

While volunteering with SchoolTrade you will be given the opportunity to spend a night on the **Bisley game reserve**, this is what **Megan Mickle** had to say about her experience ...

Bisley Nature Reserve, Pietermaritzberg, part of the **SchoolTrade** volunteer experience

Being an Australian who has travelled the Ozy outback I love the bush! Whilst in Pietermaritzberg I was overwhelmed with joy that a nature reserve was so close. When I arrived the first animal I saw was a Zebra walking around freely, not only that there were other wild animals the park waiting for me to encounter.

After our braai (BBQ in Ozy talk) and lighting the camp fire, we went for a walk and came across a huge Girraffe known as the granddad by the ranger. He just stood there eating while we walked up and took photos, I was 8 meters from him, it was amazing.

Back at camp we all sat around the camp fire, talking , laughing and cooking marshmallows. I cannot describe the feeling you have when you are sitting by a fire surrounded by the natural beauty and sounds of the savannah bush lands.

I was reluctant to leave but delighted by the experience. On our way out big granddad giraffe was standing by the gate in front of the car, he just stood there for a while then walked off.

In my mind and soul I believe he had come to say goodbye to two Ozy girls who appreciated his natural home and left with an incredible experience and deep thoughts.

I will miss granddad.