



# WILDERNESS AWARENESS SCHOOL

## **GREETINGS and WELCOME!**

Thank you for registering for the Tracking Basics weekend course with Wilderness Awareness School in Duvall, Washington! 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 property.

Please see our website for detailed information about our cancelation 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 fabulous week together exploring the skills and ancient knowledge of wilderness living and survival.

Sincerely,

Mark Kang O'Higgins  
Lead Instructor

Nate Summers  
School Year Program Director

## Tracking Basics Weekend

**When:** This program runs **Saturday and Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm.**

**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 320<sup>th</sup> 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 will be spending significant time outside regardless of the weather. We encourage you to be prepared for all types of weather and bring several layers so that you can be comfortable throughout the class.

While this class is focused, it will also be very enjoyable. We strive to balance theory with hands-on practice in a safe learning environment.

We'll cover many topics including

- Basic Animal Track ID
- Animal Sign
- Track Measurements
- Basic Animal Gait/Movement patterns

### **Facilities:**

Our Linne Doran campus includes Cedar Lodge, our indoor classroom and meeting space, as well as several outdoor classrooms including a large Yurt, and Malalo Ya Chui, our Roundhouse-in-the-Woods. There are also several Port-o-Johns on the property. Linne Doran has limited cell reception and no internet access. To get the most out of the experience, we recommend you plan on being out of communication during your course.

**Participants are welcome to camp on our property on Saturday evening.**

Accommodations are rustic: there is water available via spigot and Port-o-Johns for restroom needs. If you would like different accommodations (like a bed), please call us so that we can help you find what you need. There are some B & B type

accommodations nearby, as well as a County Park for large RV set-ups. We *do not* have space for RV's or for campers that are larger than a pickup.

**Food:**

Food is not provided for this course. Please bring a lunch and snack food for each day. Instruction will end by 5pm on Saturday, and 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 great restaurants in town, your instructors can give you recommendations.

**Getting to Class:**

There is no public transportation available to get to our Linne Doran campus. If you need to arrange to carpool with other participants, please contact the office right away and we will try and help you out. *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 during summer in Western Washington.

- 1-Liter of Water
- Notebook and pen/pencil
- Tape measure (10')
- Daypack (to carry lunch, water, notebook, and extra layers)
- 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 wet and mud

### **Optional:**

If you are camping overnight:

- Tent with rain fly and ground tarp
- Sleeping bag and pad (with temperature rating appropriate for season)
- Toiletries and personal medication
- Flashlight
- Food/stove/cooler