



Online Tracking Enthusiast Course



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ABOUT THIS ONLINE COURSE

This online programme provides a comprehensive introduction to animal tracking. The nine (9) live lectures are led by Alex van den Heever and the EcoTraining team of experienced trackers.

Animal tracking (also known as 'spoorsny' in Afrikaans) is more complex than most people might think. All aspects of tracking may take years to master but with the correct guidance you can learn to identify several species' tracks in a surprisingly short space of time.

Tracking is an ancient art that forms the basis of all bushcraft.

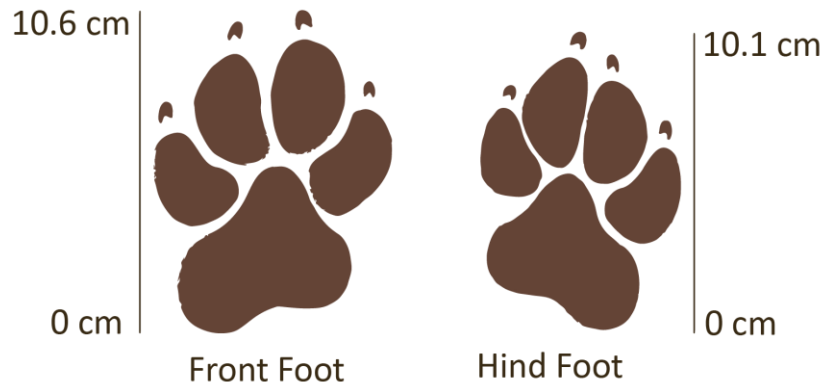


Figure 1: Spotted Hyena Track

Learners are shown how to identify tracks, interpret animals' gaits and their behaviour, including important signs to be aware of whilst tracking potentially dangerous animals on foot.

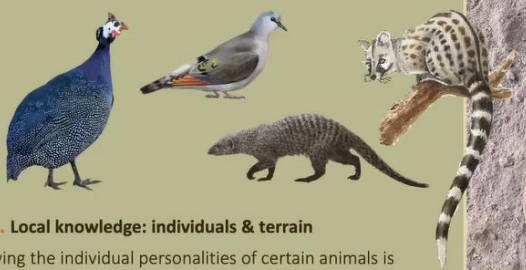
For bush lovers, the knowledge of animal tracks unlocks a dimension of a nature experience that few people know about. It can be learnt by anyone. And we can make it your obsession!



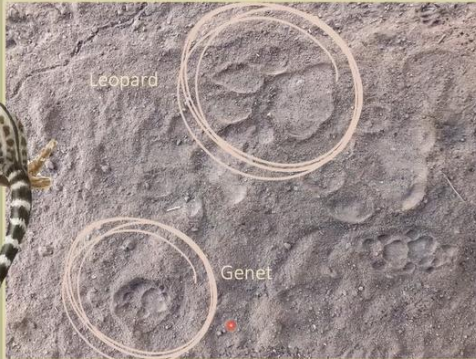
Introduction to Tracking

Practical Tracking

6. Other animals and birds:
Can help a tracker stay on the trail or give an idea of general activity in the area.



7. Local knowledge: individuals & terrain
Knowing the individual personalities of certain animals is helpful from a safety aspect. And being familiar with the terrain can help one predict the animal's movement.



Leopard

Genet



Alexander van den ...

For four weeks we will take you on a virtual learning adventure with live lectures from expert instructors which will include;

- In-depth coverage of animal tracking modules
- Live Q&A with the lecturer and other participants

What is wildlife tracking?

At its essence, tracking is the knowledge and skills required to recognize, interpret, and follow animal sign. It represents some of the most complex forms of proficiency in the world of wildlife. Tracking skills enable one to know what animals are doing without having to actually see them. To enter their secret lives.



Tracking has relevance in the eco-tourism, wildlife protection and animal monitoring sectors of the conservation industry.

As part of this online Tracking Enthusiast course, EcoTraining takes you on a journey of discovery that started 190,000 years ago – when ancient hunter-gatherers tracked animals to find food.

ONLINE COURSE DURATION

The course comprises of twice-weekly live sessions from expert Instructors covering modules that will teach you the art of tracking. Live lectures take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 18:00 (GMT+2/South African time), and will range between 1 and 2 hours, with a live Q&A session at the end of each lecture.

A detailed course schedule will be sent to all course participants upon registration.

THE SYLLABUS OVERVIEW OF MODULES

THE TRACKING ENTHUSIAST COURSE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MODULES:

MODULE NAME		
Introduction To Tracking: Part 1	Animal Gaits & Behaviour	Ungulate Footprints
Introduction To Tracking: Part 2	Tracking The Big 5	Birds' Tracks and Signs
Track Morphology	Small Mammal Footprints	The Tracking Immersion & Q&A

YOU COULD GRADUATE WITH

1. EcoTraining Certificate of Participation

ONLINE COURSE RATES

2026 rate per person : R 3, 000.00 (online only)

2027 rate per person : TBC

**The fee for the online course is not refundable.*

RATES INCLUDE:

- Live and interactive lectures
- EcoTraining Assessment
- Q&A sessions

RATES EXCLUDE:

- 7-day or 14-day practical EcoTracker component

ONLINE COURSE DATES

2026 DATES	2027 DATES
05 May - 09 June 22 October - 26 November	TBC

Please note: Registration for the Online Tracking Enthusiast course will close **two business days** before the start of the course.



BOOKING PROCESS

- Book directly online at www.ecotrainingonline.co.za
 - Click **Register** to create a unique profile,
 - Once logged in, add the course to your cart,
 - Continue to **Checkout**, complete payment via **PayGate**, and then fill in the **Enrolment form** in full.
- **Full payment** is required to confirm your place on the online course.
- All online course purchases are **non-refundable**.
- Invoices will be issued on request **only**.
- Further information will follow from our eLearning department once payment has been confirmed.
- If you encounter any issues during the registration process, have questions, or require assistance with course access, please don't hesitate to contact us at elearning@ecotraining.co.za.
- For all other online course dates, click [here](#) to view our course calendar.