



Professional One Year Field Guide Training - Learner off times

1. When do you have off?

Attached to your booking confirmation email is a document named “Course Overview”. This course overview is tailor-made for the specific year course that you have booked with us. (You can also find it under the “Course information” section of the information document you received upon enquiry).

It is a colour coded table stipulating your entire year course schedule. The overview will indicate:

- Your course dates
- The applicable camp you will be training from
- Which module of the course you will be handling within that time frame
- It indicates your lodge placement period
- And it indicates your off times

Transfers to our camps that form part of your course, i.e. moving you from Selati to Karongwe or Makuleke and vice versa for another section of your course, are included within your course fee. Transfers from our camps to your off times or your lodge placement and vice versa are not included. This information has also been included on this schedule.

2. What does “off time” mean to me as the student?

Off time means time away from our training camps. For off times, please remember to make alternative arrangements for accommodation and transport as off time is not spent at our EcoTraining camps.

3. Why have off time?

Off time is there for a very good reason.

It is a break from your studies, a time to get out of the learning environment and the bush for a while, to relax and rest before resuming your studies. These off weeks are essential to your year course. Too much time spent secluded in the bush learning and cramming each day is not conducive to good training either.

This helps you to come back to us with a fresh mind so that you can continue your course without getting burnt out. The course is definitely a lot of hard work and therefore you need to have proper rest in between the different modules of the course.

We encourage learners to utilise this time well, to go home and visit with their families or do some travelling if you are an international learner.

For more ideas on what to do in your off times, please contact the EcoTraining office on 013 752 2532 or enquiries@ecotraining.co.za.