

Saddle Up and Count for Conservation



Ant's Hill and Ant's Nest in South Africa's Waterberg Game Reserve are largely known for their incredible horseback safaris. However, once a year, around May/June time, the "buzz on the bush telegraph" is all about the highly anticipated game census – because this is no ordinary head count! Because a few lucky guests are invited to saddle up and join in in all the hands-on safari action!

A census is a vital tool in managing and maintaining the ecological balance the private reserve and is used to get an accurate idea of how many browsers (leaf eating); selective grazers (short grass eaters) and bulk grazers (long grass eaters) are located across the wide open plains.

Most game censuses are done by helicopter but Ant's play to their strengths and undertake most of the operation in the saddle - which is far more wildlife-friendly. The reserve is divided into blocks, through which the rider's criss-cross in a systematic way recording the species, sex, and rough age group of the wildlife. Some animals are also treated to ensure they are kept in mint condition - while the rhinos have their horns injected with poison, making them useless to poachers.

Guest can immerse themselves in once-in-a-lifetime experiences such as game counting, darting, capturing and even relocating wildlife – all the while making a very personal, unique contribution to conservation!

Having just completed a very successful count this month, Ant and Tessa Baber have now confirmed the **dates the next census: 30th May – 7th June 2020**. Places are limited so experienced riders should not hesitate to book if this ticks their boxes for an adrenaline rush - packed with purpose.

Guests are also encouraged to make a difference by supporting their Save the Waterberg Rhino Programme or the other [charities they work with](#).

For more information visit <https://waterberg.net/safari-experiences/#census> or email info@ethosmarketing.co.uk. We can also share a video with you of some of the 2019 census action!

