

Savannah Guides Field School

Capricorn Caves

28 – 31 March 2019

SAVANNAH GUIDES



Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback

"Palaeotourism and Landscape Storytelling"

Savannah Guides invites you to our next Savannah Guides Field School at Capricorn Caves near Rockhampton in sunny Queensland. Evolving from a coral reef over 390 million years ago into a limestone ridge entombing a maze of huge chambers and interconnecting passages, this special place is now known as the award-winning Tourist Attraction, Capricorn Caves. These unique above ground caves not only provide a refuge for threatened species but hold the secrets of the past and provide a record of what the world was like millions of years ago. The Field School will focus on using those secrets of the past to help interpret the world around us. We will also explore the region's diverse wildlife, incredible changing landscapes and geological past at Baga and Capricorn Coast National Parks.



WHO ARE SAVANNAH GUIDES?

Savannah Guides Limited develops the skills and careers of tour guides. We are a non-profit, member based network of Tour Guides and Operators working with our partners to be "Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback". Savannah Guides Limited began in 1988 and has won numerous tourism awards for training and tourism services. Our activities build sustainable tourism businesses for regional community benefit, expand career opportunities for Tour Guides and enhance visitor experiences. Our members include accredited guides and enterprises as well as "Friends" who assist in our Mission or just have a good time with like-minded people. For more details visit www.savannah-guides.com.au.



WHAT IS A SAVANNAH GUIDES FIELD SCHOOL?

A Savannah Guides "Field School" is not a course with assessment or a qualification. It's simply our name for professional development workshops, held at various locations across Northern Australia at least twice each year. Field Schools are a part of our Tour Guide accreditation process, although most participants come for the open knowledge and skill sharing, networking with ecotourism and community leaders and enjoying a fascinating part of the country in more detail. The majority of Field School activities are held outdoors, in the field.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Members and non-members are very welcome. Field Schools are a great opportunity for any Tour Guide, tourism industry member, government or community representative or nature lover to gain a real insight into quality tourism operation. Our participants will include tourism businesses and organisations, tour guides, environmental specialists, Traditional Owners, local government representatives and land managers. The professional development opportunity provided at these Field Schools is unparalleled and the renowned Savannah Guides camaraderie is often the basis for valuable ongoing business and personal relationships. Build your network links with Savannah Guides.



FIELD SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This Program is subject to change without Notice

Indicative Program is as follows:

Wednesday 27 March 2019

Arrival

Many participants will arrive today.

- 3:00pm Optional Adventure Caving or Abseiling
- 5:30pm Registration Desk Opens at The Bat Bar
- 6:30pm Registration Desk Closes
- 7:00pm Join Old and New Friends at a Basic Barbecue (Optional - \$15) and Drinks at The Bat Bar.

Thursday 28 March 2019

Welcomes

- 7:00am Breakfast in the Function Area
- 8:00am Field School Registration in The Lodge
- 8:30am Field School Opening and Welcomes
- Savannah Guides Overview
- Field School **Twitchathon** – join our fun bird spotting competition to build your birding skills
- **"Capricorn Caves History and Overview"**
- **"Tribute to Ann Augusteyn"**
- **"Threatened Species and Interpretation"** by John Augusteyn, Capricorn Caves
- **"Rocky Instincts."** Specialists in teaching, practicing and retaining primitive skills.
- **"Building Guest Interaction"**
- Welcome Dinner
- Cathedral Caves Tour



Friday 29 March 2019

Australia's Evolution

- 6:00am Optional Birding Session
Optional Adventure Caving Session
Optional Climbing Wall Session
- 8:00am Breakfast in the Function Area



- **"Australia's Geological Evolution – Getting Comfortable with the Big Picture"** by Bronwyn Witham and Christian Bom
- **Lake Mary**, a Wetland teeming with birdlife.
- Bonus Twitching Time
- **"Death of a Volcano"** by Scott Hocknull and Simon Ling
- **"Putting Local Geology into the Bigger Story"** by Bronwyn Witham
- **"Cooling of Volcanic Plugs and Fan Rock Inspection"** with Simon Ling
- **"Understanding Landscape Creation"** by Bronwyn Witham
- Dinner and Bull Riding Demonstration at the famous **Great Western Hotel, Rockhampton**

Saturday 30 March 2019

All Things Fossil

- 6:00am Optional Birding Session
Optional Abseiling Session
Optional Adventure Caving Session
- 8:00am Breakfast in the Function Area
- 9:00am Savannah Guides General Meeting
- **"Storytelling"** by Russell Boswell
- **"Capricorn Caves Palaeotourism"** by Scott Hocknull and Rochelle Lawrence
- **"Fossil Tour and Karst Walk"**
- **"Fossil Dig Pit"** with Scott Hocknull and Rochelle Lawrence
- **"Come In Spinner – How to Master Two-Up"**
- Farewell Dinner
- Savannah Guides Infamous Jam Session! Be sure to bring along your Musical Instruments!

Sunday 31 March 2019

Farewells

- **"Feathers in Colour – An Insight into Bird Diversity in Sri Lanka"** by Rahula Perera
- **"Moreton in the Big Wet"** by Rick Edwards
- **"The Guide's Role in Social Media"** facilitated by Emma Anderson
- We'll announce the results of the Twitchathon and award some fun prizes
- Take Home Messages and Farewell
- 12:00noon Close of Field School to allow travel time

Savannah Guides invites you to join us for this memorable and informative Field School!

Please pass this information on through your networks.

NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION!

GETTING INVOLVED:

We welcome your contributions to the Field School! Please help make it an even greater success by:

- ❖ Bringing your colleagues – the training and team building opportunity at Savannah Guides Field Schools is legendary!
- ❖ Joining the Field School Twitchathon! Register a team of participants and tally your confirmed sightings over the school for fun and very modest prizes!
- ❖ Considering Membership – Savannah Guides welcomes Tour Guides and like-minded people and organisations.

GETTING THERE:

Capricorn Caves is:

- ❖ Approximately 28.8 kilometres north of Rockhampton, a journey of around half an hour.
- ❖ Flights to Rockhampton are available from most major cities.
- ❖ Transfers are available from Rockhampton Airport. Please advise flight details if you require a transfer.
- ❖ Approximately 615 kilometres north of Brisbane, about a seven hour drive.
- ❖ Approximately 1067 kilometres south of Cairns. Best driven over two days.

FOOD and BEVERAGE:

Your Registration Fee includes:

Thu 28 Mar (B, MT, L, AT, D)
Fri 29 Mar (B, MT, L, D)
Sat 30 Mar (B, MT, L, D)
Sun 31 Mar (B, L)

An Optional Basic Barbecue Dinner (\$15) is available at 7:00pm on Wednesday 27 March.

Capricorn Caves is a licensed venue. The Bat Bar is Cash Only and is unable to sell Take-Aways. BYO alcohol is allowed in accommodation areas. If you need to purchase alcohol you can do so at The Caves Country Pub located 5km from Capricorn Caves.



ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation is not included in your Registration Fee. Camp Sites, Lodge Rooms, Eco-Tents and Cabins are available. Get a group of your colleagues together as there are many share options. Please book and pay direct with Capricorn Caves. Ask for Jordan or Amanda and mention you are with Savannah Guides as all accommodation has been reserved for our Field School.

Capricorn Caves

Tel: 07 4934 2883

Email: admin@capricorncaves.com.au

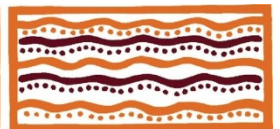
Cabins	Sorry, Fully Booked
Lodge Rooms	Two Single Bunk Beds per Room, Shared Amenities, Linen and Towels provided \$80 per room for up to 4 people
Eco Tents	Five Single Beds per Tent, Shared Amenities, No Power, Linen and Towels provided \$60 per tent for up to 5 people
Powered Sites	\$35 per night for 2 people
Unpowered Sites	\$30 per night for 2 people

WHAT TO BRING:

- ❖ Large Water Bottle
- ❖ Small Backpack / Day Pack
- ❖ Closed Walking Shoes / Boots
- ❖ Torch
- ❖ Hat, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent
- ❖ Notepad and Pens / Pencils
- ❖ Bird Field Guides and Binoculars
- ❖ Old Long-Sleeved Shirt and Full-Length Pants for Optional Abseiling, Adventure Caving and Climbing Wall!
- ❖ CASH ... There is no ATM at Capricorn Caves. Bar is Cash Only. EFTPOS available for Accommodation and Incidentals only.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ **ADVENTURE CAVING**
Two hours of climbing and squeezing through the Caves. Must have enclosed shoes and long pants. Helmets and Headlights provided.
- ❖ **ABSEILING**
Abseil down the natural cliff face on the side of the Cave. 8m and 25m descents. All safety equipment provided.
- ❖ **CLIMBING WALL**
Nine different routes allowing a challenge for beginners to experienced climbers. All safety equipment provided.
- ❖ **The attached Medical Form and Waiver MUST be completed and returned with your Registration if you wish to take part in these Activities.**



REGISTRATION FORM – Capricorn Caves 28-31 March 2019

Please send your Registration Form and Payment to Savannah Guides. Registration closes Friday 15 March

Name of Individual/s attending: _____

From – Enterprise/Organisation: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Postal Address: _____

Dietary or Medical Requirements: _____

☐ Please do not distribute my contact details after the Field School ☐ Please do not use any images of me in Savannah Guides promotions

REGISTRATION

Your Registration Fee includes: Participation in Field School Presentations; Workshops and Activities; Transport to Field Activities; Participant Kit; Meals as Follows – Thu 28 Mar (B/MT/L/AT/D), Fri 29 Mar (B/MT/L/D), Sat 30 Mar (B/MT/L/D), Sun 31 Mar (B/L). Your Registration Fee does not include Accommodation.

Full School Registration – Non-Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$495
Full School Registration – Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$415
Single Day Rate – Non-Members		\$170
Single Day Rate – Members		\$150

If Single Day Rate please indicate your arrival and departure **day** and **time** for catering purposes: Day: _____

Arrive: _____ Depart: _____

REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ _____

ACCOMMODATION

Camping and Accommodation are available. Please book directly with Capricorn Caves. Information, Rates and Contact Numbers are available on the "Need to Know Information" Page.

OPTIONAL FREE ACTIVITIES – Wednesday 27 March 2019

(Bookings for Friday and Saturday Free Activities will be taken at Capricorn Caves)

I would like to go Adventure Caving at 3:00pm *(please tick)* :

☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to go Abseiling at 3:00pm *(please tick)* :

☐ Yes ☐ No

DINNER – Wednesday 27 March 2019

I would like the \$15 Basic Barbecue Dinner *(please tick)* :

☐ Yes ☐ No

DINNER TOTAL \$ _____

PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Member Brochure / Merchandise in the School Participant Kits

\$ 50

Half Page Advertisement in the School Program

\$100

Morning or Afternoon Tea / Lunch / Dinner Sponsorship

\$250 - \$1500

PARTNERSHIP TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT *(Please tick and complete your payment method below):*

☐ **Direct Deposit:** Account Name: Savannah Guides Ltd - BSB: 034-167 - Account No: 47-1141
To help identify your deposit please complete the Reference field on your transfer with your Surname.
I have paid by Direct Deposit on ____ / ____ / ____

☐ **Credit Card:** Please Tick: ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Card No: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry date: ____ / ____ CCV: _____

☐ **My Enterprise will be Paying.** Please send a Tax Invoice.

An Administration Fee of \$50 per person applies to all Cancellations
Please email to sam@savannah-guides.com.au



MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

The purpose of this form is to allow us to adequately prepare for your program of activities. This information is confidential and will not be used to deny access to any part of the program.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Please Tick: ☐ Female ☐ Male

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Phone: _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Do you suffer from any of the following diseases?

☐ Arthritis ☐ Asthma ☐ Diabetes ☐ Epilepsy ☐ Heart Problems ☐ Bleeding Condition

Other _____

Please give details that you feel we should know about:

Do you suffer from any allergies? ☐ NO ☐ YES If yes please give details:

Please bring any medication you may have for your allergies with you.

Do you suffer from any other condition or injury that would prevent you from taking part in any physical activity?

When was your last tetanus injection? ☐ 2 years ☐ 10 years ☐ Over 10 years

Do you wear Contact Lenses, Glasses or Dentures? _____

Is there anything else that you feel we should be aware of?

CAPRICORN CAVES WAIVER DOCUMENT

1. The CUSTOMER must disclose any pre-existing medical or other condition that may affect the risk that either CUSTOMER or any other person will suffer injury, loss or damage. The CUSTOMER states that he/she is sufficiently fit to participate in the program.
2. The CUSTOMER acknowledges that the PROPRIETOR relies on the information provided by the CUSTOMER, and the CUSTOMER states that all such information is accurate and complete.
3. The CUSTOMER acknowledges that caving and rope work are inherently dangerous activities. The CUSTOMER recognizes that there are risks specifically associated with the activity, some of which are physically, socially and emotionally demanding. The program includes outdoor adventure activities in and around cave systems.
4. The CUSTOMER acknowledges that while the PROPRIETOR will fulfill their duty of care not all dangers associated with the activities can be foreseen. The CUSTOMER accepts this fact and understands that while the staff are skilled and experienced they can not guarantee the safety of the CUSTOMER since some risks are beyond the PROPRIETORS control.
5. The CUSTOMER understands and acknowledges the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind-altering substance before or during these activities, and the CUSTOMER accepts full responsibility for injury, loss or damage associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering substance.
6. The CUSTOMER agrees with the PROPRIETOR that the CUSTOMER will obey and will comply with all rules, safety guidelines and directions made or given by the PROPRIETOR or PROPRIETOR'S servants and agents in connection with the activity. In particular, the CUSTOMER has been advised to wear an approved helmet and secure footwear at all times if required by the activities. The CUSTOMER will inform PROPRIETOR or PROPRIETOR'S servants and agents if any directions are not understood. If a CUSTOMER fails to comply with the PROPRIETOR'S rules and/or directions, guidelines, safe caving practice and show due care for his/herself, the cave system and other participants, the CUSTOMER will not be permitted to undertake the activities or to continue the activities, and no refund will be given.
7. The CUSTOMER accepts all risks associated with the activity, including the possibility of injury, death, loss or damage.
8. The CUSTOMER agrees to indemnify the PROPRIETOR against all claims made by any other person against the PROPRIETOR in the respect of any injury, loss or damage arising out of or in connection with the CUSTOMER'S failure to comply with the PROPRIETOR'S rules and/or directions.
9. The CUSTOMER agrees and acknowledges that, to the extent permitted by law, the PROPRIETOR shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage suffered by the CUSTOMER or by any other person, arising from or in connection with the CUSTOMER'S participation in the activities except in the event that the loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the PROPRIETOR'S servants or agents. The CUSTOMER hereby releases the PROPRIETOR from all such claims, and indemnifies the PROPRIETOR against all claims made on behalf of any other person except in the event that the loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the PROPRIETOR'S servants or agents.
10. All accidents, injuries, loss and damage must be reported by the CUSTOMER to the PROPRIETOR before the CUSTOMER leaves the PROPRIETOR'S property.
11. If the CUSTOMER suffers any injury or illness, the CUSTOMER agrees that the PROPRIETOR may provide evacuation, first aid and medical treatment at the CUSTOMER'S expense, and the CUSTOMER'S acceptance of these terms and conditions constitutes the CUSTOMER'S consent to such evacuation, first aid and/or medical treatment.
12. The proprietor reserves the right to determine the capacity of the customer to participate in any of our activities. The proprietor's decision is final and is used upon our knowledge of the physical and/or mental requirements needed to participate.
13. The CUSTOMER agrees that any photos/videos of them taken by the guide may be used by the PROPRIETOR for marketing purposes and on social media.

ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED

PRINT PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

PRINT PARTICIPANT ADDRESS: _____

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

THE PARTICIPANT HAS AGREED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHERE APPLICABLE.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(WHERE PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)