



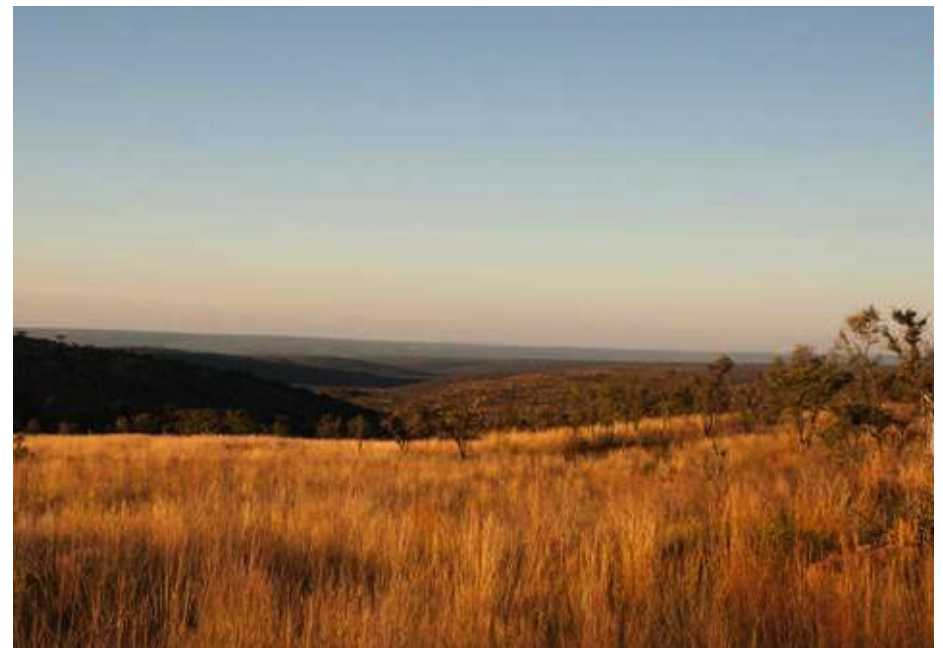
## Welgevonden Big 5

**If you want the Big 5 and you're passionate about conservation & research then this is the Volunteer project you have been looking for!**

37,500 Hectares of vast, peaceful and incredibly beautiful scenery, this is a stunning destination filled with rich cultural legacy and immense natural beauty. Pack your camera and big lens!

You'll experience the Big 5 (White & Black Rhino, African Elephant, Cape Buffalo, African Leopard, and the African Lion) as well as many rare species such as the brown hyena, aardvark and aardwolf. The reserve is spread over 37 500 hectares and is only a 2.5 hour drive north of Johannesburg.

Basic translation implies "well found reserve" which is the ultimate description of this majestic piece of land that transforms at every opportunity. It offers breathtaking views of the African wilderness and offers memories that will last long after you have left. Explore between cheetah-loved grasslands and savannahs to leafy wooded mountains cut by deep rocky ravines. There are perennial rivers that constantly flow throughout this reserve ensuring constant healthy vegetation and habitats for over 50 different types of mammals – without even mentioning the 250 species of abundant and prolific birdlife. The Bushman rock art is a humbling experience as well. This reserve is privately managed and provides the spirit of true untouched wilderness. The reserve has never allowed legal hunting and limits the number of guests on the reserve at one time ensuring minimal human contact and the ultimate wilderness experience. The perfect balance of biodiversity, conservation, research and natural living is evident at here.



## Big 5 Project Description:

This project is very research focused and volunteers will be expected to assist in any projects that are under way when they arrive on property. All volunteers will be expected to report directly to the resident Biologist / Conservationist with their reports and observations. This is a very active project so volunteers have no need to get bored as they will be involved in the daily activities of the reserve and any exciting occurrences that may arise i.e. veld fire control, game capture, vet work etc.

## Tasks and Duties:

- Be under instruction of the Biologist and Nature Conservationist on property
- Assist with the research projects that are ongoing at the reserve e.g. leopard research
- Watch trip cameras for nocturnal animal activity
- Collect physical samples and data analysis for the weekly reports
- Help with the maintenance of enclosures / bomas and upkeep of facilities
- Participate in the daily running's of the reserve [animal capture, veld fire control, antipoaching]
- Animal tracking and monitoring. Report any unusual findings to reserve management for observation
- Be the eyes and ears of the reserve and get actively involved in every aspect to guarantee you receive the African Bush Experience of a lifetime
- Get involved with any veterinarian activities on property





## Accommodation and Meals:

Volunteers are accommodated in luxury permanent tented sites that are enclosed by electric fencing – keeping the animals out or in we wonder? There is a main building where the volunteers have access to a kitchen, social recreation area, research labs, bathroom facilities with hot water, electricity and Internet accessibility. The bird hide is wonderful to relax in, the braai area and fire pit are perfect for evening sundowners while in the distance watching and hearing nocturnal life come alive as the animals make their great trek home, or awakening, for the night's festivities. The swimming "gat" often attracts the flying kind but don't let this stop you from wallowing like the hippo downstream.

## Requirements:

- Personal First Aid Kit and any medication for illness
- Plug adaptor
- Hat, towel, sun cream and water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Sleeping bag for colder months
- Torch with batteries
- Smoking and Drug Use will not be tolerated

Alcohol must not be bought on to project If you have any questions we are happy to provide you more information.

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## Questions?

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