- Navigation and orientation
- Knowledge about plants and trees and other indigenous knowledge

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- Bush skills

Course location—Mashatu camp



EcoTraining Mashatu camp is located in the Tuli Reserve of Botswana bordering South Africa. Tuli forms a key part of the proposed **Greater Mapungubwe Trans-frontier Conservation Area**. In the easternmost corner of Botswana, Tuli is the collective name for several privately-owned game reserves including the Mashatu, Ntani and Tuli Game Reserves, covering all the land north of the Limpopo River.

A wholly preserved and untainted wilderness in Botswana, at the confluence of the Limpopo and the Shashe Rivers. The ample plains range from savannah, to riverine forest, marshland and sandstone outcrops amongst giant baobab trees. Mashatu truly embodies all that defines Africa. This land of giants offers vast open spaces, making it almost impossible to take it all in, with an array of wildlife from the miniscule to the gigantic. With a quietness so loud it thumps at your heart. Expect an unexpected adventure beyond the game drives or the walks that will make you feel alive again. Truly mesmerizing, this Africa is real and tangible and at its best!

Apart from elephants (largest herds of free roaming elephant on private land) students can follow the spoor of lions, leopards, giraffes, spotted hyenas, bat-eared foxes, aardwolves, cheetahs, kudu, Burchell's zebras, bushbuck and baboons. Spotlight-assisted night drives may reveal porcupines, aardvarks, spotted genets and civets, in addition to the larger carnivores. Other antelopes are eland, impala and steenbok. One of the area's attractions is the game viewing walks and night drives on offer. Rated as one of the most unique, diverse and

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exciting walking destinations, this massive tract of land is the ideal terrain to appreciate the wild, and is an unrivalled adventure experience.

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