



Important Protocols for Researchers Working in the Kruger National Park (KNP)

A. Park entry: Please send the following information to Patricia Khoza (for research in the south & central region of the park) or Sharon Thompson (for research in the northern region of the park) a few days before arrival to enable arrangement of a gate permit:

- Date of entry
- Gate of entry
- Car registration number
- Number of people

B. Koedoe kop Decals: Decals must be applied for in writing if researchers are intending to conduct fieldwork in areas where tourists can see the vehicle. The decals indicate to tourists that the vehicle is official. The application letter must be sent to Thembi Khoza well in advance. Please note that the permit for decals is issued to an individual. If there are going to be multiple drivers of the vehicle, this information must be disclosed in the application letter. Decals do not entitle researchers to drive at 65km/hr (one has to be in official uniform to qualify for this) and they cannot be swapped between researchers or vehicles. A refundable deposit of R100 must be paid on receipt of decals.

C. Accommodation in KNP: There is limited research accommodation in these camps, bookings should be made timeously.

- Phalaborwa (max. 4 people, no bedding or towels) – book through Jacques Venter
- Shingwedzi (max. 20 in guest rooms, and 14 in permanent tents) – book through Sharon Thompson
- Skukuza (max. 33 in huts and 12 camping) – book through Patricia Khoza
- Tshokwane (max. 2 people)

Costs: R60 per person per night for huts and permanent tents, R25 for camping space.

D. Game guards: All researchers who are working outside their vehicles and outside of the tourist camp area must be accompanied by a trained, armed Game guard. Game guards should not be used as field assistants, as this will jeopardize their function to guard you. If you intend using a game guard please arrange well in advance (at least 2 weeks).

Costs: R100 – hiring daily fee

An additional overtime/weekend hourly fee is also applicable should the guard work overtime or on weekends:

R30 – per hour overtime from Monday to Friday

R30 – per hour on Saturdays

R40 – per hour on Sundays and Public holidays

R65 – per day S & T (if the game guard has to spend nights away from their place or work/residence)

Payment:

- Hiring daily fee (R100) – Payment to Patricia Khoza, Skukuza
- Overtime Costs – Payment can be to the game guard directly, but a receipt must be issued. Alternatively, if the overtime is a large sum of money, it can be paid electronically. Details with Patricia Khoza & Sharon Thompson
- S&T costs – Payment can be made electronically. Details with Patricia Khoza & Sharon Thompson

E. Section rangers: Each part of KNP has a section ranger (see figure below). They are ultimately responsible for what occurs in their sections. The local section ranger has to be informed of your research in his area, i.e. what you will be doing, when (dates and times of day) and where you will be in the area. The section ranger can restrict use of certain roads. Your KNP liaison (Thembi Khoza for the southern region & Sharon Thompson for the northern region) will forward the above information regarding your field work to the section ranger. Please note that each researcher must phone the relevant section ranger, at least a day before they do fieldwork in that area to remind them of your activities. Updated contact information for all section rangers in KNP can be found below.

F. Communication: Please copy your KNP coordinator in all your correspondence.

G. Project proposals: Proposals have to be handed in to the coordinators at least two weeks before the meeting date.

H. How to contact us:

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