

The Nature College

Wild Life Training
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Qualify yourself as a VPDA Guide

The Nature College is an accredited THETA and SASSETA training provider and CyberTracker & FGASA assessors, and provides a variety of courses for Field Guides in the Eastern, Northern and Western Cape.

Johan Fourie (FGASA Level 3 Field Guide SKS Dangerous Game, Track & Sign Specialist, ETDP & THETA registered Assessor and Advanced Trainer) is in charge of the training programme, which is based on his publications *An Introduction to Nature Guiding*, *Advanced Nature Guiding*, *The Nature Guide* and *Animal Alert! – you and the big ones*. He has been training Field Guides in the National Parks and surrounding communities since 1993. The training programme is strengthened by the inputs of a variety of advisors, such as Dr Izak Rust (co-author of *An Introduction to Nature Guiding*), Trevor Dearlove, Dr John Almond (co-author of *Advanced Nature Guiding*), Phillip Coetzee (author of *Birding for Beginners*) and JJ Minye (Senior Tracker).

The course

Our **VPDA Course** consists of 5 days of training and evaluation presented at the **Cleveland Game Reserve (Palabora Mining Company)** close to Phalaborwa. The course covers all the theory and practical requirements relating to the **THETA unit standard 8459** (View potentially dangerous animals). Please note that this course **does not include** rifle training and assessment.

Dates

The next date is 3-8 May 2009. Candidates must report to the Hans Merensky Country Club by 16:00 on 3 May 2009.

Cost

The cost of R3200 (excl VAT of R448) includes camping accommodation and simple meals at the training venue and practical assessment. The prescribed handbook ***Animal Alert! – you and the big ones*** will be available at R90 per copy. The price **excludes** transport, registration fees with DEAT, as well as First Aid Training (compulsory elements for legal registration as a Field Guide).

What can I do with this qualification?

The VPDA qualification enables you to obtain legal registration as a Nature Guide in areas where Dangerous Animals occur. It opens the door to employment from a variety of tour operators, overland operators and game lodges. The SAQA Unit Standards 8459 in conjunction with 119561 and 117705 qualify you towards the National Qualification 0030/0037 (Site Guide Nature Dangerous Animals Areas), **provided you meet the practical requirements**.

How to book

Fax your completed registration form to **The Nature College** at 028 551 2562.

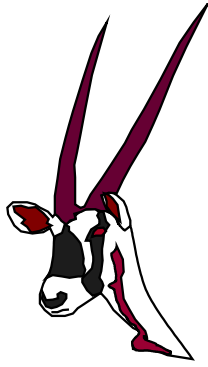
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Programme for Full-time VPDA Course

Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
One		Arrive at training centre Course briefing and registration
Two	The aims of guiding Trail procedures Animal Behaviour	Trail procedures practical field excursion
Three	Animal Behaviour: Dangerous Animals: Predators	Practical excursion: Scenarios in the field
Four	Animal Behaviour: Dangerous Animals: Large mammals	Practical excursion: Scenarios in the field
Five	Animal Behaviour: Dangerous Animals: Large mammals	Practical excursion: Scenarios in the field
Six	Practical Assessments: Handle Dangerous Animals	Exam

Please Note:

- Learners must bring their own fire-arms and ammunition. Contact us for other arrangements if you cannot comply.
- Before learners can be certified, they must comply with the following:
 - at least 30 days practical experience in dangerous animals areas
 - 10 logged approaches on foot to dangerous animals
 - 10 logged approaches by vehicle to dangerous animals



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Course Registration Form – VPDA Course

Objectives of the course:

- To prepare the candidate for the VPDA Guide Exam
- To assess the candidate for components of the THETA Unit Standard 8459
- To equip the candidate with the basic knowledge and skills to be a competent VPDA Guide

Personal Details

First Name:..... Last Name:.....

ID Number:.....

Please indicate your highest academic qualification

Qualification:

Institution:

Date achieved:

Contact details

Address:.....

..... Postal Code:

Telephone:

(w)..... (h).....

(c)..... Fax:.....

E-Mail:.....

Please fill in the questions below to the best of your ability

Where did you hear about our course?.....

Current employer & tel number:.....

Are you currently employed as a Field Guide?.....

How much experience do you have in Dangerous Animals Areas? Tick the appropriate box.

5-10 days	10-20 days	20-30 days	30-50 days	50-100 days	>100 days
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Course Payment Contract

The course fee is R3200 (plus VAT of R448) per person. This is payable as follows:

- Full course fee on registration, or
- Non-refundable deposit of R1600 payable on registration, with the balance payable 5 days before the course commences.

I hereby agree to the conditions for the course as set out above.

Name:

Signature:..... Date:.....

Please fax to *The Nature College* at 086 608 9640

NOTE: Cheques payable to: The Nature College Wild Life Training (Pty) Ltd

Note:
Course registration is only valid after
payment of **deposit**

Bank Details:
Acc Name: The Nature College Wild Life
Training (Pty) Ltd
Standard Bank Riversdale
Branch Code: 050313
Acc Nr: 082 282 714
Fax deposit slip to 028 551 2562