## LOWVELD TRAILS CO.

# ANIMAL TRACKING E X P E R I E N C E

The 'Animal Tracking Experience' will open up a new world to the Naturalist. The focus will be on the ability to track and follow the trail of an animal, anticipate where the trail is going, find the animal and approach the animal, if the situation permits.

Our quarry of preference is rhino, lion and elephant, although we could follow any trail that is workable, including those made by kudu, giraffe and buffalo.

Passion. Experience. Quality.

### About the Experience

For the duration of the 'Animal Tracking Experience' you will be based at a luxury, low-impact Wilderness Camp in the 28,000hectare Selati Game Reserve. The reserve is situated in the Limpopo province, and adjacent to the Greater Kruger National Park.

The group, of maximum six participants, will be guided and mentored by two Lowveld Trails Co. FGASA Trails Guides, one of whom will have a Senior Tracker qualification through the CyberTracker system.

You will be thoroughly briefed on the principles of 'Trailing' with each participant taking it in turns to act as lead tracker. We utilize a 'team-tracking' technique, which ensures maximum engagement for all participants.



There will be continual mentoring throughout the 'Trailing' process of finding and evaluating a trail, track recognition, trail anticipation and maintaining momentum in order to catch up to the animal.

The small group size, will ensure that each participant has multiple opportunities to track the animals themselves. Your time with us will be immersive, practical and intense, with an average of 7 to 8 hours spent in the field each day.

### Who can take part?

Anyone with an interest in Nature, wildlife, tracking and an all-encompassing immersive experience would value this opportunity. There are no guiding or tracking qualification prerequisites to take part in this experience.

#### If Tracking promotes one thing, it is mindfulness.

The rest of the world disappears as you are forced to pay acute attention to your environment, to every footfall, every sound, every nuance of wind and light. You will move from the realm of thinking to the realm of sensing, and transition from the mind of the tracker to the mind of the animal.



### What to Expect

A typical day starts with a wake-up call prior to sunrise. As the birds announce the approaching day, we enjoy coffee, rusks and a light breakfast before heading out to pick up a fresh trail to follow.

Each participant will carry a day pack with a snack and sufficient water. After a morning of following tracks, we will return to camp for a well-earned lunch and an hour or two to rest before heading out again in the afternoon in search of a fresh trail to follow.

Dinner and a crackling campfire will await us back at camp, usually followed by a much-needed shower and an early night after the physical and mental exertions of the day.

### About the Selati Wilderness Camp

The Wilderness Camp, situated on a wooded drainage line and surrounded by spectacular granitic outcrops, is a serene bushveld retreat nestled within the expansive Selati Game Reserve. This exclusive, 'off-grid' camp, equipped with a state-of-the-art solar panel, battery and inverter system, together with a borehole for its water requirements, is consciously designed to minimize environmental impact. With just four luxury en-suite tents, and a communal entertainment and dining area, a personal and undisturbed experience is ensured, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of your surroundings for an authentic Wilderness escape.





### What to Pack

#### General Gear

- Daypack (for water, snacks)
- Water bottles
- Head torch (spare batteries)
- Binoculars
- Notebook and Pen
- Rain Jacket just in case!

#### Wardrobe & Essentials

- Walking Shoes (already worn in)
- Ankle Gaiters
- Neutral Coloured Clothing
- Hat & Sunglasses
- Flip-flops
- Sunscreen
- Personal toiletries

This experience is **fully catered**, with all meals and selected drinks provided.



### Book your Animal Tracking Experience

The 'Animal Tracking Experience' is available for booking from **June to October 2025**.

#### 2025 'Animal Tracking Experience' Rack Rates:

4-night Experience | base rate of ZAR 179 000 (base rate is for a group of up to 4 participants)

Additional Participants | ZAR 44 750/participant (maximum of 2 additional participants)

Contact **reservations@lowveldtrails.co.za** to check availability and make a booking.

#### What you need to know:

- Meeting & End Point | Eastgate Airport, Hoedspruit
- Meeting Time | 12h30 on day 1
- End Time | by 11h00 on day 5

#### What's included:

- Transfers between Meeting/End Point and the Selati Game Reserve Wilderness Camp on day 1 & 5.
- Selati Game Reserve Entrance Fee and Conservation Levy
- Lowveld Trails Co. Gift Pack
- All meals and selected drinks.

The goal is to follow an animal's fresh spoor to locate it on the landscape, guide the group to approach and observe it, and, finally, to exit the area without alerting the animal to any human presence. Every tracking situation is different, so we are always in the position of having to "figure it out." This uniqueness also results in variations to the exact experience of each participant, dictated by field conditions and animal behaviour."

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