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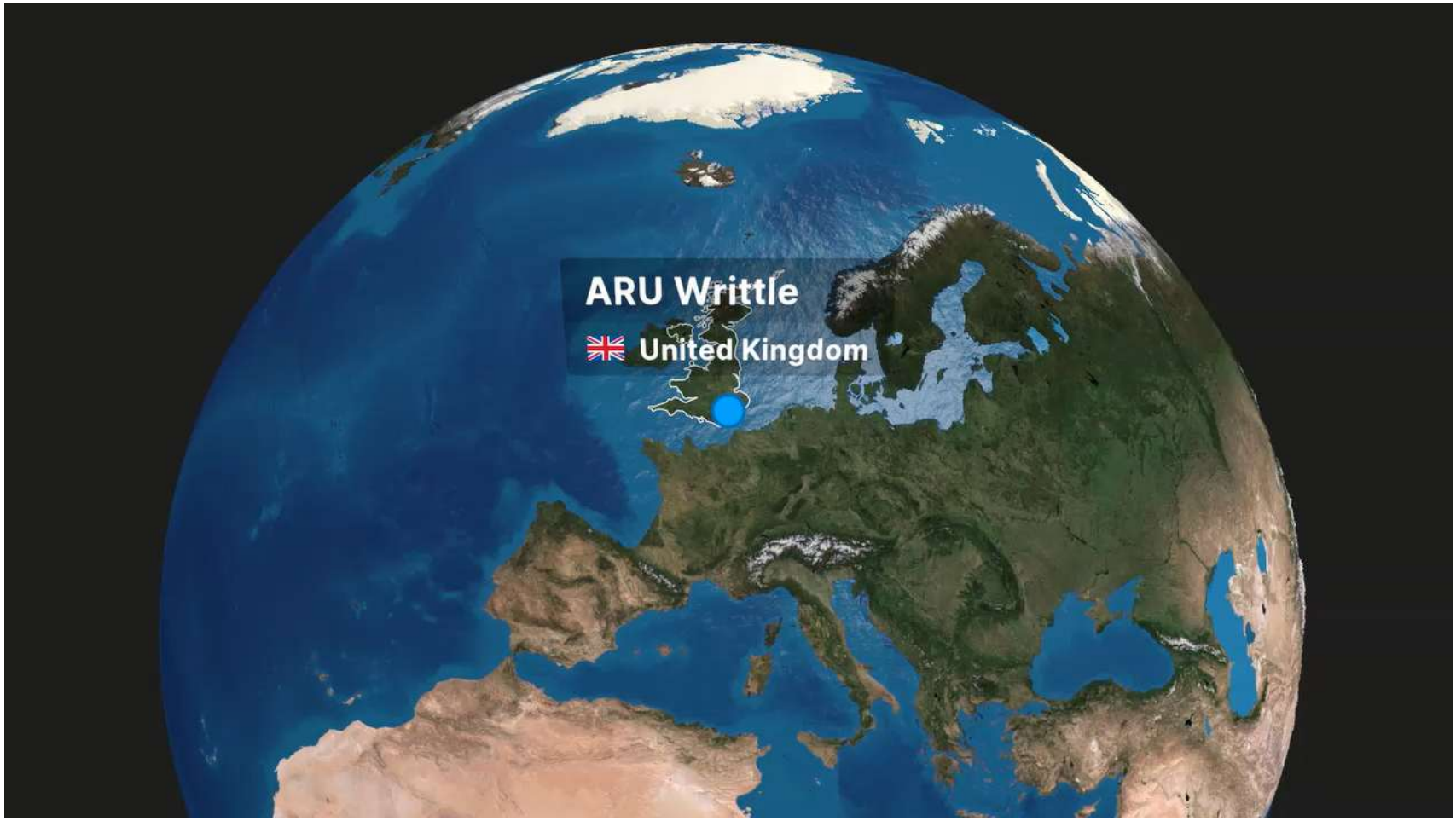
ABOUT THE WATERBERG

Entabeni Safari Conservancy - Location



ABOUT THE WATERBERG

Your two project locations

Your trip is split between two locations, in the same province of South Africa. You will first observe a focused wildlife veterinary practice on a reserve in the Waterberg, Limpopo Province (**Entabeni Safari Conservancy**) before travelling to Welgevonden Game Reserve to work with their academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Biomonitoring Project. Project locations and duration are as follows:

Itinerary

Week 1

Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

Week 2

Waterberg Biomonitoring Project – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

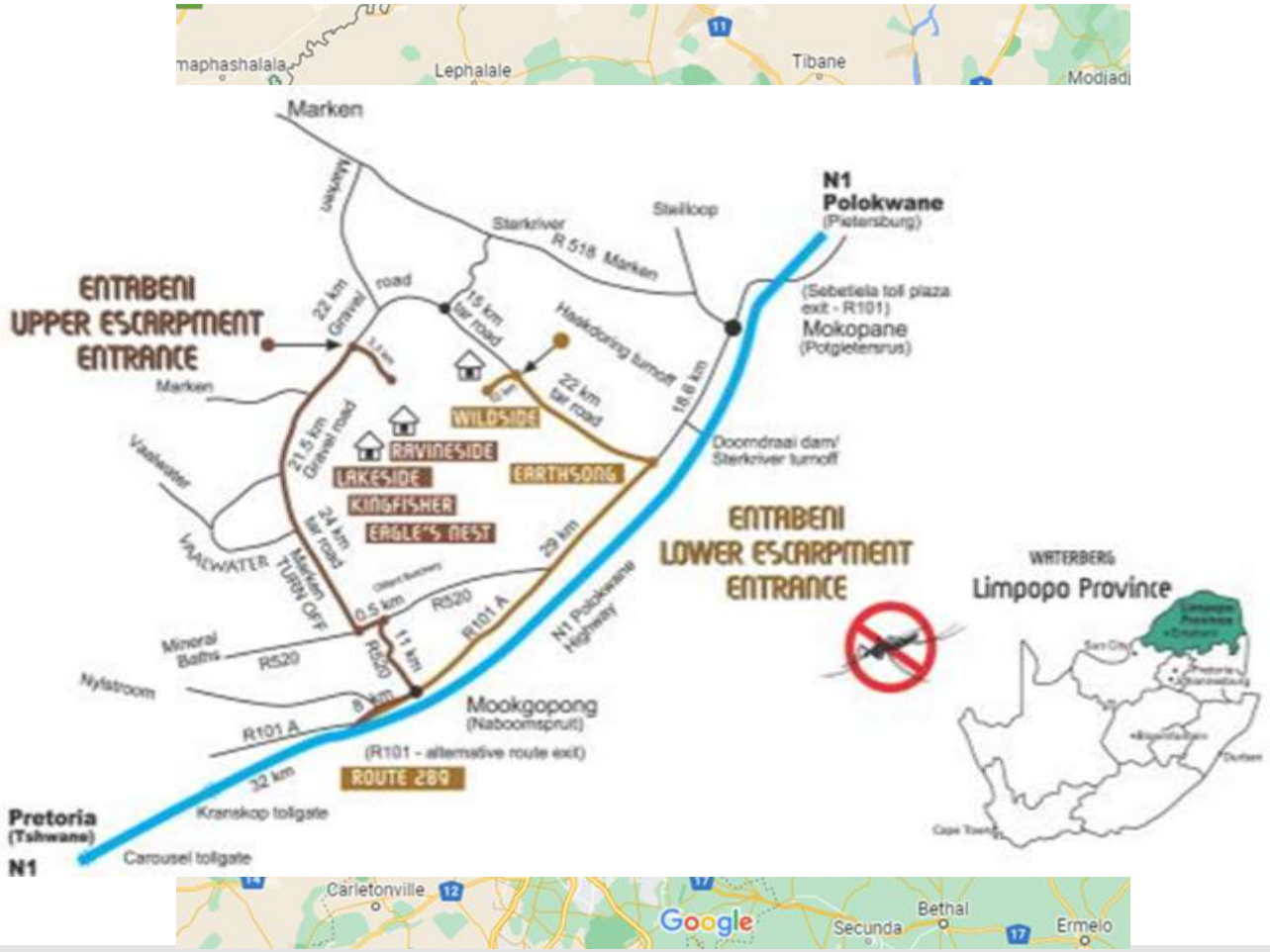
ABOUT THE PROJECT: ENTABENI SAFARI CONSERVANCY

Our conservation work
in more detail

ABOUT ENTABENI

Entabeni Safari Conservancy- Location

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



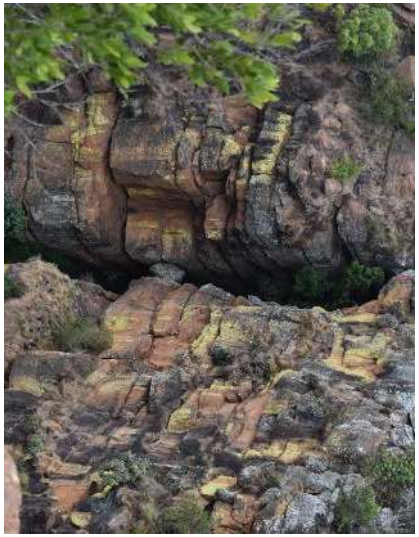
ABOUT THE WATERBERG

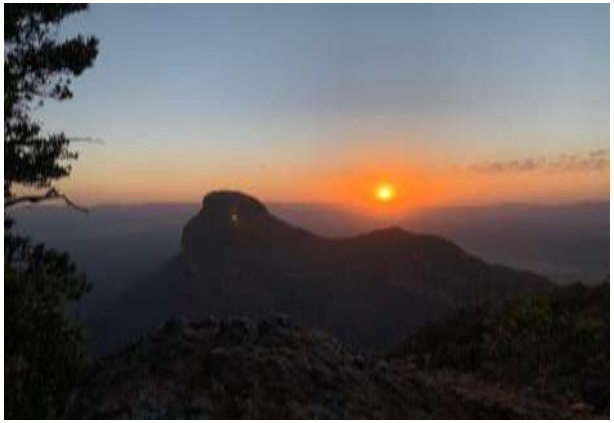
Entabeni Safari Conservancy

- 22 000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere (662 059 ha)
- 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
- Student Camp Accommodation

ABOUT ENTABENI

Known for its dramatic landscape





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Home to the BIG 5

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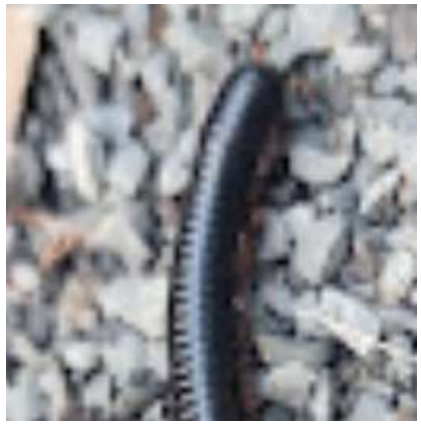
Home to over 60 Species of Mammal

ABOUT THE WATERBERG

Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Rhino Orphanage

The Rhino Orphanage was the first-ever specialised, non-commercial centre dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, raising and release of orphaned rhinos back into the wild.

Although new-born rhinos can weigh up to 50kgs, they are essentially "helpless" and require protection so that they may survive and ultimately thrive.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Camera Trap – Research and Study

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Anti-Poaching Unit

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Night Game Drives

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Community – GAP Donation Bags

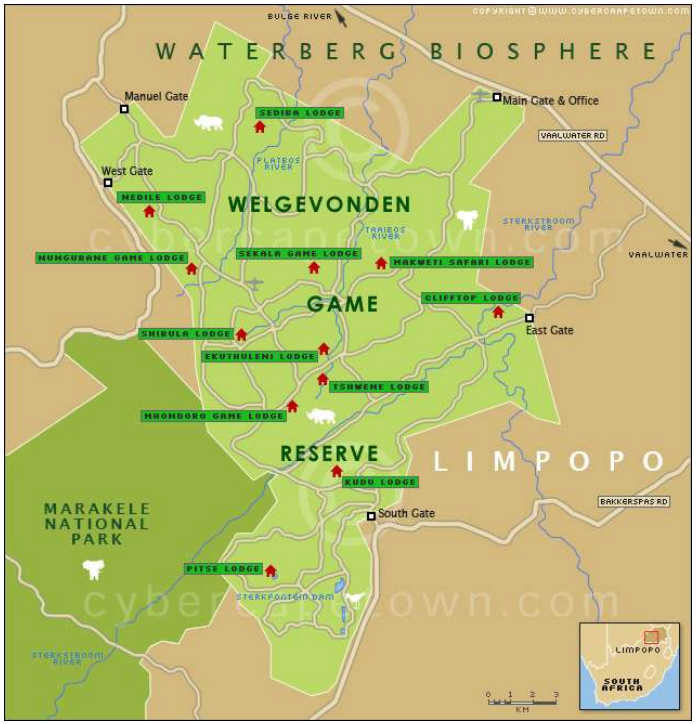
ABOUT THE PROJECT: WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE

Our conservation work
in more detail

ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

Welgevonden Game Reserve

- 36,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- 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



ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

Home to the BIG 5

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

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

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Research – Elephant Monitoring

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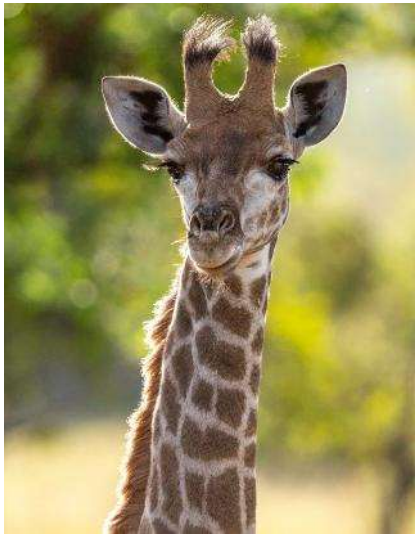
Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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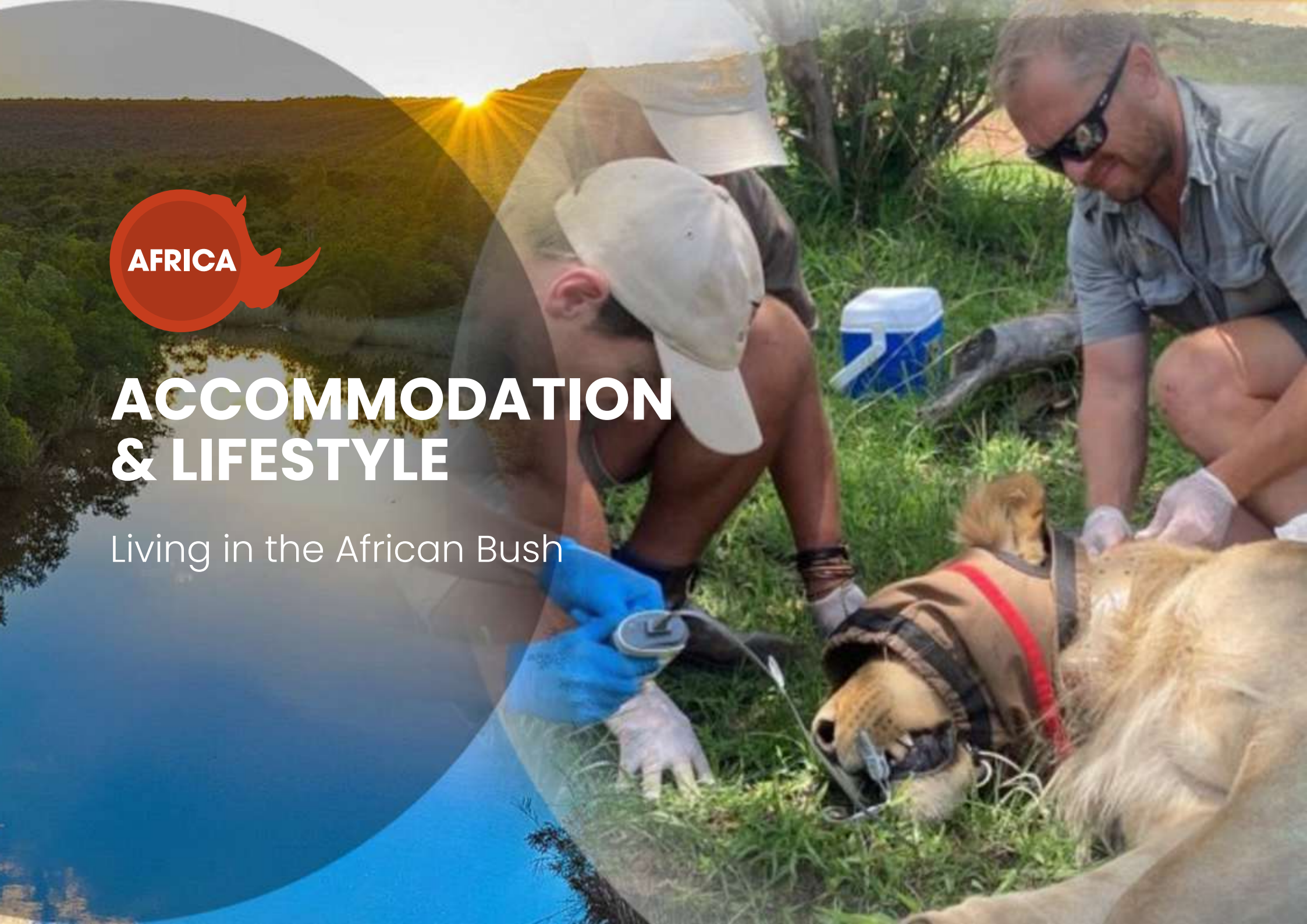
Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog – Talks



ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

ARRIVAL

Airport Bird and Game Lodge, Johannesburg – First Night

For your first night you will be staying at the Airport Bird and Game Lodge Hotel situated around twenty minutes from the airport terminal. Rooms will be shared, and a buffet dinner and breakfast will be included.

You will leave the hotel nice and early the next morning, arriving at Entabeni by lunch time.

A representative from Shuttle King will meet you in the hotel reception.

The driver will stop at a shop on the way for you to get snacks, drinks etc.

If for any reason you cannot locate the representative, please call Terri on 27(0) 71 242 8838.

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Entabeni Accommodation

You will stay in twin bedded rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are 4, 5 and 6 bedroom units each of which has an open plan layout with lounge and dining area and a fully equipped kitchen.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the campfire.

Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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. The communal facilities include a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area, storage fridge and laundry.

The centre also has access to Wi-Fi and the camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve. Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Food at the Project – Entabeni and Welgevonden

Ingredients for three meals a day are provided, on a self cook basis. Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy. This creates a vibrant and social atmosphere.

All meals are eaten together in the communal dining room; there is an outside area for dining as well.

Some days lunch will be at the accommodation; other days lunch will be brought into the field to be taken as a picnic. This depends on the activities either planned or unscheduled.

Dietary Requirements

Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.

MEALS

Sample Menu – Self-Prepared Projects

You will work in small groups to plan, self-prepare, cook and clear up after your evening meal. You will need to agree a group rota to cover:

- Agreeing the menu for the next day
- Preparing the ingredients (including the night before if anything needs defrosting)
- Cooking dinner
- Washing up and cleaning the kitchen and dining area
- Storing leftovers

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Examples will include: • Cereal • Porridge • Toast (margarine, peanut butter, jam) • Fresh fruit • Yoghurt • Assorted egg dishes	Selection of: • Wraps or sliced bread • Fillings such as cheese, ham, salad • Boiled eggs • Fresh fruit • Crisps • Snack bars	Example menus could include: • Spaghetti bolognese • Pasta dishes • Beef lasagne • Chicken pieces, rice and veg • Chicken and veg stir-fry with rice • Pork sausages, veg and mashed potato • Chicken or beef kebabs with mixed salad and rolls • Braais - chicken, wors, or kebabs

We must know of any dietary requirements and allergies at least 6 weeks before departure.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travel details

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Flight

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS449	08/08/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	20:50	Johannesburg (JNB)	08:50 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 56x36x23cm

Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport

Clear immigration & collect baggage to clear customs.
Meet GAP representative by the statue in the arrivals hall.
Transfer to Airport Buird and Game Lodge.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Departure from South Africa | Arrival to United Kingdom

Flight

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS450	22/08/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:15	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:30 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 56x36x23cm

Return Journey

Transfer from Welgevonden Game Reserve.
Check in at the Virgin Atlantic check-in desk.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Cabin Baggage

Rucksack (not trolley suitcase)
No larger than 56x36x23cm

Hold Baggage

One piece maximum 20kg

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

AFRICA

Travel Documents

- Final Documents Issued 26/07/2026
- Emailed to your personal and/or college email address
- Print and take copies
- Boarding passes issued at the airport
- Passports!

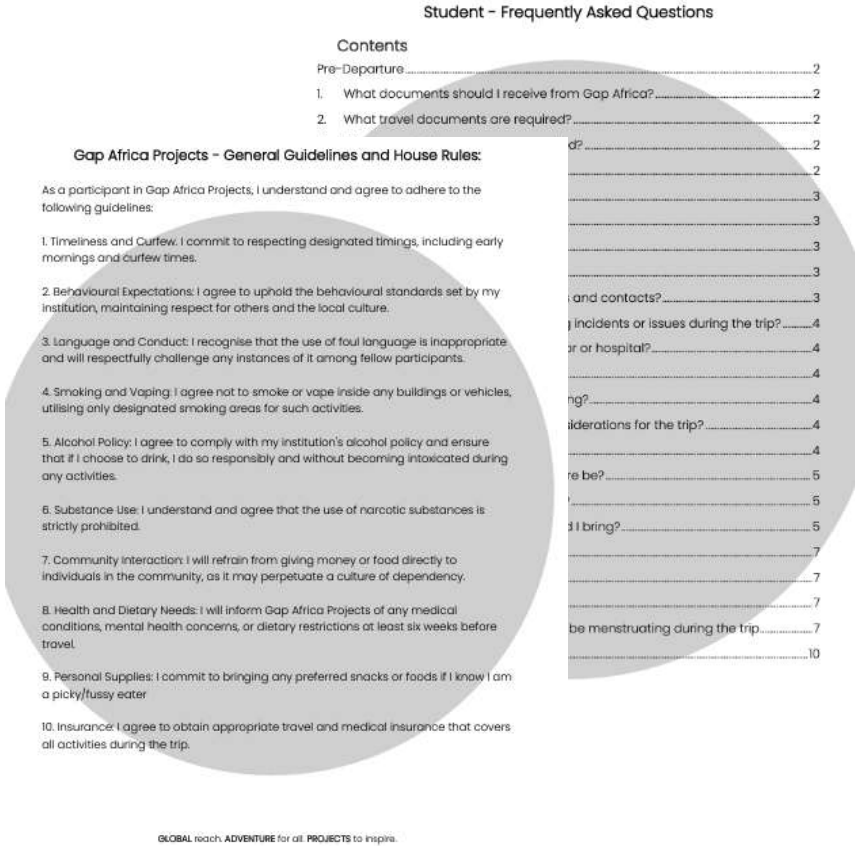
TRIP DOCUMENTS

Group Web Page & Travel Documents

FAQs and House Rules

Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to Download

Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to Download



Student - Frequently Asked Questions

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2. What travel documents are required? 2

Gap Africa Projects - General Guidelines and House Rules:

As a participant in Gap Africa Projects, I understand and agree to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Timeliness and Curfew: I commit to respecting designated timings, including early mornings and curfew times.

2. Behavioural Expectations: I agree to uphold the behavioural standards set by my institution, maintaining respect for others and the local culture.

3. Language and Conduct: I recognise that the use of foul language is inappropriate and will respectfully challenge any instances of it among fellow participants.

4. Smoking and Vaping: I agree not to smoke or vape inside any buildings or vehicles, utilising only designated smoking areas for such activities.

5. Alcohol Policy: I agree to comply with my institution's alcohol policy and ensure that if I choose to drink, I do so responsibly and without becoming intoxicated during any activities.

6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited.

7. Community Interaction: I will refrain from giving money or food directly to individuals in the community, as it may perpetuate a culture of dependency.

8. Health and Dietary Needs: I will inform Gap Africa Projects of any medical conditions, mental health concerns, or dietary restrictions at least six weeks before travel.

9. Personal Supplies: I commit to bringing any preferred snacks or foods if I know I am a picky/fussy eater

10. Insurance: I agree to obtain appropriate travel and medical insurance that covers all activities during the trip.

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https://gapafricaprojects.com/26-4811/

USEFUL INFORMATION

Recommended Kit List and other Useful Information

USEFUL INFORMATION

Suggested kit list

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

- Short and long sleeve t-shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or work/zip-off trousers)
- Hiking boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Waterproof jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded jacket/windbreaker (Winter months) although it can get very cold on an open vehicle even in summer
- Socks
- Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Warm hat (Winter only) / Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Gloves for warmth (Winter only)
- Working gloves
- Daypack rucksack
- Surgical gloves
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Good torch
- Binoculars

Other useful items:

- Camera
- Power bank
- Stethoscope

* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush. No skimpy or bright-coloured clothing to be worn

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First Aid Kit

It is strongly advisable that you pack your own mini first-aid kit of everyday essentials. This should include:

- Paracetamol / Ibuprofen (or equivalent)
- Antihistamines (eases a reaction to any bites or stings)
- Antiseptic cream (e.g. Savlon/Germolene/Sudocrem)
- Bite and sting cream
- Plasters
- Imodium (anti-diarrheal medication)
- Dioralyte (fast-acting oral rehydration treatment designed to replace fluids and body salts (electrolytes) lost during diarrhoea or vomiting)
- Tick remover

USEFUL INFORMATION

Practical Advice

Power / Electricity

It is important that you take the right travel adapter so you can charge your phone and other devices whilst away.

Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project; always make sure you keep hydrated and have packed an insulated water bottle. We recommend taking concentrated squash as the water will taste different from home.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Insurance

Personal travel insurance is compulsory. Travel insurance does not need to be expensive and there are many good deals available for backpackers etc. Always be sure to check the insurance details to make sure you are covered for Covid 19, theft, loss, illness and injury. Check to see if your medical benefits are paid out as they incur or on your return home.

You should select 'Adventure Pack' as this will cover you for the type of activities you will undertake during your trip.

https://www.truetraveller.com/?tag=4480

Passport Requirements

It can take up to 6 weeks to obtain a passport – remember to start this process in plenty of time.

Your passport needs to be valid for at least 30 days beyond your intended stay and have at least two blank pages.

Stay safe overseas – KBYG

The better prepared you are when you travel abroad the safer you will be. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office offers 'Know Before You Go' travel advice, including simple precautions you can take before and during your trip.

To find out more, check out their website:

https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad

Visa Requirements

A visa is not required for British Passport holders, all other nationalities should check the requirements via the website below, if required a visa can be obtained from the South African High Commission.

http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries

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Health Risks

Immunisation:

When entering South Africa, no international immunisation is required. However, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers if they enter South Africa within 6 days of leaving an infected country.

DTP inoculation (diphtheria, tetanus and polio) is essential.

Whilst risk of rabies is low, we do recommend you have the rabies inoculation because of your veterinary impact work in Gauteng. However, human infection with rabies following exposure to rabid or suspected rabies-infected animals can be prevented by prompt administration of rabies post- exposure prophylaxis (PEP), which would be urgently sought at the nearest health facility.

Our advice: Visit your local (travel) doctor to get up-to-date information about requirements when travelling.

Please visit the following web page for advice from the UK Foreign Office:

https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/201/south-africa

HIV/Aids in South Africa:

As in other countries, HIV/Aids is a serious concern in South Africa and one you must be aware of. You should always be careful when dealing with an injured person to avoid the risk of infection. Always take necessary precautions and avoid sexual contact.

Malaria:

The project is located in a malaria free area.

http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm

Sun:

South Africa has a warm sunny climate, you should wear sunscreen and a hat whenever you are out of doors during the day, particularly between 10am and 4 pm – regardless of whether there is cloud cover or not. Whatever your complexion you can still get sunburned if you are from a cooler climate. Sunglasses are also recommended as the glare of the African sun can be very strong.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Climate - Entabeni

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Climate - Welgevonden

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USEFUL INFORMATION

What To Expect 'Weatherwise' From May To August

Be prepared for the **chilly nights** and crisp mornings during autumn and winter in South Africa.

Staying warm will be key to you enjoying your experience.

As the sun dips, the temperature will drop and can go down to near or below freezing, resulting in frost.

It is recommended that you layer smartly: avoid cotton next to the skin as it traps moisture and makes you colder. Keep spare socks and gloves in a sealed plastic bag to ensure dryness.

If you feel the cold, pack appropriately!

USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency & Credit Cards

The currency for South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). Foreign exchange may be arranged at the airport or in major centres. It is not recommended that travellers carry large sums of cash, keep a reasonable amount on hand and primarily use credit cards.

All major credit cards are widely accepted in main towns, although local communities only take cash.

Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for Gap Africa Project travellers:

https://wise.prf.hn/l/XZJx9gq

Tipping

Whilst there is no obligation, it is a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the rangers and housekeeping staff by leaving a small tip/donation for the staff at the reserve when you leave; any amount is always appreciated.

On day trips/excursions it is also a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the guide.

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Phones & Internet

Mobile phone coverage is average at Entabeni and generally good at Welgevonden, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage.

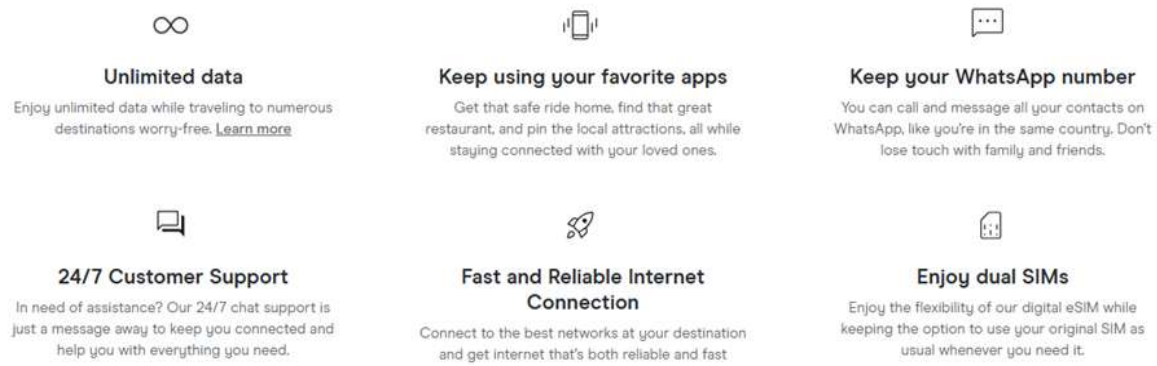
There is no Wi-Fi at Entabeni and limited at Welgevonden. Internet speeds are not up to international urban standards but are effective for communication.

We have partnered with Holafly eSim provider 5% discount use code GAPAFRICAPROJECTS.

Benefits of an eSIM

- Unlimited Data Plans
- Uses both Vodacom and MTN the two major networks in South Africa
- Keep your WhatsApp number
- Immediate Delivery

https://shorturl.at/sxE29



USEFUL INFORMATION

Trip Clothing

Online shop available for trip clothing:

GAP Trip Hoodie

GAP Africa Polo Shirts

GAP Africa Caps

GAP Africa Beenie

GAP Africa 500ml Bottle

https://hyvfsu-vu.myshopify.com/

SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
A - Half Chest	49	51	56	61	65	69	73	78	83
B - Body Length	64	67	70	73	76	79	82	86	90
C - Sleeve Length	57.5	59	60.5	62	63.5	65	66.5	68.5	70.5

All garment measurements are shown in centimetres (cm). Garment sizes are approximate and for guidance only.

SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
To Fit Chest Size	34 inch	36 inch	40 inch	44 inch	48 inch	52 inch	56 inch	60 inch	64 inch

USEFUL APPS

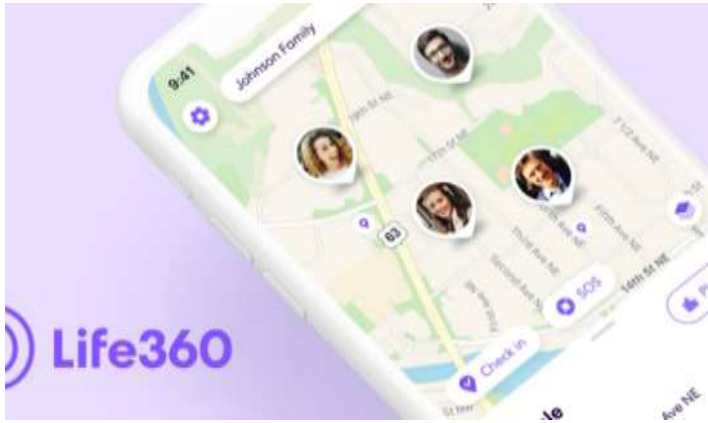
Useful Apps for Next of Kin

We recommend that Next of Kin also download and set up the following app, we have found this to be useful in knowing where are students whilst on the trip!

Flightrader24 – very useful for tracking flights, showing departure times, any delays and flight location in travel.

Life360 – is great for following them on their journey.

Merlin Bird App



COMMUNITY DONATION BAGS

GAP Donation Bag –The Rhino Orphanage

- Equine fecal blood test (detection of gastric/colonic ulcers) NB
- Infusion bag swivel NB
- Equine coiled IV lines NB
- Thermometer (rectal temps) NB
- 1ml/1cc Syringes
- Mcmaster slides x 2
- 14G Catheters
- 18G needles
- I|V extension line
- IV extension with double needle free ports
- 1ml syringes
- 100ml syringes
- Eye gel/lubricant
- Veterinary blood glucose monitor and strips

Follow instructions from your college about bringing in items from the list.

Your tutor can request a donation bag from GAP Africa Projects if space is limited.

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