



Amateur Naturalist Training

ANAT

**Denwa Backwater Escape
(Satpura, MP)**

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Course Overview

Amateur Naturalist Course, ANAT, has been curated due to interest among a lot of people to know more about wildlife or explore a future potential as a naturalist, regardless of their educational background.

For such candidates who deeply desire to learn about nature, **Wildlife and Forestry Services** in association with **Pugdundee Safaris** presents ANAT. As experienced lodge operators & wildlife professionals, we realize that the forest is an observatory for passionate nature lovers and this course serves as an opportunity to be more informed about various sides of nature.

To be a true nature lover, there are three parts that should occur simultaneously:

- Appreciation towards all forms of Nature
- Knowledge of habitats and ecosystems
- Ability to not just comprehend but also interpret the complexity of a forest in the simplest ways

ANAT is a **five-night six day** program that focuses to elevate passionate nature lovers into well-informed nature lovers or amateur naturalists with an elementary knowledge of the above.

The **six-day** program offers

- Course delivery from subject experts
- Excellent opportunity for peer learning
- First-hand exposure to the life of a naturalist
- Certificate of accomplishment

This course is strictly for people who are new to wildlife & gives only a basic introduction to the wildlife of central India.

A Snapshot



Who should join?

- Have you been longing to gain scientific knowledge about forests and creatures - big and small?
- Do you wish to quit the routine and experience the distantly fascinating life in natural settings?



Guidelines for applicants

- Life in the camp will be an adventure for the ones who are passionate about nature and can minimally appreciate lack of internet as much as the presence of it
- The candidate should be willing to learn from the experts as well as the experience of peers (Forest life is also about team work and life skills)
- Experts will deliver lectures in English. An understanding and speaking fluency in English language is a must
- Candidates joining for the purpose of exploring and expanding their knowledge on wildlife must be willing and enthusiastic towards the course curriculum
- The candidates will be rewarded with participation certificate

About us and your trainer

“Wildlife & Forestry Services”, a professional wildlife management & forestry consultancy firm in association with “Pugdundee Safaris”, a leading sustainable wildlife tourism company organizes this unique wildlife training course.



Kartikeya Singh

COURSE COORDINATOR
AND LEAD TRAINER

Kartikeya holds a **Master’s Degree in Ecology & Environment** and has **eight years** of research experience working with the Wildlife Institute of India during which he studied the ecology of **Indian Wolves** and the **Asiatic Lions**. Kartikeya has also worked as an additional photographer on several documentaries produced by **BBC** and other eminent production houses.

A proficient trapper of wolves and other canids, he has expertise in **catching, anesthetizing, and radio-collaring** wild animals. In 2011, he was one of the specialists involved in reintroducing **Gaur from Kanha to Bandhavgarh & Cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa to Kuno National Park** in 2022. Kartikeya is also a specialist trainer who regularly conducts training for frontline forest department staff, guides and naturalists.

Modules covered

MODULE 1: MAMMALS

- What are Mammals
- Biogeography of India and mammalian distribution
- Social organization of mammals
- Diets: Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores
- Habitat and niches of Mammals
- Sexing of Mammals by observation
- Interpreting alarm
- Scratching, wallowing, and dust bathing
- Interpreting parental interactions with the young
- Interpreting tracks and signs
- Critically endangered mammals of India and conservation
- Identification of common Mammals

MODULE 2: BIRDS

- Definition of birds
- Anatomy and characteristics of birds
- Plumage terminology
- Biogeography of India and bird species
- Importance of birds
- Diets: granivores, frugivores, carnivores and omnivores
- Habitat and niches of birds
- Sexing of birds by observation
- Effect of season and geography on pelage
- Interpreting fear, threat, and aggression
- Interpreting alarm
- Scratching, wallowing, and dust bathing
- Interpreting parental interactions with the young
- Interpreting specialized behavior
- Interpreting tracks and signs
- Critically endangered birds of India and conservation
- Identification of common Birds

Fees

IF ENROLLED TILL 30TH SEPT'2025

Promotional Price - Rs 40,000/ + 5% GST per person on twin sharing basis

Single supplement -Rs. 25,000/ + 5% GST

IF ENROLLED POST 30TH SEPT'2025

Regular Price - Rs 46,000/ + 5% GST per person on twin sharing basis

Single supplement -Rs. 27,000/ + 5% GST

SEATS AVAILABLE: 15

To enroll, you are required to deposit a 25% fee at the time of filling out the application form. The balance amount is payable latest by Nov 15 '25

CANCELLATION POLICY

1. Initial deposit once paid is non-refundable
2. 50% cancellation charges between 31-59 days from the commencement of the course
3. 100% cancellation charges within 30 days from the commencement of the course

BANK DETAILS

Account Name: Wildlife and Forestry Services

Account Number: 34142497348

IFSC Code: SBIN0030288

Bank: State Bank of India Branch- Fazalpura, Ujjain

Type: Current Account

Inclusions

The camp is set up on the premises of **Denwa Backwater Escape** (a Pugdundee Safaris Experience Lodge in Satpura).

Price includes the following:

1. Twin sharing accommodation (same gender sharing) in standard rooms with attached facilities
2. All meals, tea/coffee service
3. 1 safari in the national park
4. 1 late evening safari in the buffer zone
5. 1 jeep drive around the lodge for bird watching
6. 1 boat ride
7. Several nature walks

Please note: This is an educational program and lodge facilities aren't available for the participants.



What to carry & Reference books

- Personal clothing
- Earthy-colored outdoor clothing
- Cap/hat
- Laptop
- Binoculars
- Camera (with spare batteries) / tripod / monopod
- Guide books
 1. ***Indian Mammals by Vivek Menon***
 2. ***Birds of the Indian Subcontinent: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and the Maldives by Richard Grimmett, Carol Inskipp, Tim Inskipp***

- Outdoor footwear for walking and floaters
- Winter wear
- Rain gear (ponchos/ parasols)
- Water bottle
- Notebooks
- Working internet connection (Only BSNL/JIO)
- Power Bank
- USB/ Hard Disk (Storage Devices)
- Personal Medicines
- Torch

Reaching the campus

Satpura Tiger Reserve is well connected from all parts of India by road, air, and rail

- It is 136 km southeast of **Bhopal**, the closest airport to Satpura
- **Itarsi** is a prominent railway junction with trains from all across the country and is just 70 km away
- **Sohagpur** is the nearest railway station around 18 km away
- Satpura is just 19 km from a prominent state highway and 70 km away from the national highway 12



Rules and regulations

Candidates joining the course are expected to abide by the ANAT rules & regulations. Candidates are expected to thoroughly read the attached consent form and acknowledge the same with the date and signatures.

- Adhere to the timings and instructions provided by the course coordinator. Possession & use of alcohol and any form of drugs is strictly prohibited on the campus
- Smokers will have to declare in advance. Smoking in common areas and accommodation is prohibited
- Refrain from any form of sexual misconduct
- At the time of submission of the form, send us a copy of aadhar card and License. Cancellation Policies apply
- Candidates joining ANAT will have to sign an indemnity bond

