



# Stamford College Group Presentation



## Waterberg Biomonitoring & Wildlife Project



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# **ABOUT WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE**

Project overview and  
location

## Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- **A unique conservation experience based in South Africa**
- **Live in a research camp on a wild African game reserve**
- **12 day programme specifically tailored for your group**
- **Learn about conservation management**
- **Project Activities include:**
  - Pioneering Conservation Research
  - Conservation Activities
  - Community development projects
- **Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff**
- **All inclusive experience**
- **The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have**

## What is a Game Reserve?

- **A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.**
- **Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.**
- **Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.**
- **Most reserves will have physical boundaries i.e. electrified fence line.**
- **Due to physical boundaries, wildlife must be managed due to restraints on population growth, migration and resources.**
- **Wildlife is protected but also utilised as a tourist attraction (Eco Tourism) which creates funding for conservation efforts and research.**

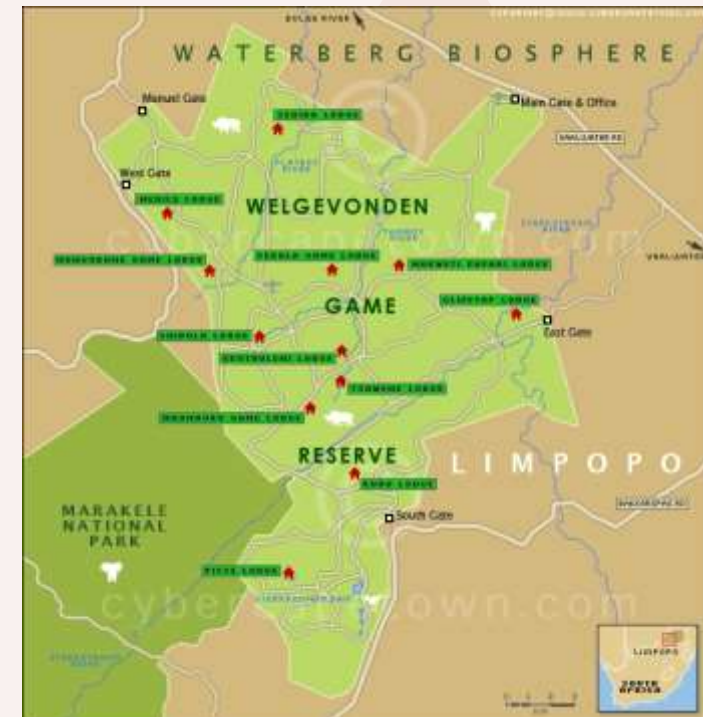


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## Welgevonden Game Reserve

- **35,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve**
- **Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere (4,000sq/km)**
- **Work alongside the conservation team including:**
  - Wildlife Vets
  - Conservation Researchers
  - Ecologists
  - Anti Poaching Unit
- **Located in a Malaria free zone**
- **Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area**
- **Savannah Eco System**
- **Research Camp Accommodation**

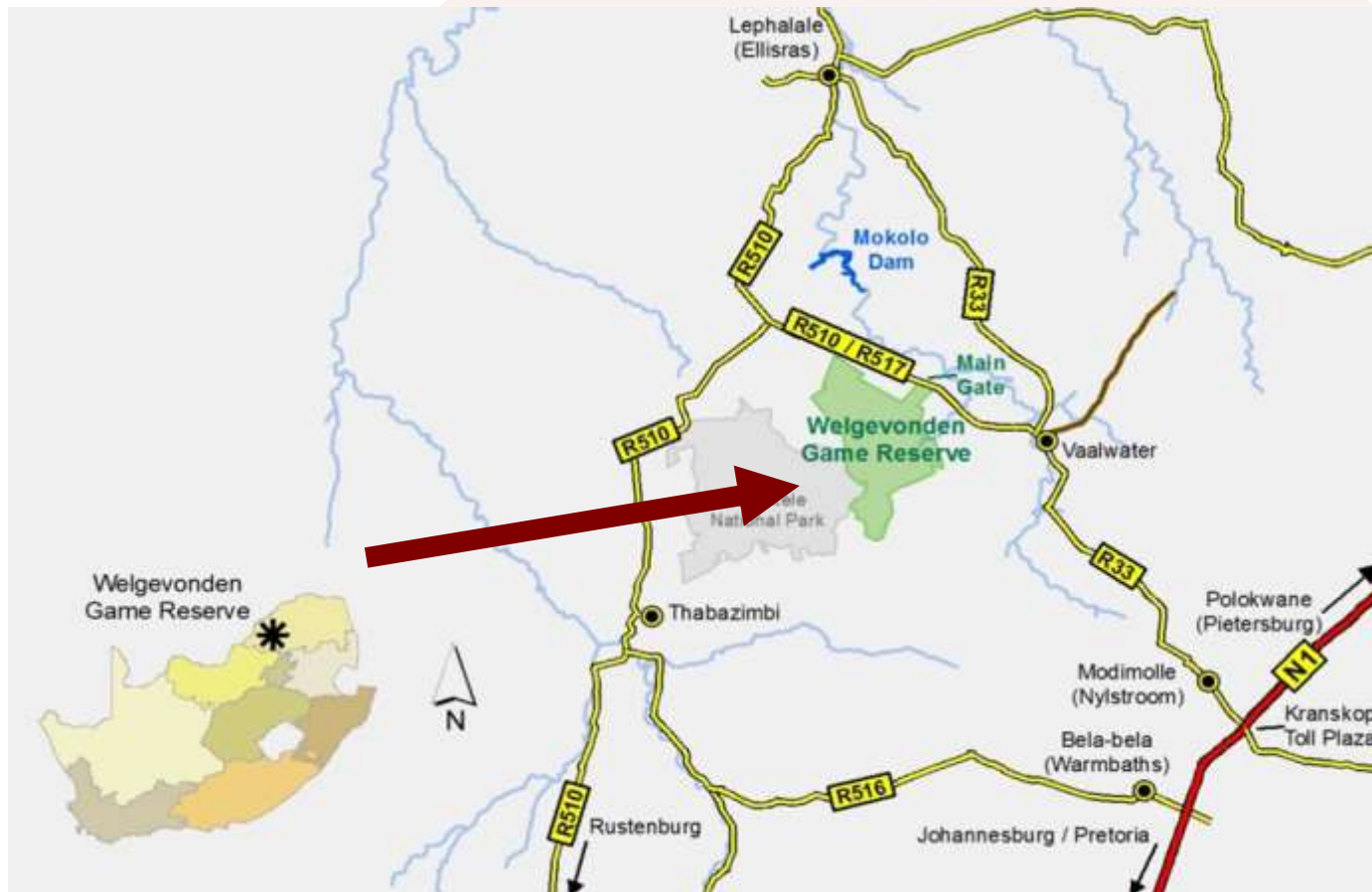


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## Welgevonden Game Reserve - Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free Waterberg Plateau



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## Home to the BIG 5



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Home to over 60 Species of Mammal



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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Our conservation work  
in more detail

## Your Conservation Programme – Biomonitoring Research Team

**As part of your project, you will be heavily involved with the day to day field work conducted by the biomonitoring team. Activities include, but are not limited to:**

- Game transects – estimates of numbers, body condition and herd structure
- Telemetry tracking of collared animals
- White Rhino monitoring and condition scoring
- Camera Trap Surveys (Black Rhino and other cryptic animals)
- Nocturnal species ID and night game drive
- Wildlife breeding management (buffalo, rhino & big cats)
- Mortality/kill recording
- Visit temporary holding bomas (enclosures)
- Animal tracking
- Waterberg Wild Dog Project
- Collecting faecal samples for research
- Local wildlife auction (Only on certain weekends)
- Alien plant species eradication
- Vegetation Condition Assessment
- Waterberg Biodiversity Project Data Collection with experts in their fields

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## Bush Skills – Game Drives



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## Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife



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## Reserve Maintenance



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## Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

Behavioural observations, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of White Rhino on Welgevonden.



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## Research – Elephant Monitoring & Fertility Study



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## Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators



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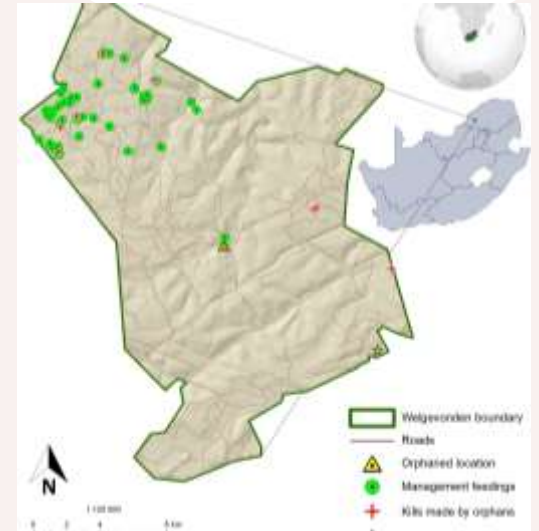
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## Population Management - Cheetah



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## Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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## Camera Trap – Research and Study



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## Night Game Drives



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## Possible Veterinary Interventions



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## Possible Game Release and Introductions



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## Waterberg Wild Dog – Boma Visit



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## Bushman Paintings & Reserve History







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# ACCOMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

## Welgevonden Accommodation

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply. There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. There are communal facilities including a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge. The centre also has access to Wi-Fi. The camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve, check out the aerial shot of camp! You can wake up and find an elephant 10 meters from your door!



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## Welgevonden

All meals are enjoyed together mostly in the outside eating area and sometimes inside on colder evenings.

Three meals are provided daily on a self cook basis. The evening meal is prepared communally by the group in small teams. Students are responsible for the communal cooking and washing up.

Evening meals and breakfast are served at the facility and lunch is normally brought into the field and had picnic-style in the bush.

The biomonitoring team normally work 6 days a week so time off is often limited to Sundays only.

Most evenings are spent at leisure in camp mostly outdoors at tables and benches or around a campfire.



## Weekends – Sunday only

### Vaalwater Town and Township Tour

10h00 – 13h00: Visit local art gallery, curio shop, craft market, cultural heritage museum.

13h00: Lunch included

14h00 – 16h30: Traditional beer brewery and visit to Lapa for traditional dancing and music.

### Horse Riding Excursion

2 hour bush ride from 08h30 – 10h30

Lunch included

**Weekend Activities can be booked and paid for locally. Or pre-booked with GAP Africa and paid locally.**





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# Additional Excursion Option

Sun City Adventure

# ADDITIONAL EXCURSION OPTION

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## Sun City – 2 or 3 Nights

Take a trip to a resort with it all, sun, safari, surf and stories of the Lost City. Explore the world of Sun Central, the thrilling Valley of the Waves and listen out to the echo of untamed lands in South Africa.



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# **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE**

The next steps to the trip of a  
lifetime!

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## Proposed dates & key deadlines

### Proposed trip dates are:

Depart UK: 16<sup>th</sup> June | Arrive SA: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Depart SA: 29<sup>th</sup> June | Arrive UK: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Trip cost:

£1,989.00 – £2,198.00 est

(based on a group of 18)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return of booking forms or online application by:
- Deposit of £300 to confirm placement within two weeks of provisional booking to confirm place
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure
- E tickets will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to students

## What is Included?

- Flights (Heathrow!)
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day (self prepared)
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In country support

## NOT Included

- Personal Travel Insurance \*
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visa's/travel documents

\* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.



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## A true life experience



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Booking form link



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