

W.G.A. Standards Level 2 Boreal Forest

A Level 2 Guide:

Risk & emergency management

- Must be able to act adequate in a emergency situation
- Must be able to recognize potential dangerous situations and must be able to take all precautions to minimalise the hazards for group and/or individuals
- Must be able to conduct a risk assessment and risk management plan
- Must be able to work in a search and rescue team.

Leadership

- Must have knowledge of different leadership styles and be able to choose a leadership style that fits to the group and/or individual.
- Must be able to lead a group up to 12 individuals in Wilderness areas in a safe way.

Survival & Bushcraft

- Must have very good fire lighting skills (under difficult circumstances)
- Must know different sorts of natural shelters and must be able to construct a shelter in a adequate manner
- Must have knowledge and how to set up different sorts of traps in case of a emergency situation.
- Must be able to show, teach and perform how to use natural materials for cooking, crafting and other bushcraft techniques
- Is well trained to live threw a survival situation
- Knows how to catch fish
- Knows how to clean fish, birds and mammals
- Is well trained in knife, axe and saw handling and safety
- Has good skills using rope (knots, lashings, pully systems etc)

Navigation

- Must have excellent skills with map and Compass
- Knows how to use a GPS and can use a GPS on a high level together with map and compass.
- Is able to orientate with the use of sun and stars.
- Is very well trained in Route finding through difficult terrain.

Flora & fauna / Ecology

- can identify the different bird species (at least 30 in the area)
- Knows the different mammal species
- Has a high level of knowledge about tracking
- Has a high level of knowledge of the local flora and edible and medicinal plants

Culture & Conservation

- Knows about ancient and present culture in the area
- Is informed and has knowledge about the local conservation issues and protected areas.

Wilderness Camping

- Can choose, set up and maintain a good campsite in a wilderness area (Safety, shelter, water, food, hygiene)

(Wilderness) First Aid

- Has at least a 40 hours training in Wilderness First Aid and an up to date certification

Hiking & backpacking

- Can guide a multiple day backpacking trip
- Has knowledge of short cuts in the terrain
- Can adapt a trip to the needs of the group
- Can improvise the route if needed
- Knows how to contact SAR and or medical assistance if needed
- Knows what safety gear to bring and how to use it (egg. communication equipment)
- Knows the different techniques for crossing rivers

Rules and regulations

- Is well informed about the (local) rules and regulations
- Keeps his activities within the boundaries of those rules and regulations

Equipment

- Knows what equipment can be used and knows how to use that equipment

Meteorology

- Has knowledge of the local weather patterns.