



WILDERNESS AWARENESS SCHOOL

Greetings!

Thank you for registering for the **Wildlife Tracking Basics** weekend course with Wilderness Awareness School! This course is an engaging introduction to the skills and knowledge of wildlife tracking. We are excited to meet you at Linne Doran, Wilderness Awareness School's 40-acre campus.

Please see our website for detailed information about [our cancellation and transfer policy](#).

This confirmation letter contains information that you will need to prepare for this program. **Please read it carefully.**

If you have any questions regarding your registration, please contact Wilderness Awareness School at (425) 788-1301; our office hours are 8:00-4:00, Monday through Friday.

We are looking forward to a great class together exploring the skills and ancient knowledge of wildlife tracking!

Sincerely,

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Adult Program Manager
Wilderness Awareness School

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Lead Instructor

Wildlife Tracking Basics

When: This program runs **Saturday and Sunday, Sept 19th-20th** .

Saturday Timing: 9am-9pm (with lunch and dinner breaks)

Sunday Timing: 8am-3pm (with lunch break)

Please arrive at our campus by 8:30am, as it will take a few minutes to get settled and walk to where class is being held!

Please note that this class will run concurrent with our opening weekend of the Tracking Intensive.

Where: Linne Doran, our 40-acre campus, is located about fifteen minutes outside of Duvall (where our office is located) in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

The address where class is held is:

20410 NE 320th Ave NE

Duvall, WA 98019

You can find a map and directions on our website:

<http://wildernessawareness.org/resources/maps>

What to Expect:

We will be spending time outside in the woods as well as some covered structures. Be prepared to dress in layers so that you can adjust easily. Expect that you may get muddy and dirty!

We'll cover many essential topics including:

- **Wildlife and their Biology**
- **How to learn the Art of Tracking**
- **Animal Track and Sign identification**
- **Track Measurements and Journaling**
- **Animal Gait/Movement patterns**

Facilities:

Our Linne Doran campus includes Cedar Lodge, our indoor classroom and meeting space, a large yurt, and Malalo Ya Chui, our core outdoor classroom, and several covered areas with firepits. There are also port-o-potties for your restroom needs. Linne Doran has limited cell reception and no internet access.

We are not able to offer camping on our campus at this time due to the impacts on our operations as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are traveling in from afar I recommend finding a hotel room in Monroe or Redmond, or looking for Airbnb/VRBO rentals in the area.

Food:

Food is not provided for this course. Please bring meals and snacks for each day. For those choosing to camp at Linne Doran overnight, you may cook a meal on the property—please bring your own stove and cooking utensils (pots, pans, etc), it is not possible to use the school kitchen for individual meal preparation or clean-up. *Please bring your own refrigeration if needed.* There are also restaurants in town; your instructors can give you their recommendations.

Getting to Class:

There is no public transportation available to get to our Linne Doran campus. *We are unable to provide transportation for this course.*

Non-Local Participants: If you are going to be traveling from afar to attend this course, please let us know what your travel plans are. This helps dramatically in the event that something goes wrong during your travels. Please include any details like flight or train arrival and departure times, etc.

Required and Recommended Gear List for Tracking Basics

Please bring the following items. This list is designed with your comfort and safety in mind, and takes into account the variable weather possibilities in Western Washington.

- o 2-Liters of water (Platypus, 1-liter bottles, etc.)
- o Notebook and pen/pencil
- o Daypack (to carry lunch, water, notebook, and extra layers)
- o Clothing that can get dirty, etc. *appropriate to the weather. This could include:*
 - Light weight pants and long-sleeved shirt (for bug/sun protection)
 - T-shirt and shorts
 - Synthetic long underwear top and bottom (not cotton)
 - Wool or fleece pants (not cotton)
 - 2 wool or fleece sweaters (not cotton)
 - Rain jacket (or poncho) and rain pants
 - Socks, *including some that are not cotton*
 - Warm hat
 - Gloves
 - Appropriate footwear; bring two pairs, including one to tromp in the wet and mud