

# Savannah Guides Field School Carnarvon Gorge 22-25 March 2018

SAVANNAH GUIDES



*Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback*

## “Ways of Knowing and Interpreting Nature”

**Savannah Guides invites you** to our next Savannah Guides Field School in stunning **Carnarvon Gorge** (Carnarvon National Park) located between Emerald and Roma in Queensland's Central Highlands. This Four Day Field School explores different approaches to knowing and understanding landscapes, flora, fauna, and cultures, using the Gorge's spectacular cliffs as a backdrop. Famous sites, such as the Art Gallery and Ward's Canyon, are only accessible on foot, so bring your walking shoes! Our hosts, **Australian Nature Guides**, have been operating guided walking tours in the Gorge for nearly twenty years and are super excited to share their experience and passion with like-minded souls.



## WHO ARE SAVANNAH GUIDES?

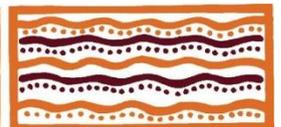
Savannah Guides Limited develops the skills and careers of tour guides. We are a non-profit, member based network of Tour Guides and Operators working with our partners to be “Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback”. Savannah Guides Limited began in 1988 and has won numerous tourism awards for training 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](http://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

When you encounter Carnarvon Gorge, how do you see it? Is it a place to recreate; to bushwalk or to birdwatch? Does it make you wonder how such an oasis survives in a semi-arid landscape? Or is it a place that stirs something in your soul? There are many ways to experience or explore a place, and also to learn about it, or know it. The Carnarvon Gorge Field School offers great workshops to refine your Guiding Toolkit at multiple levels. Strip things back to basics to discover concepts that apply across the whole planet. Deepen connections between your audience and your content by understanding different learning styles. Enrich your ability to relate to your guests by looking through the kaleidoscope of perspectives on the world around us, using the Gorge as our teacher. An indicative program follows:

### Wednesday 21 March 2018

#### Arrival

Many participants will arrive today.

- 3:00pm: Perhaps a cool down swim at the Rockpool before Happy Hour and Dinner (own expense) at Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge.

### Thursday 22 March 2018

#### Welcomes and Setting the Scene

- 8:00am Breakfast at the Australian Nature Guides (ANG) Discovery Centre.
- 8:30am Field School Registration at ANG Discovery Centre.
- 9:00am Field School Opening and Welcomes.
- Savannah Guides Overview.
- Field School Twitchathon – join our fun bird spotting competition to build your birding skills.
- Introduction to Australian Nature Guides and Field School Theme “Ways of Knowing and Interpreting Nature”.
- Introduction to Carnarvon Gorge by Senior Ranger, QPWS.
- Lunch at Visitor Information Centre.
- Introductory Walk – **Shooting from the Hip**; turning curly questions into teachable moments.
- **Ways of Knowing Nature** Workshop. How do *you* relate to nature? The answer to that question can help you become a better guide.
- History of Bandana Station.
- Welcome Dinner at Sandstone Park.
- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service update.
- **Star Struck Astronomy**. Star-gazing is the closest thing to time-travel we’ll ever have and it is an experience shared by every sighted human that has ever lived.

### Friday 23 March 2018

#### Stock up your Guiding Toolkit.

- 6:00am Sunrise Bush Breakfast at Lodge Lookout.

- Creek Circuit Birdwatching Walk.
- **Rock Sleuths** (it’s sedimentary, my dear Watson)! Workshop basic geology skills to use anywhere.
- **Branching Out**. Don’t know what plant it is? Doesn’t matter. Look at the leaves and they will tell you a bigger story.
- **Learning about Learning**. What kind of a learner are you? Did you know it can change from day to day, or from mood to mood?
- Dinner at the Carnarvon Gorge Day Use Area.
- **Night Safari**. Come and meet the Gorge’s nocturnal beasts with Glider Whisperers, Simon and Michelle.

### Saturday 24 March 2018

#### Walks and Workshops

- 6:00am Breakfast at the ANG Discovery Centre.
- **Rock Art and Refugia**. Carnarvon Gorge has internationally significant rock art and is one of the country’s great ecological refuges. Join Simon, Michelle, and Vicki to explore topics such as Cultural Sensitivity, Rock Art Interpretation, Indigenous Knowing and Biogeography.
- Dinner at Carnarvon Wilderness Lodge.
- Savannah Guides “80’s Theme” 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash and Infamous Jam Session!

### Sunday 25 March 2018

#### Farewells

- 7:30am Breakfast at the ANG Discovery Centre.
- We’ll announce the results of the Twitchathon and award some fun prizes.
- Savannah Guides General Meeting.
- **Citizen Science**. If you’re in the field as a guide, what you see is valuable data. How do you make it count?
- Take Home Messages and Farewell.
- 10:30am Morning Tea.

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

**Please pass this information on through your networks.**

**For more information please contact: Russell Boswell [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au) / 0408 772 513**

# 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 4-6 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:

Carnarvon National Park is:

- ❖ 1157kms south of Cairns via Townsville, Charters Towers and the Gregory Development Road.
- ❖ 467kms southwest of Rockhampton via Emerald and Springsure.
- ❖ 796kms east of Winton via Barcardine and Emerald.
- ❖ 897kms from Brisbane via the Warrego & Carnarvon Highways.
- ❖ Qantaslink flies to Emerald and Roma. Emerald and Roma are both approximately 200kms from the Park.
- ❖ Entrance to the Carnarvon Gorge Section of Carnarvon National Park is via O'Briens Road which you access 60kms south of Rolleston or 100kms north of Injune. O'Briens Road runs past the entrances of Sandstone Park, Takarakka and Carnarvon Wilderness Lodge before terminating at the Park Information Centre.
- ❖ Please advise if you have any spare seats in your vehicle as some people may need to carpool.



## MEALS and ACCOMMODATION:

All Meals are included ... from Breakfast on Thursday 22 March to Morning Tea on Sunday 25 March.

Camp Sites and Cabins are available. Accommodation is not included in your Registration Fee – please book and pay directly with the suppliers.

- ❖ Sandstone Park Camp Ground (Ph: 07 4984 4679) is offering sites free of charge. Please note you must be fully self-sufficient. There will be portaloos, a dump point and dam water, but no showers, power or potable water.
- ❖ Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge (Ph: 07 4984 4503) is offering the following generously discounted rates:

Queen Room	\$165 per night
Queen Room + Single	\$180 per night
Queen Room + 2 Singles	\$195 per night
Queen Room + 3 Singles	\$210 per night



**DON'T FORGET!**

## WHAT TO BRING:

- ❖ **MESS KIT** – Think Scouts, Girl Guides and School Camp! Plate, Bowl, Mug, Knife, Fork, Spoon, Teaspoon and Tea Towel in a Drawstring Bag or similar!
- ❖ **ALL DRINKS FOR THE DURATION OF THE FIELD SCHOOL.** On the Wednesday (optional) and Friday Nights we are at the Fully Licensed Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge.
- ❖ **ESKY**
- ❖ **Two Way Radio/s if you happen to have any**
- ❖ 80's Costume for our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash on Saturday Night! Get imaginative and get your creative juices flowing!
- ❖ Large Water Bottle – you will need minimum 2 Litres for the Full Day Walk
- ❖ Small Backpack / Day Pack
- ❖ Walking Shoes / Boots
- ❖ Hat, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent, Head-Torch
- ❖ Notepad and Pens / Pencils
- ❖ Bird Field Guides and Binoculars



# REGISTRATION FORM – Carnarvon Gorge 22-25 March 2018

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM 40 PARTICIPANTS – First In Best Dressed!**

*Please send your Registration Form and payment to Savannah Guides. Registration closes Friday 09 March*

Name of Individual 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 and Participant Kit; All Meals from Breakfast on Thursday 22 March to Morning Tea on Sunday 25 March. 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 direct with the providers. Information, Rates and Contact Numbers are available on the "Need to Know Information" Page.

## 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):*

a)  **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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

b)  **Credit Card:** Please circle: VISA / Mastercard  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

c)  **My Enterprise will be Paying.** Please send a tax invoice.

An Administration Fee of \$50 per person applies to all Cancellations

**Please email to [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au)**

