

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

This course is an introduction to the basics of tracking and is highly recommended for all SAR personnel. It is important because everywhere a lost subject walks they leave behind clues which searchers must know how to recognize and then interpret with some degree of accuracy.

Searchers with tracking training have proven time and time again to be highly effective in locating clues that have helped in the faster resolution of the search.

You will be introduced to observation, clue awareness and visual tracking skills. You will learn to distinguish between natural characteristics and those caused by human/s moving through an environment. You will be required to track in various settings both day and night.

The TCA course utilises the 'tracking stick' and the step by-step system of tracking. This systematic approach provides a strong foundation of processing sign for both SAR and evidential purposes. The tracking stick methodology can be used effectively at key locations to confirm the sign, characteristics and Direction of Travel (DOT) - all important aspects in any search and rescue operation.

The advanced tracking courses introduce more systems to help locate people but the learning from this course is vital core skills for trackers of all abilities.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to give you an awareness of clues and tracks that may exist and to learn basic tracking systems to process them.

By the end of this course you should be able to;

- Identify types of sign in different environments
- Track using the tracking stick in the step by step method
- Track in daylight or dark
- Apply basic site processing procedures
- Determine characteristics or pattern of sign/prints
- Be able to confirm the presence (or not) of the lost subject
- Be able to communicate sign and tracking information

COST

SARINZ is a registered Charitable Trust, and as such it only seeks to cover costs and minimal overheads. Any profit made by the Trust *MUST* be reinvested into Search and Rescue, usually through Research and Development (R&D). This means that an investment in SARINZ training is an investment in the future of SAR.

There is a fixed fee for the delivery of the course which is dependant upon the number of tutors required to best meet the needs of the participants. Travel and logistics vary according to location, and are charged back at actual cost - so if you have access to "local deals", this will reduce the cost of the training.

All course logistics such as participant accommodation, travel, meals, venue will be arranged by the course organiser.

COURSE PROGRAMME

Pre-workshop:

Consists of reading, exercises and written activities designed to introduce you to the subject of Track and Clue Awareness (TCA).

Workshop:

Consists of the practical component of the course usually delivered over two full days. Timing is approximately 8am until 10pm on the first day and then 8am until 4pm on the second day.

PRE-REQUISITES

To attend this course, you must be competent in outdoor skills, in tune with nature and preferably involved in some aspect of Search and Rescue (or similar)

WHAT TO BRING

- Two torches/lights (1 with a "clean" light, LED hand held torch or similar and another hand held spotlight).
- Wide brimmed hat recommended but not essential
- SAR or Hi-Vis vest (or similar).
- Boots or Gumboots
- Base layers – Top, bottom, hat and warm jacket.
- Wet weather jacket and pants.
- Personal medication/first aid kit.

WHAT NEXT

Please contact info@sarinz.com to discuss your training request and we will prepare a quote that best meets your needs.

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