

**COURSE SCHEDULE**  
**Online Nature Guide Training Course (24 Oct – 24 Nov 2021)**

Date & Time	Learning Set	Topic	Duration	Type	Resource Person
24/Oct 11:00 AM	One	<b>GETTING STARTED</b>	3.5 hours		
		Meet your mentors and fellow participants		Live	Payal & Harsha
		Understanding Tour Guiding and the role of a guide		Recorded	Harsha J
		Field note making		Recorded	Abhisheka K
		Classification of the Living World		Recorded	Payal Mehta
		A Biodiversity Hotspot: The Western Ghats	Recorded	Payal Mehta	
27/Oct 06:30 PM	Two	<b>ALL ABOUT BIRDS</b>	4.5 hours		
		Review Set 1 assignments and Q&A		Live	Payal & Harsha
		What are birds?		Recorded	Harsha J
		The why and how of bird watching		Recorded	Harsha J
		First steps to identifying Birds		Recorded	Harsha J
		Birds of the Western Ghats		Recorded	Harsha J
		Learning how to learn	Recorded	Payal Mehta	
31/Oct 11:00 AM	Three	<b>SOME GUIDING SKILLS AND A PEEK INTO THE WORLD OF INSECTS</b>	3.5 hours		
		Review Set 2 assignments and Q&A		Live	Payal & Harsha
		Handling sightings with guests		Recorded	Payal, Harsha, Sae & Vineeth
		Basic principles of communication for a guide		Recorded	Payal Mehta
		A peek into the world of Insects		Recorded	Payal Mehta
		More about Butterflies & Moths	Recorded	Payal Mehta	
03/Nov 06:30 PM	Four	<b>GETTING DEEPER INTO THE WORLD OF INSECTS AND SPIDERS</b>	4 hours		
		Review Set 3 assignments and Q&A		Live	Payal & Harsha
		Life of Dragonflies & Damselflies		Recorded	David Raju
		The quiet world of Spiders		Recorded	Devi Priyadarshini
		How to use iNaturalist app?		Recorded	Subhadra Devi
		Opening up the world of Plants	Recorded	Payal Mehta	
07/Nov 11:00 AM	Five	<b>A LOT ABOUT PLANTS AND A NEW GUIDING SKILL</b>	4 hours		
		Review Set 4 assignments and Q&A		Live	Payal & Harsha
		Plants of the Western Ghats		Recorded	Siddarth Machado
		How to start and end a nature excursion		Recorded	Harsha, Payal, Vineeth & Sae
		How to use SeasonWatch app?		Recorded	Swati Sidhu
		Guiding for Plants	Recorded	Harsha, Payal, Vineeth & Sae	

<b>10/Nov</b> 06:30 PM	<b>Six</b>	<b>ABOUT FROGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS</b> Review Set 5 assignments and Q&A What are Amphibians? Amphibians of the Western Ghats Ethics in Nature Tourism Care for your guests and more to bear in mind while guiding Visual Aid Interview with Wildlife Tour Leaders	<b>3.5 hours</b>	Live Recorded Recorded Recorded Recorded Recorded Recorded	Payal & Harsha Harsha J David Raju Payal Mehta Payal Mehta Harsha, Payal, Vineeth & Saeed Invited speakers
<b>14/Nov</b> 11:00 AM	<b>Seven</b>	<b>ABOUT SNAKES AND OTHER INTERESTING CREATURES</b> Review Set 6 assignments and Q&A The not so scary world of Reptiles Reptiles of Western Ghats Special touches to your nature excursion	<b>3.5 hours</b>	Live Recorded Recorded Recorded	Payal & Harsha Arpita Dutta Surya Ramachandran Harsha J
<b>17/Nov</b> 06:30 PM	<b>Eight</b>	<b>WORLD OF MAMMALS AND EBIRD</b> Review Set 7 assignments and Q&A Introduction to Mammals Mammals of Western Ghats Been birding for a month, learn how to use the eBird app. Interviews: local nature guides	<b>3.5 hours</b>	Live Recorded Recorded Recorded Recorded	Payal & Harsha Nikita Khamparia Harsha J Mittal Gala Invited speakers
<b>21/Nov</b> 11:00 AM	<b>Nine</b>	<b>INTERCONNECTIONS IN NATURE AND VIEWS OF NATURE GUIDES</b> Review Set 8 assignments and Q&As Interconnections in Nature Career as a naturalist Interview: What do you look for in your lodge nature guide? Interviews with Wildlife Guests	<b>4 hours</b>	Live Live Recorded Recorded Recorded	Payal & Harsha Karthikeyan S Payal Mehta Invited speakers Invited speakers
<b>24/Nov</b> 06:00 PM	<b>Ten</b>	<b>WRAPPING UP</b> Review Set 9 assignments and Q&A Conclusion	<b>2 hours</b>	Live Live	Payal & Harsha Payal & Harsha