



Thank you for your enquiry.

Below you will find some information about the vocational Anti-Poaching training course we offer at Rangers Reserve:

TAC TRAC Level 1 APU Ranger 5 Week Training Program

But first I'd like to take a moment to tell you about TAC TRAC. We are funded privately and by various NGO's who share our profound concern at the wanton destruction of our wildlife.

TAC TRAC's mission is to provide a superlative training platform for theory and practical courses as well as to create and equip APU's (Anti-Poaching Units) with relevant skills and appropriate equipment which will radically enhance their effectiveness in the field and their safety.

We are absolutely committed to becoming the premier training organisation in South Africa, and to offer training and education programmes to a standard by which all others will be measured. Our base of operations is at the 1385 hectare Rangers Reserve in Touwsrivier in the Klein Karoo desert of the Western Cape. The reserve has been designed from the ground up to replicate and prepare our graduates for hostile environments, and to provide unparalleled facilities (both indoor and outdoor). It is as beautiful as it is challenging.

The Anti-Poaching Course (five weeks) covers:

- **Firearms:** Training in: Practical Pistol, Carbine, Bolt Action Rifle, Pump Action Shotgun. From private to business level.
- **TAC TRAC Close Quarters Combat System:** Including: Knife/edged weapons, Firearms counters, Weapon Retention, Striking, Ground Fighting and Grappling.
- **Arrest & Restraint Protocols:** Including: Commands, physical control measures, handcuffs and zip ties.
- **Tracking:** Including Man and animal tracking, anti-tracking, spoor discipline, lost spoor procedures, tactical tracking formations.
- **Observation Post Protocols.** Selection, preparation & running of observation posts. Including intelligence gathering and methodology.
- **Vehicle Searching:** Including: Stopping and vehicle searching procedures, small team tactics, use of tactical lights at night, tactics working in multi-agency operations.
- **Crime Scene Protocols:** Including: Crime scene management, procedures and preservation of information.
- **Field craft:** Including: Reading terrain, camo & concealment
- **Survival craft:** Bush craft – including shelter building, water and food discipline and procurement, fire making, navigation by nature. Essential skills for living in the field for long extended periods. Instruction given in the classroom and in the field.

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- **Dangerous Game Approaches:** How to work effectively and safely around the Big 5.
- **Physical Fitness Training:** A systematic fitness building programme.
- **First Aid** The fundamentals of First Aid with Bleed Control.
- **PSIRA Security Grading:** Security Level E.

Included in the course fee:

- Transportation – on site and specified off site travel
- All training
- Accommodation
- Food
- All uniform for use during training (excluding boots, socks, underwear)
- Badge upon passing level 1
- Relevant equipment
- Ammunition
- Certification & Competencies

CERTIFICATES OBTAINED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

TacTrac Level I
 First Aid Bleed Control
 PSIRA (for national students)
 Firearms Competencies
 Big Game Approach

KITLIST - What You Should Pack (please use your own discretion)

- Changes of casual clothes
- 5 x pairs of underwear and comfortable socks – Thick hiking socks are recommended
- 1 x warm top and pair of pants
- 1 x T-shirt & pair of shorts
- 1 x jacket
- 1 set of PT Kit and running shoes
- Hiking/work boots (please ensure if you have really comfortable boots you can walk and stand in without fatigue. They are the ones to bring. Lightweight, breathable with good grip and well-walked in before the course).
- Sleeping bag and mat
- Bath towels x 1
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Non scented glycerine soap
- Zip Lock bags x 5 (medium / large)
- Binoculars – Optional
- Sunscreen
- Relative supply of any personal medication as required
- Torch
- 2 x 1L water bottle (see photo below)
- Large back pack (You will be living out of the backpack in the bush for 2 weeks (60 L, Neutral colour – see photo below as an example)
- Bush/survival knife
- Small camping pots x 2 (Army dixies are recommended – see photo below)
- Knife, fork and spoon

- Tin cup
- Personal cash (min R500 for use for personal snacks, food, etc when transferring between locations, or other emergency)
- Tarp (small) (You will be using a tarp instead of a tent in the bush)
- Rope (Paracord, 20 m)
- Note pad and pens

Please ensure that you have sufficient travel/medical/health cover insurance. Uniforms and bush hats are provided.

Commencement date:

The start date of the next course commences on Monday 11th November 2019. The course will end on Friday 13th December 2019, with departures on Saturday 14th December 2019.

Arrival:

You arrive on Sunday, 10th November 2019. Details of the TAC TRAC meeting/collection points are provided in the separate attachment, but will be confirmed closer to course commencement. Collections from the airport are usually not later than 1pm, so please try to coordinate your arrival before that time.

Departure:

You depart on Saturday, 14th December 2019 from Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape.

Please be advised to book your bus and/or flight tickets to arrive and depart to accommodate an approximate 2 hour drive to/from the Game Reserve(s) to the airport. We suggest departures not earlier than 10am.

I hope this information has been useful. Should you require further information, please contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Geoffrey Phipps,
Director of Training



Tarp



Large Back Pack



Army Dixies



Water Bottle

Make a difference today to protect iconic wildlife here in Africa. Visit our non-profit conservation homepage the African Wildlife Protection Fund www.awpf.co.za to learn more about our projects and sponsor an APU (Anti-Poaching Unit) Ranger through our scholarship programme.

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