

EWES



EUROPEAN WILDERNESS
EDUCATION SCHOOL

WE ARE NATURE

WILDLIFE & TRACKING TRAINING COURSE



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This innovative WILDLIFE & TRACKING training course is an essential part of the vision of WeWilder and EWES for the Bison Hillock in the Țarcu Mountains, the second bison rewilding site in Romania. Over the past decade, WWF Romania and the local community of Armenis, have been working together to create a stable free-roaming population of European bison in this area which forms one of the last remaining wilderness strongholds in Europe.

We invite you to partake in its future by participating in this unique course, where you will acquire the knowledge and experience that will provide you with a firm foundation to join and support the nature guiding industry in Europe. It is also a unique chance to gain first-hand experience in community engagement and ethical wilderness guiding in an iconic rewilding area in Europe from the hands of one of Europe's top Wilderness Instructors.

By combining the necessary technical skills in the wilderness, with the soft skills needed to create memorable experiences for guests – this course offers you insights and training in wilderness expedition, wildlife observation, interpretive guiding and hospitality, while also focusing on personal development and (re)connection with nature.

The EWES Team

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 01 Awareness and consciousness on personal growth
- 02 Natural leadership and self-care
Transmission of sustainable practices to minimize environmental impacts
- 03 Being a key figure and communicator in social/culturally sensitive situations
- 04 Understanding of participant's behavior and apply leadership techniques efficiently in order to manage group dynamics
- 05 Plan, evaluate risks and execute multi day activities in wilderness areas
- 06 Survival and other outdoor skills relevant to specific environments
Business development relevant to the work field
- 07 Skills and knowledge building necessary to deliver meaningful experiences around rewilding and wild nature in the iconic Bison Hillock in the Southern Carpathians, Romania
- 08 Push your comfort zone and deepen your own connection to nature
- 09 Full immersion in interpretive guiding, hospitality, wilderness experience and rewilding





WHERE?



COURSE DETAILS



Language of course:
English



Inscription deadline:
15 of April 2023



Minimum requirements:
Strong motivation, physically
in shape, level B2 of English



Total Training Time:
74 hours



Minimum/maximum of
participants:
6/8



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DAY 1 ARRIVAL AT TARCU MOUNTAINS

Arrive at Campus (15:00)
Local community experience
Welcome Dinner
Storytelling around fire
Overnight at campus

DAY 2 GUIDE DEVELOPMENT

Guided nature walk
Interpretive Guiding, Structure of experience
Campfire debrief : Rewilding, the role of the guide and guest
Sleep out (bivy+tarp)

DAY 3 NATURALIST SKILLS & GUIDE DEVELOPMENT

Solo sitspot & Wildlife observation
Group management and nature experience design
Campfire debrief : Naturalist skills and guiding (tracking and birding as key skills)
Nightwalk: Ethical and immersive nightwalk
Sleep out (bivy+tarp)

DAY 4 WILDLIFE TRACKING. STANDARDS & ETHICS

Wildlife tracking workshop
Field observations and guided nature experience
Campfire debrief : Wilderness experience, standards and ethics
Nightwalk: Soft skills practice, group management
Sleep out (bivy+tarp)

DAY 5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Guided nature experience by participant and group feedback
Local hospitality experience
Campfire debrief
Overnight in campus

DAY 6 DEPARTURE DAY

Sharing and networking
Departure





COURSE FEES

Course fee:
€1495 per person

Services included:

- Accommodation (local lodging, tented camp, bivouac)
- All meals during the course (local chef in tented camp and local accommodations, packed food for the expedition)
- Local transport (4x4)
- Airport transfers from Timisoara to Campus and return
- Training material
- EWES and WWF Instructors
- Accident insurance

Excluded:

- Personal equipment
- Personal expenses if any
- International flight





PROJECT PARTNERS



European Wilderness Education School (EWES)

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WeWilder

Wewilder is a WWF panda labs prototype that evolved from the pioneering wilderness experiences developed by WWF Romania with the local bison hillock association, in cooperation with Rewilding Europe and the European Safari Company. Wewilder is operating as a social enterprise partnership between wwf romania and local community members.

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MEET THE INSTRUCTOR




Georg Messerer

As a qualified Wilderness Trails Guide with extensive guiding experience in Southern Africa and Romania, Georg brings an international flare and passion to the guiding world in Europe. Spending the last few years guiding and training in the Tarcu Mountains, he has been instrumental in developing nature based experiences in the Bison Hillock region. With a love for wilderness turning into a passion for the conservation work around it he has dedicated his time and energy to contributing his share to what he believes to be a global responsibility. With a special interest in tracking, birding, rewilding and wilderness ecology, the guiding and training experience is diverse and forward thinking.



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