South African
NATIONAL PARKS

Please note:

- **Restaurant:**
  Come and enjoy a Sunday lunch with family and friends at the Park's Restaurant! A buffet lunch is on offer, with a selection which caters for all tastes and which changes weekly. Bookings are essential. Email: mzebrarest@sanparks.org or tel: (048) 881 2427.
- **Shop:**
  The shop now offers a selected range of freshly made sandwiches and salads daily. This is convenient for an easy lunch on arrival or as a ready-made side dish to accompany a braai.

Introduction

Invigorating crystal clear air, beautiful scenery, tranquil ambience and an abundance of wildlife offer you a special and personal African wilderness experience at Mountain Zebra National Park.

Situated near Cradock in the malaria-free Eastern Cape, this national park was originally proclaimed in 1937 to save the dwindling Cape mountain zebra population. Now, at over 28 000 hectares, the park boasts a conservation success story, protecting over 700 zebra as well as wildlife such as endangered black rhino and cheetah.

6 things to seek

- Aardwolf
- Cape buffalo
- Cheetah
- Cape mountain zebra
- Blue crane
- Denham's bustard

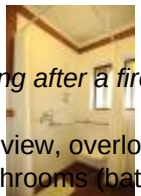
Accommodation

- Mountain Zebra National Park's Rest Camp is located about 12 kilometres from the entrance gate and offers comfortable family cottages, a campsite with communal facilities, a restaurant and a shop. The Guesthouse and two Mountain Cottages are located further into the Park.
- All accommodation is serviced daily and provided with bedding, towels and soap.
- Accommodation is self-catering and a braai unit is provided at all units and campsites.

Family Cottages (FA4 & FA4Z)

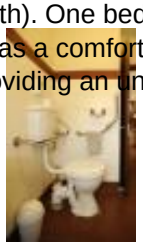
Family cottages (FA4) have a lounge with fireplace and two bedrooms, one with a queen bed and the other with two single beds. The bathroom has a bath and shower. The open-plan kitchen is fully equipped. Cottages are furnished with an air conditioner and television. Two units are universally accessible (FA4Z).

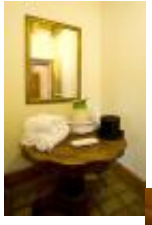
Doornhoek Guesthouse (GH6)



Doornhoek Guesthouse is currently closed for rebuilding after a fire.

This restored Victorian homestead (GH6) has a scenic view, overlooking the Doornhoek Dam. Six people can be accommodated in three bedrooms, all with en-suite bathrooms (bath). One bedroom has two single beds while the others have queen beds. There is a fully-equipped kitchen as well as a comfortable lounge and stoep area. The guesthouse is tastefully decorated with Victorian style antiques providing an unique experience.

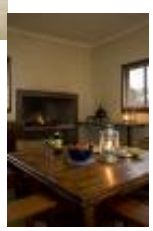




Mountain Cottages (MC)

Two mountain cottages (4x2 MC) provided a secluded rustic experience for visitors with high clearance vehicles. Umthombo (meaning "Fountain") is located near the Weltevrede picnic site and Bakana (meaning: "Beacon") in Berghofkloof. These huts can only be accessed with 4x4 or 2x4 (with diff lock) vehicles.

- Each hut has two bedrooms with bedding and towels provided (one with double bed and one with two single beds) and a third "hikers bedroom" with six bunk beds (own bedding required).
- The kitchen is equipped with a gas stove, solar-powered fridge/freezer and cutlery, crockery & cooking utensils. There is no electricity.
- A hot water shower (gas-powered) and toilet are located outside the hut.
- There is an outside braai area as well as indoor braai area / fireplace.



Camping (CK6P)

The Camping ground is located close to the Reception, with 20 sites. All sites are equipped with 220V power points and a braai unit. Campsites are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be pre-booked.

- There is a communal ablution with showers and baths as well as a communal kitchen with fridge, freezer, microwave and stove plates.
- A washing machine and dryer are available. Tokens can be bought at Reception at R15 per token. One token washes a medium-sized load.
- A maximum of six persons, one caravan with a side tent and one vehicle, or one tent and one vehicle, or one autovilla or one motorised caravan are permitted per site.
- The camping area is sited on a mixture of earth and grass. Some sites are shaded. Sites are closed periodically to allow grass to regrow.

Please note:

Accommodation images may differ from the actual units as refurbishment of various accommodation types occur on an on-going basis.

To view the accommodation prices, refer to Tariffs

Activities & Facilities

Activities

Please note:

- All activity bookings are to be made through Mountain Zebra National Park's reception:
  Email: mountainzebra@sanparks.org
  Tel: +27 (0)48 881 2427 or +27 (0)48 881 3434
- All bookings to be confirmed at Reception before 18h00 on the previous day. Please report to Reception 15 minutes before departure time to sign indemnity form and to make payment.
- Activity Tariffs below do not include Conservation Fees (Park Entry Fees) and are valid 1 November 2014 to 31 October 2015.

Guided Drives

Morning Game Drive

One will experience the early karoo mornings with potential of seeing Cheetah, Buffalo and other antelope. The bird life in the mornings is good with viewing of Eastern Clapper Lark, Blue Korhaan, Blue crane and many other species.

- Time: Summer: 05h00 - 07h00; Winter: 06h00 - 08h00
- Minimum two guests and a maximum nine guests.
- Minimum age: six years old.
- R175 per adult, R85 per child under 12 years old
- Dress warmly during winter.

Sunset Game Drive

- Time: Summer: 17:00 - 19:00; Winter: 16:00 - 18:00
- Minimum four guests and a maximum nine guests.
- Minimum age: six years old.
- R237.35 per adult, R118.68 per child under 12 years old (including snacks and drinks).
- Dress warmly on cool days.

Evening Game Drive

One will experience the best of the evening and spot some of the Park's nocturnal animals. Animals to be on the lookout for are Cheetah, Buffalo, Bat-eared Fox, Aardwolf, Aardvark and Caracal. Night birds like the Spotted Eagle Owl and Fiery-necked Nightjar are also to be seen.

- Time: Summer: 19:30 - 21:30; Winter: 18:30 - 20:30
- Minimum two guests and a maximum nine guests.
- Minimum age: six years old.
- R175 per adult, R85 per child under 12 years old.

- Dress warmly on cool evenings.

San Cave Paintings

- Time: 09h00 - 11h00
- Minimum two guests and a maximum nine guests.
- Minimum age of six years old.
- R150 per adult, R75 per child under 12 years old.
- **Note:** Some clambering over rocks is required so this activity is not suitable for frail people or very young children.

Activities on Foot

Please Note: Activities on foot may be cancelled at any time due to weather conditions rendering the activity unsafe.
Please report to Reception 15 minutes before departure time to sign indemnity form and to make payment.

Morning Walks

Get out on foot in some of the more remote areas of the park and get up close and personal with some of the smaller creatures and plants, but don't forget the bigger ones. This is definitely the way to experience the Karoo Bush. These walks may include the existing 10km route or other areas of interest, depending on the group's abilities and interests.

- Time: Summer 05h00 - 08h00; Winter 07h00 - 10h00.
- Minimum of two and maximum of six people.
- 12 years - 65 years. If you are older than 65 years and wish to undertake the activity, you will be required to submit a doctor's certificate stating you are medically fit to undertake a hike in rugged terrain.
- R245 per person.
- Neutral clothing (not white or black) and walking shoes required.
- Bring own water and a small snack.
- Binoculars optional.
- Moderate level of fitness required.

Impofu 3-day Hike

This 25-kilometre, three-day trail takes in some of the highlights of the 28 000-hectare Park including Bakenkop, the Park's highest peak. The first day's hike meanders through grassland and mountain shrubland, passing the famous Big Rock. Day two is a mountain grassland experience with a chance of spotting herds of eland and mountain reedbuck. The final leg of the hike passes through riverine thicket, ending at the restcamp. Two mountain cottages provide the overnight stop for hikers in secluded and scenic areas of the Park.

- Minimum of four and maximum of 10 people.

- 12 years - 65 years. If you are older than 65 years and wish to undertake the activity, you will be required to submit a doctor's certificate stating you are medically fit to undertake a hike in rugged terrain. Guests undertaking these hikes need to have a moderate to high level of fitness.
- R415 per person (includes accommodation in mountain cottages).
- Neutral clothing (not white or black) and good walking shoes required.
- Carry own bedding and food.
- Cooking & eating utensils and firewood are provided at the mountain cottages.
- Solar-powered fridge/freezer, gas stove top and braai area available at cottages.
- Binoculars optional.
- Moderate level of fitness required.

Salpeterkop Hike

Ascend Salpeterkop for a magnificent view over the Park and a rare view of an Anglo-Boer War relic.

- Time: Summer 05h00 - 08h00; Winter: 07h00 - 10h00.
- Minimum of two and maximum of nine people.
- 12 years - 65 years. If you are older than 65 years and wish to undertake the activity, you will be required to submit a doctor's certificate stating you are medically fit to undertake a hike in rugged terrain. Guests undertaking these hikes need to have a moderate to high level of fitness.
- R310 per person.
- Neutral clothing (not white or black) and walking shoes required.
- Bring own water and a small snack.
- Binoculars optional.
- Warning: should be fairly fit and prepared for a challenging climb.

Cheetah Tracking

Drive out with your guide to search for the elusive Mountain Zebra National Park cheetahs. When signal from a collared cheetah is found, you will have the opportunity to get closer on foot.

- Ranging between 1-3 hours. Advance bookings are essential. Departure time to be confirmed by reception.
- Minimum of two and maximum of eight people.
- From 12 years - 65 years. If you are older than 65 years and wish to undertake the activity, you will be required to submit a doctor's certificate stating you are medically fit to undertake a hike in rugged terrain.
- R310 per person.
- Neutral clothing (not white or black) and walking shoes required.
- Bring own water and a small snack.
- Binoculars optional.

Guided Drives & Activities on Foot

A guided drive or walk provides the ideal opportunity to get to know the park on foot or in a safari vehicle with a

qualified and knowledgeable guide. Mountain Zebra National Park also provides the unique opportunity of tracking a wild cheetah with the chance to observe these cats in their natural habitat.

Visitors can also explore the park at their own leisure in their own vehicle on almost 70km of tourist roads. Roads are mostly gravel but of good standard and suitable for all vehicles. There are two short walking trails within the fenced Restcamp that can be self-hiked. The Black Eagle Trail (2.5km) is a more challenging climb to the top of the rocky outcrop with spectacular views over the Park while the Imbila Trail (1km) is an easy, flat trail.

4x4 Trails

- NB: No booking necessary as the trails are open during the normal operating hours of the Park.
- Only 4x4 vehicles may be used on the trails.
- Please note: The Juriesdam and Sonnerust trails are relatively easy drives while the Umgeni trail is more challenging. Trails may be closed in the event of wet weather or maintenance.

Sonnenrust 4x4 Trail

This 14.2km trail starts on the Ubejane Loop and ends on the Link Road (which joins Ubejane to Rooiplaat Loops). It is situated in the north-western area of the Park, skirting the base of Saltpeterskop and ending on a plateau with scenic views.

Juriesdam 4x4 Trail

This 10km trail starts and ends on the main entrance road into the Park. It explores the eastern plateau area of the Park.

Umngeni 4x4 Trail

This 8km trail takes about one hour to complete and starts on the Park’s main entrance road just north-west of the restcamp area.

Things to do in nearby Cradock

If you are staying in Mountain Zebra National Park for more than a few days, you might want to explore some of the nearby tourist and historical attractions. Here are a few highlights:

Schreiner House Museum (9 Cross Street)

Olive Schreiner, South Africa's internationally renowned author of "The Story of an African Farm", lived in this

house as a young girl from 1867 to 1870. An extensive pictorial exhibition portrays her life and those of her eminent siblings. Open Mondays to Fridays: 08h00 - 12h45 then 14h00 - 16h30 and weekends on request.

Olive Schreiner Grave, Buffelskop (26km On The Moritimer Road- Minimum 7 Hours

On 13 August 1921, Olive was reinterred on Buffelskop together with the bodies of her child and their much loved fox terrier, Nita. Arrangements for visits can be made at Schreiner House. The climb is only recommended for those who are reasonably fit.

Great Fish River Museum (behind the Municipal Building)

Built in 1849, it was the Second Dutch Reformed Church Parsonage in Cradock and declared a National Monument in 1971. The museum collection dates from 1630 - 2000. Ox wagon, different horse carts and old hearses are on view. In the Gallery see videos on the Boer War and the Cradock Four. According to hearsay it houses the organ that was played at Paul Kruger's baptism as well as copies of his christening certificate. Copies of the Midland News (Cradock's local newspaper) printed on silk dating back to 3 September 1912 are also found here. The museum is open weekdays: 08h00 - 16h00.

Die Tuishuise & Victoria Manor (Market Street)

Market Street, a proclaimed National Heritage Street, laid out in 1847, is probably one of the only streets in South Africa where all the houses are original in core. These beautifully restored houses depict the different lifestyles of the people who lived in them from Victorian splendour to that of the rugged Boer. The Victoria Manor, a grand old colonial hotel (est. 1848), serves hearty country fare.

Dutch Reformed Moederkerk (Corner Of J.A Calata And Church Street)

Styled after St Martin's-in-the-Field on Trafalgar Square, London, the Moederkerk was consecrated in 1868. This church community, the first in Cradock, was established in 1824, 10 years after the town received its name. The first President of the South African Republic, Paul Kruger, was christened in the first church in 1826. During the South African War the church was used as a lookout point by the British who occupied the town.

Lingelighle Township (Township Tour on request at Victoria Manor)

Highlights include: Vusubuntu Cultural Village, Cradock Four Garden of Remembrance, Lingelighle Cemetery, Nondis Restaurant, JA Calata House and a Tavern. Lingelihle is famous for its struggle icons: amongst others the Cradock Four (Matthew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto and Siklo Mhlauli) and Canon JA Calata, the longest serving Secretary General of the ANC. For more information on the Cradock Four - buy a DVD from

Victoria Manor reception, go to the Great Fish River Museum, or go on a Township Tour and see the Garden of Remembrance and their graves in Lingelihle.

Karoo Comfort Zone (Health And Beauty Centre) Market Street

Karoo Comfort Zone offers our clients a professional selection of products and treatments at our Health & Beauty Clinic. A speciality of the Karoo Comfort Zone is the unique "African Hum and Sun massage". Local Xhosa perform the massages, in the sun (weather permitting), whilst singing and humming traditional melodies.

Tubing, rafting, canoeing and abseiling

Tubing, rafting, canoeing and abseiling available. Enquire at Victoria Manor reception or call James on 084 429 9944 and Wayne on 082 450 7207.

Facilities

- Fully licensed a la carte restaurant, also serving light refreshments.
- Shop where curios and basic commodities may be purchased.
- Swimming pool in Restcamp for overnight visitors.
- Fonteinkloof and Weltevrede picnic sites with braai faciltiies, picnic table and ablutions. There is a swimming pool for day visitors at Fonteinkloof picnic site.
- Unleaded petrol and diesel fuel is available in the Rest Camp from 07h00 - 17h00.
- No ATM facility available in the park. The closest bank facilities are available in the town of Cradock (24km from the park).

Conference Facilities

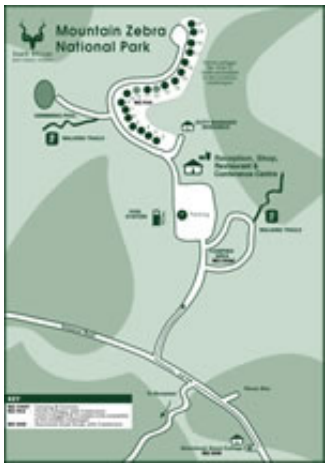
- A Conference Room in the Reception building is ideal for your corporate meeting or conference in the bush.
- Can accommodate a maximum of 30 people seated at tables or 50 people, cinema-style (no tables).
- Catering facilities are available from the adjacent restaurant.
- Reservations:
  Park Reception Tel: 048 881 2427/3434 or
  SANParks Conferencing Tel: 012 426-5025
  Fax: 012 426-5488

Wedding Receptions

- The Conference Room and Restaurant can be booked for small wedding receptions of maximum 50 people.
- Bookings and enquiries can be made at the park reception.

Park Maps

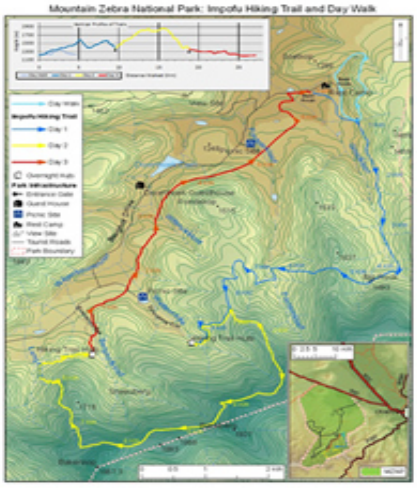
Rest Camp Layout



Camping Section Layout

Park Map

Impofu Hiking Trail Map



Tariffs

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