

LOWVELD TRAILS CO.

ADVANCED RIFLE HANDLING PRACTICE & ASSESSMENT

The experienced team at Lowveld Trails Co. are accredited Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) assessors that conduct Advanced Rifle Handling (ARH) practice and assessments in the Hoedspruit area.

Passion. Experience. Quality.

Scheduled ARH Practice & Assessment

ARH Practice & Assessment days are scheduled throughout the year and take place over two consecutive days; on Day 1 the focus is on ARH Practice and on Day 2 participants can complete their FGASA ARH Assessment.

2025 Scheduled Dates:

18 & 19 Feb | 23 & 24 Apr | 13 & 14 May
03 & 04 Jun | 03 & 04 Sep | 08 & 09 Oct



The ARH Assessment

According to the FGASA standard, Trails Guides are required to successfully complete an ARH assessment, and remain current, in order to conduct guided walks in a dangerous game environment.

The ARH qualification is valid for 3 years, although we encourage Trails Guides to practice shooting as regularly as possible. Each candidate will be required to have the following in place in order to book their ARH assessment:

- Must have attained the three required Unit Standards through the Professional Firearm Trainers Council (PFTC) - this is a once off and must be done before your first assessment.
- FGASA Apprentice Field Guide qualification (NQF2)
- Must be a paid-up member of FGASA

Those who do not require the FGASA qualification, but are interested in joining purely for practice, or for the experience of handling a rifle are also welcome to book, and will not be required to attain the PFTC Unit Standards.

Professional Firearm Trainers Council (PFTC) Unit Standards

Each candidate will have to attain three Unit Standards through the PFTC before joining the course. These are required in order to take part in the Advanced Rifle Handling (ARH) component.

The three Unit Standards are:

117705 Knowledge of the Firearms Control Act.

119651 Handle & use a manually operated rifle or carbine.

123519 Handle & use a manually operated rifle or carbine for business purposes.

Candidates must submit a copy of their Unit Standard certificates or 'Statement of Results' before the activity begins.

Recommended Service-Providers:

Firearm Management Services (JHB) | +27 63 236 9347 or visit their website at www.fimase.co.za

Protrack (Hoedspruit) | +27 15 793 2585 or email them at emcare.lowveld@gmail.com



Book your Spot

ARH Practice & Assessment takes place on set dates between February and October 2025 (find full list of dates further above). You are welcome to book for both days, or for each day individually.

Practice Day Rate | ZAR 900 /person/day

Assessment Day Rate | ZAR 1 750 /person/day

Rifle Rental Rate | ZAR 1 750 /person/day

Contact reservations@lowveldtrails.co.za to check availability and book your spot.

What you need to know:

The ARH Practice & Assessment is conducted at the Moholoholo Shooting Range.

- Meeting Point | Moholoholo Mountain View Entrance
- Meeting Time | 08h00am each day
- End Time | around lunch time each day

Participants without a vehicle can contact us and we will try arrange to lift them from Hoedspruit to the range.

What you need to bring:

5kg backpack, hat, sunscreen, water & light snack. Be sure to wear closed shoes, belt and a button-up shirt.

We will provide you with ear protection.

If you will be bringing your own Rifle & Ammunition, please be sure to bring at least 25 rounds and 3 dummy rounds (per day). Ensure your kit is clean and your rifle is ready to undergo inspection on arrival.

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