



## Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program

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# WET TROPICS TOUR GUIDE FIELD SCHOOL AND AMBASSADOR WORKSHOP

**“Tour guides: at the frontline of the climate conversation”**

**16–17–18 April 2020 in Paluma**

Join Wet Tropics Tour Guides, locals, tourism businesses, visitor information centre staff, land managers, Traditional Owners, researchers and government representatives for valuable **information sharing** and **networking** at our upcoming event. Everyone is welcome for the Ambassador workshop or the field school or both.

### **Thursday 16 April 2020—Wet Tropics Ambassador workshop**

An introductory workshop outlining World Heritage values and key stories of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.  
**1300 – 1530** Wet Tropics Ambassador workshop at Hidden Valley Cabins, Paluma

### **Friday 17 April 2020—field school day 1**

This field school will consider how tour guides can interpret the confronting evidence around environmental issues in the Wet Tropics. Join leading researchers to understand the challenges and how you can answer guest questions at a time of heightened public interest. We'll explore the incredible Paluma National Park and Wallaman Falls and build interpretation skills along the way.

- 0730** Optional breakfast at Hidden Valley Cabins
- 0830** Participants meet at Hidden Valley Cabins, McLennan Road, Paluma
- 0900** Welcomes and introductions
- 0945** 'Climate change and the biodiversity of the Wet Tropics' by Professor Stephen Williams (James Cook University)
- 1030** Morning tea
- 1100** 'Conservation of cassowaries, mabi and littoral forest' in the Wet Tropics by Tony O'Malley (Terrain NRM)
- 1145** 'Wildlife of Paluma National Park and surrounds' by Professor Stephen Williams (James Cook University)
- 1230** Drive to Paluma Community Hall for picnic lunch, including 30 minute wildlife display and discussion: 'Using animal ambassadors for conservation education' with Ranger Dan (Hands On Wildlife), and local historical displays  
Travel to Paluma National Park sites—car pooling required
- 1415** 'Delivering educational tourism to international clients' by Ross McLennan (Hidden Valley Cabins)
- 1445** 'First rule of climate change is... don't talk about climate change!' by Terry Carmichael (Wet Tropics Management Authority)
- 1530** 'Rainforest Stories' by Sarah Swan (Paluma District Community Association), Russell Boswell (Savannah Guides)
- 1600** Return to Hidden Valley Cabins. At leisure; drinks available
- 1800** 'Platypus viewing and biology discussion' with Ross McLennan (Hidden Valley Cabins)
- 1700** Dinner at Hidden Valley Cabins
- 2100** 'Spotlighting nocturnal animals including techniques and interpretation' by Ross McLennan (Hidden Valley Cabins)

### **Saturday 18 April 2020—field school day 2**

- 0645** Optional breakfast at Hidden Valley Cabins
- 0800** 'Conservation of the endemic northern bettong at Mount Zero-Taravale' by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy
- 0845** 'How the rainforest works' by Terry Carmichael (Wet Tropics Management Authority)
- 0930** Morning tea
- 1000** 'Mahogany gliders: endemic, enchanting and endangered' by Daryl Dickson (Mahogany Glider Recovery Team)
- 1100** Depart Hidden Valley Cabins for Tyto Wetland (Ingham) car park for car-pooling to Wallaman Falls
- 1300** Picnic lunch at Wallaman Falls
- 1330** 'Proposed multi-day walking trail from Paluma to Wallaman Falls' by Thomas Holding (Nywaigi Traditional Owner)
- 1400** 'Is Wallaman Falls the next ecotourism hub in the Wet Tropics?' by Ross McLennan (Hidden Valley Cabins)
- 1430** Take home messages and field school close. Return to Tyto Wetland car park.

**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.

Driving to Hidden Valley Cabins and Paluma Cricket Ground on Ewan McLennan Road and McLennan Road involves around five kilometres of good unsealed road.

Driving from Ingham to Hidden Valley cabins takes approximately 90 minutes.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in your registration fee. Some options include:

### Hidden Valley Cabins

Rustic Room: twin/doubles, shared bathroom

\$89 room per night

Rustic Cabin: bathroom, balcony and a double bed and two singles

\$159 room per night

\*Please organise your own share partners or contact Hidden Valley Cabins to see if any other males/females have requested sharing (sharing partners/share availability cannot be guaranteed).

Deluxe Rustic Cabin: Queen bed and bathroom

\$229 room per night

### Additional accommodation

Hidden Valley may have additional suggestions

Phone Sarah Swan on 0439 492 351 for options around Paluma village

Check Air BnB listings

### Camping

Paluma Cricket Ground: toilet, shower and undercover facilities. Please just camp courteously and make a donation to the Waterfall Creek Rural Fire Brigade at Hidden Valley Cabins.

## What to bring

Day pack and large water bottle \* walking shoes/boots and hat \* sunscreen and insect repellent \* notepad and pens \* binoculars and field guides \* torch \* wet weather gear

## Getting involved

Please help us to build the Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program by:

1. **Bringing your colleagues and distributing this information**—the training and team-building opportunities at Wet Tropics Tour Guide field schools are legendary!
2. Completing your **Wet Tropics Tour Guide certification** by:
  - participating in one field school
  - completing the Wet Tropics Tour Guide certification manual
3. undertaking a 30 minute field assessment at a field school or in Cairns (advance booking required)
4. Joining the conversation in the Facebook group: Wet Tropics Tour Guide Network.

Contact [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au) for more details.

**The Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program** supports Wet Tropics awareness through:

- the *Wet Tropics Ambassador Program*, a three-hour introductory presentation
- *Wet Tropics Tour Guide field schools* around the region, building knowledge and skills
- the *Wet Tropics Tour Guide certification manual*—covering natural and cultural values of the Wet Tropics and guiding techniques
- e-Newsletter, Facebook community and shared resources
- The Savannah Guides network of guiding resources, field schools and training



# REGISTRATION FORM

## Wet Tropics Tour Guide field school and Ambassador workshop 16–17–18 April 2020 in Paluma

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

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 INDICATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

	Thu 16 April 2020	Ambassador workshop	No registration fee
	Fri 17 and Sat 18 April 2020	Full two-day field school	\$180 registration fee
	Fri 17 <u>or</u> Sat 18 April 2020	One day only of field school	\$100 registration fee

### YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Thu 16 April: workshop and Wet Tropics Ambassador certificate. Please arrange meals and accommodation independently.

Fri 17 April: participation in all presentations and activities; entry and tour fees; morning tea, lunch and dinner

At 18 April: participation in all presentations and activities; entry and tour fees; morning tea and lunch

### OPTIONAL MEALS

The following additional meals are available from Hidden Valley Cabins. If you require these please tick or advise numbers beside the box and include in your payment with this registration.

- Thursday 16 April \$30 dinner
- Friday 17 April \$15 continental breakfast
- Saturday 18 April \$15 continental breakfast

Conditions: limit of 35 participants. Payment must be received to confirm participation.

Disclaimer: The program is correct at time of printing. The Wet Tropics Management Authority 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 [sam@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:sam@savannah-guides.com.au) to advise us of your payment.  
I have paid by direct deposit on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2020
- b)  **Credit card:** please tick:  VISA  Mastercard  
Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card no: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_
- c)  **My enterprise** will be paying: please send a tax invoice. Please note payment is required prior to 8 April 2020.  
A tax invoice will be issued on receipt of payment. A \$40 per person administration fee applies to all cancellations.

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