



Wildlife Farm Project

The Wildlife Farm is home to many orphaned and injured animals, offering care to young orphaned animals, as well as a haven for injured animals while they recover from their trauma. The farm is home to animals including elephants, lions, tigers, cheetahs, the spotted hyena, white lions, and hippo, as well as free-range game such as giraffes, wildebeest, zebras, warthogs, impalas, waterbucks, and the red hartebeest.

Some of the animals on the farm are wild and kept in separate enclosures as they are not able to be released into the wild. The farm acts as a home for many abused and neglected animals, as well as raising young animals that are rejected by their parents. The farm is unique in its design and activities.

The current aims of this project include reviving areas of damaged natural plant life, establishing viable populations of indigenous animals that were once poached, and restoring the general area to its original pristine condition. The area is part of a UNESCO World Heritage site and has a history dating back over 200 million years. It is their duty to protect and preserve this history; all volunteer assistance is greatly appreciated and targeted towards this cause.



Project Highlights

- Help out with looking out for wild cats
- Assist animals that once had no hope
- Learn about conservation and wild animals
- Live on a wildlife reserve
- Learn and help with the daily running of the farm



Airport: O R Tambo (JNB) International Airport (or Lanseria)

Project Details



Arrival day - Thursday

Time: Your flight can arrive anytime on Thursday.

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Upon arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to Sunrock Guesthouse.

Transfer to Project – Friday

10:00 AM – You will depart from Sunrock Guesthouse for your transfer to Hartebeespoort.

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by a project team member and transferred to the volunteer site.

Departure Day – Friday

Volunteer tasks

All work carried out by the volunteers will have a direct positive impact on the conservation of the wildlife. Some of the ongoing projects that volunteers might be part of include, but are not limited to:

- Daily farm duties such as cleaning animal enclosures, feeding the animals and changing the water.
- Anti-poaching fence patrols – Daylight guided walks around the perimeter of the property to check for snares and mark areas of the fence which require fixing.
- Bush clearing and alien plant control. This involves the removal of plants that pose a threat to the natural fauna and flora found within the reserve.
- Road maintenance (Filling, scraping and levelling) and erosion control
- Animal life improvement project: volunteers can be a part of the improvement of the animal's lives. Whether it's doing day to day cleaning, feeding and watering, to painting the elephant house and building new enclosures. These projects change according to the needs of the animals and farm.
- Repairs Tiger pool and Lion enclosure upgrade
- Ecological grass survey and cutting of grass in enclosures, trimming trees



Example itinerary

Monday:

AM: Farm projects (Plants, Roads, Enclosures) PM: Animal Improvement project and predator feed



Tuesday:

AM: Cleaning enclosures & Weeding
PM: Lion and tiger pools & Platform repairs

Wednesday:

AM: Cleaning enclosures & Weeding
PM: Lion and tiger pools & Cub camp reno & Predator feeding

Thursday:

AM + PM Excursion day

Friday:

AM: Hike to dam & Animal improvement project (big cats) PM: Elephant swimming & Meat prep for predator feed

Saturday:

AM: Elephant walk
PM: Walk through camps (Excursions)

Sunday:

Off



Accommodation

The volunteer accommodation is within walking distance from the main area where the meals are served. Volunteer accommodation exists of:

- 1 cottage that sleeps up to 6 people
- 1 log cabin with 4 bedrooms that each sleep 2 to 3 people. This accommodation has a lounge and a kitchen 1 cottage/house with 4 bedrooms each with 2 beds with a lounge and a kitchen
- 1 house with 3 large rooms that each sleep 6 people each – dormitory style. This house has a with kitchenette
- There is a separate building with communal bathroom facilities.
- All linen will be provided and strictly no visitors are permitted to enter the property unless permitted by the project leader



Extra information

Laundry: There is laundry on-site. The laundry service costs R50.00 per medium bundle of clothing. 1 Laundry Voucher is included. Please note: The project is not responsible for any damage to clothes during washing or ironing.

Internet: Included in the costs is a WIFI 50 mb voucher

Location: The farm is located 1 – 2 hours from JNB Airport and roughly 1 hour (50 km) from your orientation accommodation.

Shops/Grocery Stores: You will receive weekly transport into town so that you can purchase essentials and food items. Shop runs are R20 per trip.

ATMS: There are plenty of ATMS in Johannesburg where you will have your orientation. Once on project you will have the opportunity to withdraw money on your weekly shopping trip.

Supervision/Co- Ordination: As the nature of the work varies, volunteers are placed under the supervision of various staff members. One member of the team is assigned as “team leader” to facilitate the smooth operation of the volunteers stay and provide guidance where necessary.

Free time: The project also tries to fit in some weekly fun activities such as: Horse-riding, movie nights, and hot chocolate and marshmallow night, Bush dinners at the boma every second week, night drives and sunrise walks upon request.



Activities

Thursdays are excursion days where you can join the group activity or choose one of your own as per below options. You can also do these activities on your off days (Sundays).

Please note that activities are at your own expense.

- Quad
- Biking
- Skydiving
- Zip
- Lining
- Sterkfontein Caves
- Pilansberg safari (near Sun City)
- Lesedi - Tribal dancing and dinner
- Monkey sanctuary
- Hot Air
- Ballooning aerial
- Cableway Valpro
- Vulture park
- Monte Casino Bird
- Prak Croc City



Packing list

- Flashlight and batteries
- Notebook and pen
- Proof of all inoculations
- First aid kit and personal medication
- Water bottle
- Garden gloves
- Casual working clothes for hot and cold days
- Semi formal clothes for functions and for trips to town
- Jackets
- Sunscreen and hat
- Swimsuit and towel
- Personal toiletries and bath towels
- Raincoat
- Insect repellent
- Laptop with own dvd's if desired
- Pocket money