



Elephant Volunteers

Duration: Minimum 3 weeks

Location: Knysna

If you are one of those people that don't merely just want to visit the elephants, but want to get more involved in working with them, then elephant volunteering is for you! Our volunteers are asked to get involved in all aspects of the Park, research, marketing, functions, maintenance and education.

The range of tasks we ask our volunteers to help out with include the following:

- One of the volunteer's main activities will be assisting with elephant research.
- Preparing food for the elephants.
- Preparing milk bottles and feeding our baby elephants.
- Day and night observations of elephants.
- Testing parasite loads.
- Environmental education.
- General maintenance – mucking out of elephant pens, general cleaning, painting, etc.
- Marketing and advertising, helping with functions.
- Dung project: elephant dung makes excellent compost. The dung is collected, packaged and sold as compost. The raised money is donated to a nearby disadvantaged school.

Working hours during your stay at the Park vary, according to the different activities you will be asked to participate in. However, an elephant working day starts at 06h30 and lasts until 17h30.

In order for you to gain as much as possible from the programme and for us to benefit as much as possible from having you at the Park, you will be asked to work the same hours as the elephants. As a rule, you will work 5 days per week, but we may ask you to help over weekends and evenings, should the need arise.

Applicant Requirements

- Specific wildlife experience is not a necessity
- You should be of good health and physical fitness to follow the elephants
- At least 18 years of age and there is no maximum
- You should be able to speak and understand English sufficiently to get around
- You should be dedicated, hard-working, mature and motivated

What's included

- Shared accommodation with bedding
- No meals are included
- Transport from George airport or the bus station in Plettenberg Bay

Working with elephants creates a humbling and awe-inspiring experience.