**A selection of recent testimonials by Africa Wild Trails venture members.**

**Extremely well organised By A.L.**

My trip to South Africa with Africa Wild Trails will stay in my heart and soul forever. I had the pleasure of working with Angus on a trip with the amazing young people that I work with. This was an educational and experiential tri on so many levels not only for the young people but also myself, and I feel so privileged to have been a part of it.

I had absolute confidence in Angus' leadership, especially with guiding of young people through the settings that saw them so far out of their comfort zones, both physically and mentally. The stand out part of the tour for me has to be watching our young people meeting the children at the Zulu School, where cultural and language barriers seemed to disappear in the pure enjoyment of the here and now and of meeting each other. The entire tour was extremely well facilitated and organised, and I hope I have the chance to work with Africa Wild Trails again in the future.

**Overwhelming experience By S.K.**

Going to South Africa was a life changing experience, and I'm not just saying that to fill up space; I went there unaware of what I was getting myself into and Left wanting more. Being out there welcomed me to a new world that I didn't know existed, one that I felt I belonged in. Being around the wildlife drew me closer to nature, somewhere I've always believed I should be, but never knew how to get there. Everything I did out there: tracking, hiking, paddling, all of it was phenomenal and only made me want to stay longer.

I can't thank Angus and his team enough, and everyone out at the camps who made the experience unforgettable and who taught me things I can't get to learn in the big city.

**Left wanting more By Y.R.M.**

In the summer, I got to experience the amazing culture of South Africa, on this trip I was able to learn about the way people are brought up and the way they live their lives. My favourite part of the trip was when we went to Ntokoza school. On Tuesday, the 8th of August, myself alongside 20+ cadets and adult volunteers set off on a hike up what seemed to me like a mountain! Our goal was to get to the plateau at the top where a school called Ntokoza awaited our arrival. After 3 hours of hard trekking, we arrived where the kids greeted us is the most fantastic way you could ever imagine. They sang a bunch of songs for us and it was an overwhelming experience to be a part of. Then came the serious part, two sports match happened a 5-5 football draw which was a fun thrilling game and also a netball game where the Cadets beat the African girls! Overall it was full of amazing experiences that will stick with me for the rest of my life.

**Inspirational experiences By WS**

Africa Wild Trails' offers a range of truly unique and inspirational experiences. My Daughter was lucky enough to go on one of them and found it to be a truly life-changing experience. Even now we like to look at the exiting trips on offer and hope to go on one together soon. I would highly recommend 'Africa Wild Trails' to anyone thinking of visiting Africa especially for the first time. The experienced and professional staff will soon have even the most nervous travellers soon feeling at ease.

**Attention to details By K.L**

Angus’ understanding of Southern Africa and South Africa in particular, is second to none. His attention to detail and logistics, health and safety, risk management and connections with the right people on the ground, ensure that travelling with Africa Wild Trails is an experience you will never forget and, one that will live with, and inside you, for many years. Angus’ patience, integrity, insight, and understanding of what they are going, and have been through, results in them connecting not only with the physical experience of spending time in Africa. Angus’ passion for conservation, people and education is an incredibly powerful combination, and one that can, and does, transform lives.

**Educational and enlightening By G.D.**

Since I left college, I've always had a dream of working with animals. Last summer I contacted Africa Wild Trails and met Angus the director of the organisation. The meeting was very professional and delivered the best experience up to date and the programme that was arranged for me exceeded my expectations. The people that I met, the places I have been and the things I have done have been amazing. The two months I spent in South Africa was hard work, amazing fun, educational and enlightening. I have done so many things I could never have dreamt of doing, seeing the Big 5 face to face on a Wilderness Trail, seeing so many birds I have never seen before such as a Hornbill, Tiger Fish fly fishing, kayaking on Tugela and Pongola rivers, mountain biking in the bush, hiking, snorkelling in the rivers and sleeping out in the wild under the stars, surrounded by Baboons, Lions, Rhinos, Buffalo, Elephants and more. Thank you to Angus Wingfield and the Wild Trails team.

**More than an expedition By F.W.**

I owe so much to this experience. I was 19, angry, hostile, lonely, confused and wanted to be cared about, but it was at this point I was recognized as someone with something to give and my name was put forward for the expedition to South Africa and I was accepted to go. It was eye-opening, gave insight to some of the most intriguing paths of life and showed a beauty in true hardship. I found peace around the campfire and watching the sunrise every morning. This is one of my favourite places in the world. I felt I had forgiven myself and learned that my home would be within me. I will always be grateful for this life-changing, life-inspiring and in some cases life-saving adventure. Angus Wingfield led our expedition with such decorum, mediation and respect, he became a hero to many of us during that month. Since returning, I don't have panic attacks, I got three jobs and a message from Angus asking me to return as a leader. This is so much more than an expedition...

**Best time of my life By K.K.**

When I went to South Africa I had the best time of my life. I learnt a lot about myself and how to work as a team. I did things that I thought I'd never do. Angus Wingfield and his guides pushed me do things I didn’t think I would be able to do. We travelled loads and walked up mountains, we camped in the middle of the bush, we visited an orphanage which was heart breaking. Learned different kinds of culture. I had the best experience of my life. If it wasn't for Angus I don't think I would ever go there. So, thank you to Africa Wild Trails!