



# Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program

SAVANNAH GUIDES



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## WET TROPICS TOUR GUIDES FIELD SCHOOL

### Cassowary Coast 2 – 3 November 2018

This Field School will investigate **tourism opportunities and developments in the Cassowary Coast** and build **Tour Guiding Skills**. It is also a great opportunity for Guides who are part way through the Wet Tropics Tour Guide Certificate to complete their certification with Guide Assessments being conducted in the rainforest.

**Everyone is welcome** to build sustainable tourism connections in the Wet Tropics - join Tour Guides, Locals, Tourism Businesses, Visitor Information Centre staff, Land Managers, Traditional Owners, Researchers and Government Representatives for valuable **information sharing** and **networking** in **Field Schools** and **Workshops**.

#### Friday 02 November 2018 at C4 Cassowary Conservation, Porters Promenade, Mission Beach

0830 Registration and Meeting New and Old Friends

0900 Welcomes and Introductions around the Room

#### Presentations Include:

- Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program Update
- Presentation: "The Origins and Global Significance of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area"
- Video: "The Wet Tropics – Nature's Greatest Survival Story"
- Presentation: "Conservation Initiatives on the Cassowary Coast"
- Presentation: "Tourism – A Team Game"
- Presentation: "A Tour Operator's Journey"
- Panel Discussion: "Tourism Opportunities on the Cassowary Coast"
- Field Trip to Lacey Creek and QPWS Update
- Guiding Assessments for Wet Tropics Tour Guide Certification
- Cooperative Tips Session: "Group Management Techniques"
- Optional Dinner at Mission Beach Resort Bistro – Own Expense

#### Saturday 03 November 2018

0715 Participants to meet at Mission Beach Water Taxi Terminal, Wongaling Beach

0730 Depart Wongaling Beach for Dunk Island by Mission Beach Water Taxi

0815 All Participants gather on Dunk Island

#### Activities Include:

- Girringun Land and Sea Rangers Presentation
- The Future of Dunk Island Tourism
- Return Walk to Muggy Muggy Beach

1000 Depart Dunk Island for Wongaling Beach by Mission Beach Water Taxi

1115 Drive to Mena Creek for Lunch

- Presentation: "Creating a Destination"

1315 Mamu Tropical Skywalk Introduction and Exploration

- Activity: "Finding Themes – What will Guests Want to Know About Your Experience?"

1430 Activity Review and Take Home Messages

1500 Field School Concludes.



The Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program supports ambassadors for the Wet Tropics through:

- Field Schools around the Wet Tropics building knowledge and skills;
- The Wet Tropics Tour Guide Course - Three Units in Natural Landscapes, Cultural Landscape and Commentary Delivery with a final Field Assessment;
- E-Newsletter, Facebook Community and Website Sharing Experiences and Resources;
- The Savannah Guides network of Guiding Resources, Field Schools and Training.

**Please pass this information on through your Networks**

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# HELPFUL INFORMATION

## Transport

Private Transport is required for this Field School. No buses are being provided in an effort to keep Registration Fees as low as possible. We suggest Car Pooling as an option. We also strongly suggest that travelling participants arrive in Mission Beach on Thursday evening.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in your Registration Fee. Some Options include:

### Mission Beach Resort

- Budget Studio Queen Rooms (yet to be refurbished) \$ 89
  - Superior Queen Rooms with Patio (refurbished) \$139
- [www.missionbeachresort.com.au](http://www.missionbeachresort.com.au)

### Mission Beach Retreat

- Budget Rooms (Share Bathroom) \$ 59
- [www.missionbeachretreat.com.au](http://www.missionbeachretreat.com.au)

or visit [missionbeachtourism.com](http://missionbeachtourism.com)

## What to Bring

- Day Pack and Large Water Bottle
- Walking Shoes / Boots and Hat
- Sunscreen and Insect Repellent
- Notepad and Pens



## Getting Involved

We welcome your contribution to our Workshops and Field Schools! Please help make it an even greater success by:

- ❖ **Bringing your colleagues and distributing this information** – the training and team building opportunity at Wet Tropics Tour Guide Field Schools is legendary and your input is welcome!
- ❖ Consider gaining your **Wet Tropics Tour Guide Certification**. The criteria for certification will soon change, so we encourage everyone who has partially completed to finish your assessment as soon as possible! Currently all you need is:
  - Attendance at One Field School
  - Complete 2 x One Day Workshops and their Workbooks in Flora, Fauna and Landscape Commentary; Tour Commentary Excellence and Presenting the World Heritage Area as a Cultural Landscape. Please submit your Workbooks as soon as possible!
  - 30 Minute Field Assessment. There will be the opportunity to undertake this at the Cassowary Coast Field School or in Cairns soon after. Please contact [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au) to advise when you would like to undertake your assessment.
- ❖ Meanwhile, please join us in the Wet Tropics Tour Guide Network on **Facebook**.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Wet Tropics Tour Guides Field School

2 – 3 November 2018, Cassowary Coast

Name of Individual/s attending: \_\_\_\_\_

From – Operator / Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ [please print clearly]

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary or Medical Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not distribute my contact details to other participants after the Workshop

Please do not use any images of me in Wet Tropics / Savannah Guides promotions

## PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PARTICIPATION:

Fri 02 & Sat 03 November	2 Day Field School	\$180 Registration Fee
Fri 02 Nov <u>OR</u> Sat 03 Nov	One Day Only of Field School	\$100 Registration Fee

## YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Fri 02 Nov & Sat 03 Nov: Participation in all Presentations and Activities; Entry and Tour Fees; Lunch (Fri and Sat)

**Conditions:** Limit of 50 Participants. Payment must be received to confirm participation.

**Disclaimer:** The program is correct at time of printing. WTMA and Savannah Guides reserve the right to change the program without notice should unforeseen circumstances arise.

**PAYMENT TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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/notes field on your transfer with your surname or company name. Please also email on [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au) to advise us of your payment.  
I have paid by Direct Deposit on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2018

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.

A Tax Invoice will be issued on receipt of payment. A \$40 per person administration fee applies to all cancellations.

Please remember to advise us if you would like to undertake your Wet Tropics Tour Guide Field Assessment at this field School, and bring your completed Workbooks should you wish to complete Certification.

Please send your completed form to [sam@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:sam@savannah-guides.com.au)