

BIG 5

PROJECT INFORMATION

The focus of this project is on wildlife and reserve management duties combined with nature conservation tasks, in order to maintain ecosystems and biodiversity.

This project offers a great opportunity to gain firsthand experience in the management of a South African nature reserve within a “Big 5” area.

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

This project needs volunteers to assist in general reserve management and maintenance tasks. You should have a genuine love for nature and wildlife in general, an open mind and be willing to work under varying climatic conditions.

The Big 5 Project offers a combination of working and learning experiences, as well as fun activities for persons of all ages looking for something different.

Each day will vary, but you can expect to take part in the following camp and bush work activities:

Camp work might include the following:

- Camp development and improvement
- Small building projects
- Cleaning of store rooms
- General maintenance of equipment
- Fence patrolling and checking the electric fence for faults

Bush work might include the following:

- Road maintenance
- Work at the bush camp
- Work on dams and waterholes
- Removal of litter and alien plants along the river
- Bush clearing
- Erosion control
- Veld evaluations
- Track identification and tracking

Emphasis is therefore not only on the “Big 5”, but all aspects of nature conservation.

A TYPICAL WORKING DAY

- Typically work starts at 07H00 each morning.
- Lunch time is from 12H00 – 14H00 daily and work ends at 17H00.
- On Saturdays we work from 07H00 – 12H00 and Sundays are free.
- Work for the day is discussed each morning and preparation is done with staff to ensure efficiency.

