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of South African National Parks

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ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND
The Park was proclaimed in 1931 to protect the last remaining Eastern Cape elephants. The Park was then only 2230 ha in size. Today it covers 180 000 ha and protects five diverse biomes.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
- The park provides some of the best game viewing in the country.
- The park is home to one of the densest African elephant populations on earth.
- The unique flightless dung beetle.
- The largest coastal dune field in the southern hemisphere.
- The only Park in the world to be home to the Big 7, namely elephants, buffalo, rhino, lions, leopard. The great white shark and Southern right whale in the marine section complete the Big 7.
- Over 400 birds species occur across the park.

WILDLIFE
- Elephant
- Black Rhino
- Buffalo
- Lion
- Kudu
- Bushbuck

BIRDS
- Ostrich
- Secretary Bird
- Dabchick
- Forest Weaver
- Martial Eagle
- Denham’s Bustard

PLANTS / TREES
- Spekboom
- Uitenhage Aloe
- Long-leaved Cycad
- Schotia
- Coral Tree
- Tree Euphorbia

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ACCOMMODATION

ADDOP MAIN REST CAMP
A range of self-catering accommodation is available at Addo Main Rest Camp, including luxury guest houses, chalets, rondavels, forest cabins, furnished safari tents, caravans and camping sites, most with a view of the wildlife area.

Facilities include a swimming pool, the bird hide, the Interpretive centre, the floodlit waterhole, a shop, a restaurant, underground viewing hide and lapa.

NARINA BUSH CAMP
Narina Bush Camp is a breathtakingly beautiful secluded tented bush camp situated in the foothills of the Zuurberg Mountains, alongside a crystal clear mountain river.

MATYHOLWENI REST CAMP
• Located close to the beach and the Sunday's River just off the N2 at Colchester.

• There are 12 cottages in this new section of the Addo Elephant National Park. Visitors staying here have direct access to Addo Main Camp on the newly built road connecting the two camps.

SPEKBOOM TENTED CAMP
Spend a night in the middle of the bush, listening to the sounds of the wild around you. You may catch a glimpse of nocturnal animals drinking at the waterhole, gaze at the starry skies and enjoy being away from it all. The Spekboom Tents are located in the fenced area of Spekboom Hide in the Park’s Main Game Area.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION (CONCESSIONS):
• Gorah Elephant Camp
• Kuzuko Lodge
• Nguni River Lodge
• Matyholweni Rest Camp
• Gorah Elephant Camp
• Riverbend Lodge

ACTIVITIES
• Guided game drives
• Self-drives in the wildlife area
• Day trails and the Alexandria Hiking Trail
• Wheelchair friendly PPC Discovery Trail
• Guided Horseback Trails
• Birding
• 4x4 trail for owners of off-road vehicles

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
From JHB, take the N1 towards Colesburg, take the N10 towards Cradock and Paterson. Take the R342 to the left when you get to the intersection with Paterson on your right.

From Port Elizabeth, take the N2 for about 40 km to enter Matyholweni Gate or take the Motherwell off-ramp from the N2 (after about 23 km) and follow the R335 to the left for about 52km to enter the Main Gate.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/addo/
AGULHAS NATIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND

Agulhas National Park at the southernmost tip of Africa, official meeting place of the Atlantic and Indian oceans, is a place of rugged beauty with rich cultural and natural heritage.

Many national monuments are found in the area, such as the historic Cape Agulhas Lighthouse, which has been in operation since 1849.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK

• The Southernmost Tip of Africa – Where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet.
• The Cape Agulhas Lighthouse – Designed on the model of the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt, this is the oldest working lighthouse erected on the African Continent’s coastline.
• Soetendalsvlei – It is the second largest lacustrine wetlands system and the largest freshwater lake in Southern Africa with access to the sea.
• Graveyard of ships – The Zoetendal, the Gentoo and the Doncaster are some of the many shipwrecks found along the Agulhas coastline. Artefacts from these shipwrecks are on display at the Bredasdorp Shipwreck Museum.

WILDLIFE

• 65 mammal species
• 24 Reptiles species
• 15 Amphibian species

BIRDS

• 230 species (11 are Red Data Species)

PLANTS / TREES

• 1750 species (60 are Red Data Species)
ACCOMMODATION

There is a variety of accommodation at Agulhas, from the rest camp overlooking the sea to historic Strandveld cottages. Lagoon House is perfectly situated at the foot of the ocean with sea comprising three quarters of the view.

ACCOMMODATION TYPES:

- Agulhas Rest Camp – one and two bedroom chalets by the sea
- Lagoon House – 4 bedroom house at the foot of the sea
- Rhenosterkop Guest Cottages – one and two bedroom historic cottages (inland)
- Bergplaas Guest House – 5 bedroom family home (inland)

ACTIVITIES

- Visit the southernmost tip of Africa, the official position being S34° K49'58”E20°00’12”.
- Visit the unique Lighthouse Museum, the only one on the African continent.
- View the ship wreck and fish traps. See the remains of the tuna trawler, the Meisho Maru 38, and visit the Shipwreck Museum in Bredasdorp. Enquire about the fish traps at Rasperpunt.
- Explore the fynbos on the Agulhas Plain with its great diversity of indigenous flora and unique vegetation such as limestone fynbos.
- Swimming and angling. Fishing permits can be purchased from the Struisbaai Post Office at the Struisbaai Mall.
- Go bird watching. The park has exceptional birdlife, including endangered avifauna such as the African Black Oystercatcher and the vulnerable Stanley’s Bustard.
- Bird lovers will also enjoy watching the birds congregate in large flocks on the wetlands and in salt pans.
- Follow trails to experience the beautiful view, interesting birds, and our unique floral heritage.
- Enquire about the Rasperpunt hiking trail just to the west of Cape Agulhas.

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE

Cape Agulhas is approximately 230 km from Cape Town and 260 km from Mossel Bay. It can be accessed via the N2 route turning off at Caledon and taking the R316 through Napier to Bredasdorp when coming from Cape Town.

From the east, leave the N2 near Swellendam taking the R319 and pass through Bredasdorp to get to Cape Agulhas.

The nearest towns are L’Agulhas and the fishing village of Struisbaai.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/agulhas/
BACKGROUND

An international treaty signed on 1 August 2003, incorporated the IAi-IAis Hot Springs Game Park in Namibia and IAi-IAis/Richtersveld National Park in South Africa, resulting in the establishment of the IAi IAis/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park.

This is the largest mountain desert park of South Africa, and nurtures 30% of all South Africa’s succulent plant species. One of the main features of the combined park is the world's second largest canyon - the Fish River Canyon.

At Sendelingsdrift, on the South African side, a pontoon has been established to ferry people and vehicles across the Orange River. Sendelingsdrift is a border post and entry to Namibian side of the park (weather permitted phone park).

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK

- Rock Hyrax
- Ground Squirrel
- Jackal Buzzard
- ‘Half-mens’ plants (Half Human)
- Hartmann’s Mountain Zebra

WILDLIFE

- Porcupine
- Ground Squirrel
- Caracal
- Honey Bedger
- Klipspringer
- Gemsbok
- Rhebok Grey
- Steenbok
- Duiker Grey
- Striped Polecat

BIRDS

- Ostrich
- Kori Bustard
- African Fish Eagle
- Hamerkop
- Greater Flamingo
- Lesser Flamingo
- African Spoonbill
- African Crake

PLANTS / TREES

- Bastard Quiver Tree
- “Half-mens”
- Quiver Tree
- Prenia Tetragona
- Cleome Foliosa
- Codon Royenii
Your natural heritage

ACCOMMODATION

SENDELINGSDRIFT REST CAMP
- 10 chalets and 12 camping sites with no power

TATASBERG WILDERNESS CAMP
- 4 chalets, no power, solar lights and gas geyser and 12 camping sites with no power

GANNAKOURIEP WILDERNESS CAMP
- 4 chalets, no power, solar lights and gas geyser and 12 camping sites with no power

CAMPSITES
These are 4x4 camping destinations with no power plugs and other commodity supplies
- DeHoop -12 sites with cold water ablution
- Richtersberg - 12 sites with cold water ablution
- Kokerboomboorkloof - 8 sites with dry toilets
- Potjiespram - 18 sites with cold water ablution
- Hakiesdoring (for groups)

HIKING TRAILS BUSH CAMP
Situated in the panoramic Ganakouriep Valley, the camp accommodates 9 people, and gas stoves, fridges and hot showers are available. Because of a shortage of qualified guides the hiking trail itself is not open, but groups under the control of an appropriately qualified guide may be allowed to hike.

ACTIVITIES
- Bird watching
- Guided trails
- Fly fishing (catch and release)
- Camping

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
The park can be reached via Springbok, from there follow the N7 to Steinkopf, Port Nolloth and Alexander Bay and then turn onto a gravel road leading to Sendelingsdrift / Reuning.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/richtersveld/
AUGRABIES FALLS NATIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND
The park was initially proclaimed to conserve a small area of geological interest around the Augrabies Falls. It is the world’s 6th largest waterfall, measuring 56m in height, and its downstream gorge, which stretches over 20km, offers breathtaking views.

The Khoi people called it ‘Aukoerebis’, or place of Great Noise, as this powerful flow of water is unleashed from rocky surroundings characterised by the 18 abyss of the Orange River Gorge.

The 57 000 ha park lies mainly south of the Orange River. A new boardwalk offers the visitor a safe view of the falls; different platforms give fascinating views on the falls magnificent gorge (wheel chair friendly).

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
- Moon Rock - Augrabies Falls’ prominent landmark, which is a giant exfoliation dome or “whaleback”. Hiking to the peak, the visitor will see one of the best views of the park surroundings.
- Oranjekom & Ararat - Essential viewpoints to observe the massive gorge areas as well as the wildlife. Principle fauna to spot include the nesting Verreaux’s (Black) Eagles, which prey on the abundant rock hyrax populations, and the Cape Clawless Otter.

WILDLIFE
- Leopard
- Mongoose
- Leopard Tortoise
- Giraffe

BIRDS
- Black Stork
- Black Eagle
- Pygmy Falcon
- Karoo Chat
- Marico

PLANTS / TREES
- Quiver tree
- Camel thorn
- Desert broom
- Driedoring
- Shepherd’s tree
Your natural heritage

ACCOMMODATION

MAIN REST CAMP
• 59 chalets fully-equipped, air-conditioned chalets and family cottages are available, as well as two three-bedded bungalows, which have been adapted for persons with mobility impairments.
• Offers a shop, restaurant and swimming pool.

CAMP SITE
• Caravan and camping sites in a shaded area.
• A maximum of six persons, one caravan / tent and one vehicle or one auto villa permitted per site.
• Communal camp kitchen with two-plated stoves, and sink, communal ablution facilities, laundry and ironing room.
• All sites have power points.

ACTIVITIES
• Klipspringer hiking trail 3 day. (closed 15 October to 31 March)
• Garib 3 in 1 adventure – canoeing in the gorge, hiking out of it and a mountain bike trip back to the camp.
• Bird Watching.
• Game viewing in own vehicle.
• Dassie Nature Trails.
• Night drives.

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
Augrabies National Park is located 120 km west of Upington, a town that has national air links to all the major international airports in South Africa.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/augrabies/
BONTEBOK NATIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND

Bontebok National Park, just outside the historic town of Swellendam, lies at the foot of the majestic Langeberg Mountains and is bordered by the winding Breede River. The Park is home to over 200 Bontebok and many other animals including the Red Hartebees and Grey Rhebok. Although the smallest of SA’s 22 National Parks, it is by no means less diverse.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK

• Picnics and braai facilities on the banks of the Breede River.
• Dedicated mountain biking trails.
• Hiking–there are 3 short trails which start near the rest camp.
• Die Stroom Function and Braai Facility on the banks of the Breede; equipped to cater for up to 50 people.
• Denham’s Bustard.
• Cheese tasting in Swellendam.
• The wine routes and historic buildings of Swellendam, Robertson, Montagu, Aston and Bonnievale.
• Sulina, the magical Fairy Garden in Swellendam.
• The hot springs in Montague.
**ACCOMMODATION**

**LANG ELSIE’S KRAAL REST CAMP**

Situated on the banks of the Breede River, the fully equipped raised wooden chalets comprise an open plan room with kitchen nook, sleeper couch and double/twin beds; bathroom with shower and an outside deck area with built-in braai. It’s not unusual to find a tortoise at your doorstep and Bontebok grazing at the river. The rest camp also has caravan and campsites situated behind the chalets. Campsites allow a maximum of 6 people per site.

**BONTEBOK RIVERSIDE CAMP**

The popular Riverside Campsite, open between November and April, also allows a maximum of 6 persons per site and is right next to the Breede River. No caravans are allowed at these sites.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Game viewing from your own vehicle along a circular route (dirt roads) which includes three view points with wonderful views of the Breede river.
- Birding.
- Nature-hiking trails.
- Angling (licence available from reception).
- Canoeing / kayaking (own equipment).
- Mountain biking.

**TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE**

Bontebok National Park is situated about 6 km from the picturesque and historic town of Swellendam, 240km from Cape Town. The park’s current entrance is about 5km off the N2.

For more information on this park visit [www.sanparks.org/parks/bontebok/](http://www.sanparks.org/parks/bontebok/)
BACKGROUND
Camdeboo National Park was proclaimed as South Africa’s 22nd National Park under the management of South African National Parks on the 30th October 2005, following an extensive process of negotiation and discussion between government, conservation groups, and concerned stakeholders.

Elevation to national park status was made possible by the World Wide Fund for Nature in South Africa (WWF-SA), which donated the 14 500ha Karoo Nature Reserve to be the centerpiece of the project. The park now covers over 19 000ha.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
- The Valley of Desolation, sometimes referred to as the “Cathedral of the Mountains” provides visitors with an experience ranging from spiritual contact to one of profound awareness of the surroundings majestic beauty.
- Magnificent dolerite pillars rise up to heights of 90-120 meters, providing visitors with awesome panoramic views and an unforgettable experience.
- The Game Viewing Area is home to buffalo and a variety of antelope species such as gemsbok and wildebeest. Birdlife flourishes around the Nqweba Dam and water sports such as fishing are permitted here.
- The Camdeboo Education Centre provides facilities for school groups on overnight educational programmes and can also be used for team-building.

WILDLIFE
- Buffalo
- Springbok
- Blesbok
- Black Wildebeest
- Kudu
- Grey Duiker
- Steenbok

BIRDS
- Ostrich
- Pale Chanting
- Goshawk
- Rock Kestrel
- Namaqua Dove
- Diederik Cuckoo
- Speckled Mousebird
- Brownhooded Kingfisher

PLANTS / TREES
- Spekboom
- Fluitjesriet (Phragmites Communis)
- Sweet Thorn Tree (Acacia karoo)
- Karoo Bush (Pentzia Incana)
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ACCOMMODATION
The Nqweba Bush Camp and Campsite is available for your stay. There are 15 campsites and the Bush Camp has furnished tented units with a communal kitchen and bathroom facilities.

ACTIVITIES
- Hiking Trails
- Fishing and Water Sports (permits Required)
- Game viewing
- 4x4 Trail, 4x4's needed
- Picnic sites
- Bird watching
- Self-drive Game Viewing
Booking is essential

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
Take the N1 highway towards Beaufort West. Pass through the town of Beaufort West and then turn right onto the R61 to Aberdeen.

At Aberdeen, take the N9 towards Graaff-Reinet.

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/camdeboo/

Photographs courtesy of Piet Heymans
**BACKGROUND**

The park was proclaimed in 1983, with more additions made after that, adding in, among others, state islands in the Wilderness National Lake Area, Rondevlei and lands between Rondevlei and Swartvlei Lake.

**SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK**

- Little Egret
- Pansy Shell
- Pied Kingfisher
- Grey Kingfisher

**WILDLIFE**

- White-naped Weasel
- Leopard
- Caracal
- Clawless Otter
- Cape Fur Seal
- Cape Porcupine
- Grysboek
- Forest Shrew

**BIRDS**

- Reed Cormorant
- Grey and Purple Heron
- Little Egret
- African Spoonbill
- Little Bittern
- Red-knobbed Coot
- Purple Gallinule
- African Rail

**PLANTS / TREES**

- Juncus Kraussii
- Reeds (phragmites australis)
- Sedges (Scirpus littoralis, scirpus nodosus and Cyperaceae generally)
**ACCOMMODATION**

**EBB AND FLOW REST CAMP**

Offers visitors family cottages, long cottages and forest cabins, with the following facilities:
- Family and Honeymoon cottages are inclusive of DSTV & en-suite bathrooms
- Conference Room
- Entertainment room with DSTV, Pool and Table Tennis
- Cottages are fully equipped and each offer private braai facilities

- Affordable rondavel structures
- Excellent camping facilities on the Touw River bank with magnificent mountain views

**ACTIVITIES**

- Bathing, canoeing fishing at wilderness Beach, Touw River and some of the lakes
- Hiking – The park boat of six trails ranging from fairy easy to difficult
- Boating at Island Lake
- Mountain Biking
- Abseiling
- Birding

**TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE**

Wilderness is situated close to the N2 highway, 15km from George, 2km from Wilderness village, 410km from Port Elizabeth and 450km from Cape Town. The closest airport is at George, where car hire facilities are available.

Guests visiting Wilderness EBB & Flow camp, please note the road sign on the N2 to the Park reads Wilderness National Park and not Ebb & Flow. Guests can also use the western access through the town of Wilderness across the rail Road Bridge and turn right for the Reception.

For more information on this park visit [www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route/](http://www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route/)
**BACKGROUND**

Knysna National Lake Area was proclaimed in December 1985 in order to protect the Knysna lagoon and salt marshes and activities on the Knysna lagoon.

The Knysna estuary is the second largest rich estuary in South Africa. The Knysna River has its origin in the Outeniqua Mountains. The estuary where the Knysna River meets the Indian Ocean is permanently open.

The estuary is 19km long and gradually widens and deepens to form a lagoon approximately 3km wide 5m deep.

**SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK**

- Sleep over and enjoy some of the best day walks, mountains biking, picnic and enjoy scenic view points.
- Garden of Eden in Harkerville Forest offers the visitor the tree species of the moister forest types. Picnic and enjoy the short circular walk and an 800 meter trail. For those in wheelchairs the route is marked.
- Kranshoek Viewpoint and Picnic Sites, the best lookout point in the Southern Cape Coast, it offers the visitors a liff-top view of the coast and a warm sheltered picnic site.

**WILDLIFE**

- Honey Badger
- Long-Eared Bat
- Leopard
- Grysbok
- Bushpig
- Grey Rhebuck
- Knysna Seahorse

**BIRDS**

- Grey Plover
- Marsh Sandpiper
- Greenshank
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Whimbrel
- Cape Shoveller

**PLANTS / TREES**

- Fynbos
- Ironwood
- Cape Holly
- White Pear
- Assegai Tree
- Cape Primrose
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ACCOMMODATION
In addition to Forest accommodation, the picturesque town of Knysna provides a variety of accommodation facilities.

ACTIVITIES
- Outeniqua Hiking Trail
- Forest walks
- Fishing
- Water skiing
- Mountain biking
- Birding
- Sailing
- Angling
- Boardsailing
- Power boating

CAMPING DECKS
The Forest Timber Camping Decks lies in the heart of Knysna Forest. Set in a landscape of beautiful beaches and rocky headlands, shimmering lakes, green pastures and jagged mountains, the Knysna Forest Camping Decks affords the visitor an opportunity to feel at one with nature.

- Wheelchair friendly facilities.
- Camping Decks with electric points, braai area and a communal ablution block.

TREE TOP FOREST CHALETS
The Tree Top Forest Chalet: situated in Harkeville forest between Knysna and Plettenberg Bay, This 4 star chalet is tucked away at the head of a wide valley.

GUEST HOUSE/S
There is a Guest House in the Diepwalle forest: Bring your mountain bikes and ride some of the finest tracks in the country or take a leisurely stroll along the forest trail.

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
The park lies on the scenic Garden Route, some 500km from Cape Town and some 300km from Port Elizabeth. Car rental facilities and a national airport are located at George, some 70 km from Knysna.

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route/
**BACKGROUND**

Tsitsikamma National Park protects a wonderland of inter-tidal and marine life.

This is one of the largest single unit, no take (including fishing) Marine Protected Area (MPA) in the world, conserving 11% of South Africa’s Temperate South Coast rocky shoreline and provides a ‘laboratory’ for fisheries baseline research on endangered line fish species.

It was proclaimed in 1964 as the Marine National Park in Africa.

**SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK**

- Dolphins and Porpoises
- African Black Oystercatcher
- Knysna Lourie
- Cape Clawless Otter
- Blue Duiker

**WILDLIFE**

- Killer Whale
- Leopard
- African Wild Cat
- African Weasel

**BIRDS**

- Kelp Gulls
- African Black Oystercatchers
- Red-eyed Dove

**PLANTS / TREES**

- Fynbos
- Outeniqua Yellow Wood
ACCOMMODATION
All accommodation is serviced daily and provided with bedding, towels and soap.

CAMPING
All with communal ablution, laundry and washing up facilities.
A maximum of six persons, one caravan with a side tent and one vehicle, or one tent and one vehicle, or one auto villa or motorised caravan will be permitted per site.

NATURES’ VALLEY REST CAMP
Natures’ Valley Rest Camp is perfect for hikers, backpackers and campers. These 2 bed forest huts with communal ablution and standard three point electric plug facilities offer the visitor a peaceful, tranquil or adventurous getaway.

STORMS RIVER MOUTH REST CAMP
Consists of Forest Huts, Forest Cabins, Chalets, Oceanettes, Cottages, Family Cottages and Honeymoon Cottages. Self-equipped with a minimum of 2 beds per unit. Camping sites all have communal ablution, laundry and washing up facilities.
Also provides a shop with souvenirs and basic commodities, an a la carte restaurant, laundromat and information desk. Fuel is available at Storms River Bridge (+/- 25 km from Storms River Rest Camp).

STORMS RIVER MOUTH - BACKPACKERS
• Sleep 35 people
• Booking should be made directly with the camp
• Fully self-catering

ACTIVITIES
Most of the activities are safe enough to undertake unguided. For a small fee, small groups can book a guide to accompany them and discover more about the area.
• The Otter Trail
• The Dolphin Trail
• Soft Nature Trails
• Tree Top Canopy Tours
• Abseiling
• 4x4 Trails
• Boat Rides
• Snorkeling
• Bungee Jumping – the world’ highest
• Scuba Diving
• Sea Kayaking
• Swimming Pool for overnight visitors in Storms River Mouth
• The Otter Trail
• The Dolphin Trail
• Soft Nature Trails
• Tree Top Canopy Tours
• Abseiling
• 4x4 Trails

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
The park is situated about 615km Cape Town. Port Elizabeth and Plettenberg Bay, 195km and 68km from the park respectively, have airports and car rental services. All the roads in the park are tarred and well maintained.

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route/
GOLDEN GATE HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND
An initial core area of 1 792ha, which included the farms Glen Reenen, Wodehouse and Melsetter, was proclaimed in 1962 as the Golden Gate Highlands National Park on 13 September 1963.

That same year the Glen Reenen rest camp was developed by utilising an old farm building as tourist accommodation.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
- The van Reenen family graveyard
- Vulture Restaurant
- Cathedral Cave (Guided Walk)
- Spectacular lookout points and viewpoints such as Zuluhoek lookout point; Generaalskop viewpoint the third highest point in the park; Oribi Basin and Drekensberg view.

WILDLIFE
- Blesbok
- Common Duiker
- Eland
- Grey Rhebok
- Red Haartebeest
- Springbok

BIRDS
- Bearded Vulture
- Black Stork
- Cape Vulture
- Martial Eagle
- Peregrine Falcon
- Rock Kestrel

PLANTS / TREES
- False Olive
- Sagewood
- Parsley Tree
- Lemon Thorn
- Bush –Tick Berry
- Bridal Wreath
ACCOMMODATION

GLEN REENEN REST CAMP
Guests can choose from Rondavels, Longdavels and Guest Cottages with either one double and two single beds or two single and one stack bed, bathroom (shower) and kitchen with basic equipment. The alluring shaded grounds at Glen Reenen offer perfect caravan and camping sites. Ablution and barbeque facilities are provided, as well as a scullery. A maximum of 6 person, one caravan / tent and one vehicle or one auto villa is permitted per site.

GOLDEN GATE HOTEL AND CHALETS
Within the park, Golden Gate Hotel offers visitors a wide range of services and facilities and has luxury hotel accommodation and fully equipped self-catering chalets. A restaurant, ladies bar, coffee-shop, curio-shop, conferencing & banqueting venues are all available for guests.

HIGHLANDS MOUNTAIN RETREAT
• Log cabins situated 2200m above sea level.
• 4 log cabins have a double bed and a sleeper couch.
• 4 log cabins have a double bed and two single beds.

BASOTHO CULTURAL VILLAGE
• Is a cultural jewel of the Free State.
• Located about 14km from the Golden Gate Hotel.
• The rest camp has two and four sleeper self–catering rondavels with stunning views of the mountains.

ACTIVITIES
• Rhebok Hiking Trail
• Short Nature Trails
• Guided Horse Trails
• Canoeing
• Swimming Pool
• Abseiling
• Holiday programmes are conducted during the April and December holidays
• Tennis
• Cultural tour at Basotho Cultural Village

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
• Equidistant from Johannesburg, Durban and Bloemfontein. (±250km)
• Easily accessible via excellent tarred road.
• Public road runs through the park.
• Roads in the park are tarred.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/golden_gate/
KAROO NATIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND
In the 1970s South African National Parks proposed the establishment of a National Park that would be representative of the Nama Karoo Biome. After considering a number of possible suitable areas it was decided to establish this new park in the vicinity of Beaufort West. In a gesture of support, the Town Council of Beaufort West donated 7209ha north-west of the town to the South African National Park, proclaimed in 1979. The Park now covers approximately 90,000ha.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
- The Karoo National Park has welcomed the arrival of lions in 2010 for the first time after an absence of 170 years. These lions became the first wild, free-ranging lions in the Great Karoo.
- Verraux’s (Black) Eagle breeding pairs occur in the Park
- The dramatic landscapes and utter tranquillity of the Karoo
- Tortoises – the park hosts 5 different species, the highest density of species per equivalent area anywhere in the world
- Cape Mountain Zebra – this species came close to extinction early in the 20th Century. It is now well established with the largest herd in SA resident in the Park. Burchell’s Zebra also occurs in the Park
- Springbok are protected in the Park and are a reminder of the once massive herds that crossed the Karoo on annual migration that could stretch for several kilometres.
- The Klipspringer Mountain Pass not only provides a visitor with spectacular views and is a testament to civil engineering toil and precision.

WILDLIFE
- Lions
- Black Rhinoceros
- Mountain Zebra
- Klipspringer
- Eland
- Gemsbok
- African Wild Cat

BIRDS
- Red-eyed Bulbul
- Cape Robin-Chat
- Layard’s Tit-babbler
- Dusky Sunbird
- Redheaded Finch

PLANTS / TREES
- Montane Karoo Grass Shrublands
- Karoo Succulent Dwarf Shrublands
- Riparian Thicket
- Acacia Sweet Thorn
- Karoo Gold
Your natural heritage

ACCOMMODATION

MAIN REST CAMP

- Comfortable Cape Dutch style chalets and family chalets provide visitors with self-catering accommodation, all with stunning panoramic views of the Park’s Karoo landscapes. All are fitted with air-conditioners.

CAMPING SITE

- Award winning camping & caravanning sites are available, where a large leopard tortoise might accompany you as you relax under the trees next to your campsite. Facilities include restaurant, shop, swimming pool, conference centre, interpretive centre, bird hide and picnic sites.

Bulkraal Day Visitor Facility has a swimming pool, braai area and ablution facilities.

ACTIVITIES

- Guided game drives
- Self-drive game viewing
- Guided walks
- Fossil Trail (wheelchair friendly)
- Two 4x4 trails, with an overnight option at Embizweni Cottage
- Interpretive Centre

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE

The Park is a convenient stopover on the N1 route outside Beaufort West between Cape Town and the interior country. Cape Town is situated about 500km south of the Park. Johannesburg is situated about 1000km north of the Park.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/karoo/

Photographs courtesy of Johannes van Niekerk and Christo van Zyl
BACKGROUND
On 7 April 1999 a treaty was signed that would link the Gemsbok National Park and the Kalahari Gemsbok National Park under one unifying name – The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. It was officially opened on 12 May 2000 as the first formally declared transfrontier park in Africa. The Kalahari Gemsbok National Park was subsequently named the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
• Gemsbok – these large striking desert antelope are the emblem of the park.
• Suricate (Meerkat) – these hyperactive little omnivores have wonderfully intricate structures.
• Black-maned Kalahari Lions – Physically impressive, they are the kings of the Kalahari Desert.

WILDLIFE
• Blue Wildebeest
• Brown Spotted Hyena
• Cheetah
• Bat Eared Fox
• Gemsbok
• Leopard
• Giraffe

BIRDS
• Bateleur
• Pale Chanting Goshawk
• Martial Eagle
• Tawny Eagle
• Gabar Goshawk
• Pygmy Falcon
• Greater Kestrel
ACCOMMODATION
On South African side of the Park

TRADITIONAL CAMPS
The traditional camps, being Twee Rivieren (restaurant), Mata-mata and Nossob, are where most of the facilities can be found including shops, fuel, swimming pools and information centres (camping available only in traditional camps). The new tourist access facility at Mata Mata is now opened. Use of this crossing is subject to sleeping a minimum of 2 nights in the park.

WILDERNESS CAMPS
There are 6 upmarket, unfenced wilderness camps, with special views and different habitats: Kielierankie, Urikaruus, Kalahari tent camp, Grootkolk, Gharagab and Bitterpan

!XAUS COMMUNITY LODGE
A 24-bed private concessionaire run on the heritage lands of the Mier and Khomani San.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION (CONCESSIONS)
!Xaus Lodge

ON BOTSWANA SIDE OF THE PARK
Camping is available at Polentswa, Rooiputs, Two Rivers and in Mabuasehube. A 4x4 vehicle is necessary to access the Botswana side of the Park. This must be booked at Botswana tel: 09 2673180774 fax: 09 2673180775

ACTIVITIES
• Lectures, slide shows and holidays programmes are organised from the information centre at Twee Rivieren (inquire at reception)
• Game drives at Nossob and Twee Rivieren
• 4x4 Trails (self guided Botswana from South Africa tel: 09 2673180774
• Nossob 4x4 Eco-Trail, departing from either Nossob or Twee Rivieren (bookable at reception)
• A short self guided 4x4 trail Leeuwdril - bookable at Twee Rivieren
• !Xerry Wilderness Hiking Trail named after the diminutive steenbok. It departs from Nossob every Wednesday from April to October, returning on Friday. The trail is self guided where the hikers provide their own food, tents and water. This trail is bookable from the camps’ reception (Twee Rivieren and Nossob). An armed and experienced guide will be in attendance to unlock the secrets of the Kalahari.

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
The park is suited approximately 260km from Upington and 904km from Johannesburg. Light aircrafts may land at Twee Rivieren if prior permission is obtained from the park manager. Rental cars can be booked in advance at Twee Rivieren.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/kgalagadi/
A wildlife paradise, the Kruger National Park is the ultimate destination for the tourist seeking indigenous flora, fertile valleys, sub-tropical Lowveld vegetation and a diversity of habitat and wildlife.

Kruger was established in 1898 as the Sabie Game reserve and proclaimed a national park in 1926, making it the oldest national park in South Africa.

Rich in biodiversity, the park stretches for 350km from south to north along the Mozambican border to where South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe meet at the infamous Crooks Corner.

Together with Mozambique’s Limpopo National Park and Zimbabwe’s Gonarezhou, Kruger now also forms part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park - a unique political innovation that created a colossal wilderness area.

Over 1 million visitors per year flock to Kruger to experience close encounters with the wildlife in a natural unfenced environment. Some visitors go there to relax while others want to experience nature in a more spiritual way.

This jewel in the crown of SANParks is truly all things to all people and the natural heritage of all South Africans.
Your natural heritage

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK

- Kruger conserves not only natural, but also cultural heritage. There are almost 254 known cultural heritage sites in the Kruger National Park, including nearly 130 recorded rock art sites.

- Cultural artefacts of Stone Age man have been found for the period 100,000 to 300,000 years ago and more than 300 archaeological sites, with significant archaeological ruins at Thulamela and Masorini, have been found to date.

- The Big Five - Buffalo, Elephant, Leopard, Lion and Rhino.

- Birding Big Six - Ground Hornbill, Kori Bustard, Lappet-faced Vulture, Martial Eagle, Pel’s Fishing Owl and Saddle-bill Stork.

- Five Trees - Baobab, Fever Tree, knob Thorn, Marula, Mopane.


WILDLIFE

- Kruger is one of the premier game-watching destinations in the world.

- Approximately 148 mammal species occur in the park.

- It is possible to see all the classical African big game, including elephant, black and white rhino, hippopotamus, giraffe, zebra, buffalo, warthog and many antelope species.

- Large carnivores i.e. lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and spotted hyena, as well as smaller, equally enticing mammal species.
ACCOMMODATION

Kruger National Park’s accommodation is rustic and gives that back-to-nature feeling.

There are very few technological comforts (i.e. no room service, telephones or televisions) in the units, in order for guests to hear the sounds of wild animals at night.

Accommodation types on offer give a choice to suit all types of budgets and needs.

Televisions are available in selected units such as Guest Houses and Luxury Bungalows.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Accommodation facilities in Kruger are grouped in camps scattered throughout the Park. Camps are surrounded by electric fences for guest safety. Main camps are linked by tar roads but most roads (tar and gravel) are accessible by normal sedan vehicles. Most first time visitors choose one of the 12 main camps for their stay as these camps have restaurants, shops, fuel stations and other facilities.

After getting to know the Park better, other more rustic self-catering camps like the bushveld camps are chosen for their exclusivity.

The Kruger National Park boasts 12 main rest camps, 5 bushveld camps, 2 bush lodges, 5 satellite camps and 2 sleepover hides - a total of more than 4 500 beds.

It is one of the world’s most popular public entry game parks with more than 1 million visitors per year.

SEASONS

- The region’s subtropical climate features hot, generally rainy, October to March summers and extremely pleasant April to September winters, with warm dry days and cold nights. Traditionally, the best game viewing is in winter.

- During the wet season, animals are more widely distributed throughout the park due to plentiful natural water sources, such as pans and flowing rivers, that makes them less restricted to artificial water points closer to roads.
**BUNGALOW**

Single bedroom units with a bathroom and a choice of communal kitchen, or basic kitchenette. Bungalows with perimeter or river views can be reserved, while others have been upgraded to luxury status.

Berg-en-dal, Crocodile Bridge, Letaba, Lower Sabie, Malelane, Mopani, Oifants, Orpen, Pretoriuskop, Punda Maria, Satara, Shingwedzi, Skukuza.

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**BUSH LODGE**

Exclusive, private lodges where access is restricted to residents. A bush lodge must be reserved in totality. Bush Lodges have no reception offices, shops or restaurant facilities.

Boulders, Roodewal.

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**CAMPING**

Sites for caravans or tents - most have power (except Balule, Tsendze and some at Punda Maria and Pretoriuskop). Sites at Lower Sabie have designated boundaries and own water taps.

Balule, Berg-en-dal, Crocodile Bridge, Pretoriuskop, Letaba, Lower Sabie, Malelane, Maroela, Punda Maria, Satara, Shingwedzi, Skukuza, Tsendze.

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**COTTAGE**

Single bedroom units with living room, bathroom and kitchen.

Biyamiti, Mopani, Shimuwini, Shingwedzi, Sirheni, Talamati.

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**FAMILY COTTAGE**

Multiple bedroom units with a living room, bathroom and kitchen.

Berg-en-dal, Letaba, Pretoriuskop, Punda Maria, Skukuza.
**GUEST COTTAGE**

Multiple bedroom units with at least 2 bathrooms of which one is en-suite, as well as a fully equipped kitchen.

Bateleur, Biyamiti, Lower Sabie, Letaba, Mopani, Orpen, Pretoriuskop, Satara, Shimuwini, Sirheni, Skukuza, Talamati.

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**GUEST HOUSE**

Multiple bedroom and bathroom units with lounge area and often with bar facility and exclusive view.

HUT
Single room units with communal kitchen and communal ablution facilities.

Balule, Lower Sabie, Letaba, Orpen, Pretoriuskop, Shingwedzi.

SAFARI TENT
Canvas walled bedrooms on permanent platforms. Choose between communal facilities of fully equipped with kitchen and bathroom and more luxurious trimmings.

Crocodile Bridge, Lower Sabie, Letaba, Punda Maria, Skukuza, Tamboti.

SLEEP OVER HIDES
A bird hide by day, this unique overnight experience is exclusively available for guests from half an hour prior to gate closing times. A sleep over hide must be reserved in entirety and must be vacated half an hour after gate opening times.

Sable, Shipandane.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES
The Kruger National Park offers superb conferencing, accommodation and facilities that will deliver your message, in the superb surroundings of South Africa’s natural heritage.

The Nombolo Mdluli Conference Centre is a new addition to the Skukuza rest camp situated in the southern part of the renowned Kruger National Park.

The 500 seater conference centre was completed in 2010 and is equipped with state of the art audio visual equipment and translation booth, making it suitable to host any high powered multilingual conferences.

The centre’s 690m² floor space and 5m ceiling height make it suitable for other uses that includes product launches and exhibitions.

The Skukuza rest camp has ample accommodation to house delegates and offers a wide variety of activities and facilities to spice up the conferencing experience.

Other conference facilities are available in Mopani, Berg-en-Dal and Shingwedzi.
LUXURY ACCOMMODATION (CONCESSIONS)

- Imbali Safari Lodge
- Hamiltons Tented Camp
- Hoyo-Hoyo Tsonga Lodge
- Jock Safari Lodge
- Lukimbi Safari Lodge
- Rhino Walking Safaris
- Shishangeni Private Lodge
- Camp Shawu
- Camp Shonga
- Singita Lebombo Lodge
- Singita Sweni Lodge
- Tinga Private Game Lodge
ACTIVITIES

- The Kruger National Park offers its visitors up close and personal nature experiences with a variety of guided activities. Daily early morning and afternoon guided game walks are available from most camps.
- Game drives in open safari vehicles give guests the unique opportunity to search for game outside of normal gate opening and closing times.
- This is your chance to take part in the nocturnal activities of Kruger’s secretive creatures, or even meet them while dining in the bush at a bush braai.
- Alternatively broaden your horizons with the new Mphongolo Back Pack Trail and Malopeni Overnight Eco-Trail in the Nxnatseni Region.
- Get the adrenaline flowing by testing your game viewing skills on a mountain bike. Reasonably strenuous, Mountain Bike Trails are recommended for guests with a high level of fitness.
- The more adventurous can experience the wilderness overnight and on foot with the catered Wilderness Trails or self-catered Olifants River Back Pack Trail.
- These trails are designed on a strictly ‘take in, take out’ basis and guests only leave their footprints.
- 4x4 enthusiasts can tackle the overnight Lebombo Overland Eco Trail that follows the eastern boundary of the Kruger National Park along the Lebombo hills from the extreme South to the extreme North.
- As a day-trip, the Adventure Trails offers 4x4 owners the chance to get off the beaten track and traverse parts of Kruger that are rarely explored.
- Most guided activities are limited to a maximum of 8 guests. Experienced, professional and armed guides act as trail leaders and interpret the natural surroundings at regular intervals, to make the most of your activity.
So if you want more than self drive game viewing, take a walk on the wild side with any of these exciting options.

- **Lebombo Overland Eco Trail** - a 4x4 wilderness experience on wheels.
- **Wilderness Trails** overnight in the bush and discover unspoiled wilderness areas on foot.
- **Olifants River Back Pack Trail** - “no trace” hiking for the more adventurous.
- **Mountain Bike Trails** - combine your cycling skills with game viewing.
- **Guided Bush Walks** - Take a walk on the wild side.
- **Game Drives** - The activities of Kruger’s nocturnal animals revealed.
- **Bush Braai’s** - Dine under the African skies whilst listerning to the sounds of the bushveld.
- **Golf** - Dare to play a round on an unfenced 9-hole (18 tee) golf course at Skukuza
- **Mphongolo Back Pack Trail** - Rustic trail that stretches for 4 days and 3 nights
- **Malopeni overnight Eco-Trail** - Guided motorised adventure in the north east of the park
**DAY VISITORS**

- All main rest camps have day visitors area inside or nearby the rest camp. At the picnic spots visitors can (for a nominal fee) hire skottels (outdoor elevated frying pans) to cook meals on.
- Camps with day visitors areas located inside: Berg-en-Dal, Crocodile Bridge, Lower Sabie, Mopani, Olifants, Pretoriuskop, Punda Maria and Shingwedzi.
- Camps with day visitors areas located outside: Letaba, Orpen, Satara and Skukuza.
- There is a maximum threshold of vehicles that can enter the park daily. If this threshold is reached, only visitors with pre-booked overnight accommodation will be permitted access. Such situations tend only to arise in extreme cases such as public holidays and long weekends.
The maximum speed limit of 50 km/h on tar and 40 km/h on gravel roads mean that travelling times within the park are considerably longer than outside the park. Take note of all the rules and regulations as displayed on the entrance permit pamphlet and on the brown information boards as you enter Kruger. Should you be found in contravention of these rules, you may be liable for a fine.

Remain inside your vehicle and remember to consult the ‘game spotting board’ near reception offices to enhance your game viewing opportunities.

Visitors to the park should take into consideration the distances to and from Kruger and bear in mind they have to arrive at the camp of their choice before gate closing times:
- 18:00 - August to October
- 18:30 - November to February
- 18:00 - March to April
- 17:30 - May to July

Give yourself time to enjoy the natural beauty of Kruger.
Your natural heritage

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/
• The Lost City

Visitors must experience Mapungubwe Hill, where a far developed African civilization prospered between 1200 and 1270AD. A growing Iron Age community already inhabited this area since 900AD, and became rich by means of trade with foreign civilizations like Egypt, India and China.

It’s here where archaeologists unearthed the famous golden rhino and other evidence of a wealthy African kingdom.

BACKGROUND

The wealth of Mapungubwe was realized in the 1930’s when valuable artifacts were found on the sacred hill.

Further archaeological work revealed the extensive historical importance of the wider region.

The Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape was declared a national heritage site in December 2001, and listed as a World Heritage Site in July 2003.
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**ACCOMMODATION**

Facilities include swimming pool, the Interpretation Centre and restaurant.

**VHEMBE WILDERNESS TRAILS CAMP**

The Vhembe Wilderness Trails Camp is about 14km from the main gate. The camp is situated on the eastern side of the park on the sandstone rocks not 5km away from the mighty Limpopo River. The units are made of canvas and wooded plank on the sides, wooden floors and thatch roofs with netted windows. There are 4 cabins at the camp that can accommodate 8 people per night.

**LEOKWE REST CAMP**

This is Mapungubwe’s main camp, located in the eastern section of the Park in the spectacular sandstone hills. Close to the camp guests can enjoy the Treetop Hide and the Confluence View Site & Picnic Area. The camp itself has a swimming pool and sundeck, as well as a central braai area.

**LIMPOPO FOREST TENTED CAMP**

This camp, situated in the Limpopo Riverine Forest which offers excellent birding, is located in the western section of the Park. The camp is close to the Maloutswa Pan hide.

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/mapungubwe/
**MAPUNGUBWE NATIONAL PARK AND WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

**TSHUGULU LODGE**
- This luxury lodge sleeps 12 people in 6 bedrooms.
- Added commodities include a swimming pool and an exclusive eco-trail.

**MAZHOU CAMPING SITE**
The Mazhou Camping Site in Mapungubwe National Park is situated close to the Limpopo Forest Tented Camp in the Western Section of the Park caters for 10 caravans or tents, and each camping site is equipped with a powerpoint.

Guests intending to stay over at Mazhou Camping Site must check in at the Mapungubwe Main Gate.
ACTIVITIES
- Restaurant
- Retail
- Picnic Facilities
- Swimming Pool (overnight only)
- Treetop Boardwalk
- Rides
- Interpretation Centre
- Lookout Point

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
- The Park is situated about 480km north of Pretoria.
- The Park can be accessed via the N1 North Polokwane, and then following the R521 to Dendron / Pontdrift
- From here, simply follow the signs to the main entrance gate

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/mapungubwe/
**BACKGROUND**

One of the younger national parks in South Africa, Marakele was initiated in 1986 when the State purchased a nucleus of five farms totaling about 15 000ha.

The park was initially proclaimed in 1994 as the Kranberg National Park, and has since grown to about 90 000ha. It is still in a phase of considerable expansion.

**SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK**

- A narrow tar road takes visitor up to the top of the Waterberg massif. The views and scenery are spectacular.
- One is also in the proximity of the vulture colony and these large birds will soar at close quarters.
- Explore the Waterberg Mountain’s untrammeled land. The Marakele 4x4 Eco-Trail is a 3-day (2 nights) outdoor adventure spanning the wilderness, primitive zone of Marakele National Park which is the core of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.

Called the “wilderness experience on wheels”, the Trail follows the management tracks on the eastern boundary of the Marakele National Park on top of the Waterberg Mountains. Experienced, professional guides act as trail leaders and will interpret the various eco-zones the trail crosses, at regular intervals.

### WILDLIFE

- Elephant
- Buffalo
- Cheetah
- Brown Hyena
- Lion
- Impala
- Eland
- Rhino

### BIRDS

- Cape Vultures
- Shaft-tailed Whydah
- Cape Rock Thrush
- Buff Streaked Chat
- Mocking Cliff-Chat
- Cape Bunting
- Malachite Sunbird

### PLANTS / TREES

- Transvaal Beech Woods
- Proteas
- Stem Fruit Trees
- Silver Cluster Leaf
- Sickle Bush
- Round-leaved Teak
ACCOMMODATION

BONTLE CAMPING SITE
38 campsites with power points, arranged into 3 clusters with one communal ablution block per cluster.

TLOPI TENTED CAMP
With furnished tented units overlooking the banks of the Apiesrivierpoort Dam. Each tent has two beds (two stretchers are available which are more suitable for children), private bathroom, and a fully equipped kitchen with a refrigerator / freezer, two–plate stove and electricity. Each tent has a veranda with table and deck chairs and barbecue facilities.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION (CONCESSION)
Marataba Safari Company.

ACTIVITIES
• Bird watching
• Sunset drives and morning drives
• Game viewing
• Morning Bush walks
• Mountain pass up to an incredible view and proximity to the vulture colony
• 4x4 Eco Trail

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
The park is situated in the Waterberg mountain range in the Limpopo Province (formerly the Northern Province) near Thabazimbi, approximately 250km north of Johannesburg, in a malaria-free area. Travelers can take either:

The N1 Warmbaths and from there follow the R516 via Mabula and Leeupoort to Thabazimbi. Or travel to Brits and follow the R511 via Beestekraal to Thabazimbi.

Due to a road-upgrade, most of the Park’s roads are accessible by all vehicle types.

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/marakele/
MOKALA NATIONAL PARK

ACCOMMODATION
Three lodges are available in the park: Mosu, Molefe and Lilydale. They also have superb facilities for conference or workshop events (team-building structures). The facilities can seat 30 delegates in boardroom style or 40 delegates in cinema style.

BACKGROUND
This new National Park replaces the Vaalbos National Park, which was deproclaimed.

19 June 2007 was the official proclamation, naming and launch of Mokala National Park by the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism.

Mokala is the Setswana name for “camel thorn tree”

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
• Black Rhino, white Rhino
• Black Wildebeest
• Cape Buffalo
• Indigenous plant species

WILDLIFE
• Buffalo
• Giraffe
• Gemsbok
• Zebra
• Red Hartebeest
• Springbok
• Tsessebe
• Roan Antelope

BIRDS
• Black-chested Prinia
• Ufous-eared Warbler
• Freckled Nightjar
• Short-toed Rock Thrush
• Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

PLANTS / TREES
• Acacia Tortilis
• Rhigozum Obovatum
• Acacia Erioloba
• Schmidia Pappophroides

WILDLIFE
• Buffalo
• Giraffe
• Gemsbok
• Zebra
• Red Hartebeest
• Springbok
• Tsessebe
• Roan Antelope
Your natural heritage

ACTIVITIES

• A brand new park presents brand new opportunities for a lot of outdoor adventure. A number of exciting activities such as day walks, sunset and night drives. Bush braais and bush breakfast will be available.

• Because of the perfect night skies, Mokala plans to incorporate star-gazing as a night time activity, along with wildlife documentary DVD shows.

• Rock Art painting and engraving excursions, along with guided horse trails will also be introduced.

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE

Situated approximately 80km south-southwest of Kimberly, west of the N12 freeway to Cape Town

The closet airport is Kimberly International, where car rental services are available

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/mokala/
BACKGROUND

The Mountain Zebra National Park, located near Cradock in the Eastern Cape, was proclaimed in 1937 for the purpose of protecting a remnant population of the Cape Mountain Zebra, Equus Zebra.

The species was almost on the verge of extinction, with as few as 100 of these animals in existence in 1940. By 1981 the Cape Mountain Zebra population in the MZNP had grown to 200.

Recent expansion to over 28 000ha has allowed the zebra population to increase to over 370 animals.

Cheetah were introduced in 2007, becoming the first large predators to roam the Park in over 100 years.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK

- Visitors often spot some of the rarer wildlife species such as Aardwolf and the Bat Haired Fox.
- You can get up close to the Cheetahs with cheetah tracking
- Visit the chessboard that the British soldiers created on the top of Salpeterskop.

WILDLIFE
- Eland
- Cape Buffalo
- Cheetah
- Cape Mountain Zebra
- Black Rhino
- Grey Rhebuck
- Springbok
- Black Wildebeest
- Brown Hyena
- Mountain Reed Buck

BIRDS
- Stanley’s Bustard
- Black Eagle
- Martial Eagle
- Jackal Buzzard
- Ostrich
- Secretary Bird
- Blue Crane
- Ludwig’s Bustard
- Grey - winged Francolin
- Ground Woodpecker

PLANTS / TREES
- South Eastern Mountain Grassland
- Nama Karoo
- Cabbage Tree
- Sweet Thorn Tree (Acacia karoo)
ACCOMMODATION

MAIN REST CAMP
2-Bedroomed family cottages offer affordable and comfortable self-catering accommodation, or guests can stay in the restored Victorian-style Doornhoek homestead in a secluded setting on a mountainside overlooking a lake.

CAMPING
The Park also has camping & caravan and Conferencing facilities for small groups.

HUTS
The Umthombo Mountain Hut (meaning “Fountain”) and Bakana Mountain Hut (meaning: “Beacon”) can be booked for an overnight stay. The huts are ideal for a secluded getaway and to experience the tranquil Karoo atmosphere. These huts can only be accessed with 4x4 or 2x4 (with diff lock) vehicles.

ACTIVITIES
- Self-drive Game Viewing
- Guided game drives
- Guided Walks
- Guided visit to San cave painting
- Cheetah Tracking
- Three 4x4 Trails
- Impofu 3 day hike
- Salpeterkop Hike
- Picnic sites

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
The park is situated 12km from the picturesque of Cradock on the Middelburg –Graaff Reinett road, and is 280km from Port Elizabeth, 800km from Cape Town, 800km from Johannesburg and 1050km from Durban.

For more information on this park visit
www.sanparks.org/parks/mountain_zebra/
NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND
The park was established in 1998 when SANParks took over management of the 900 ha Skilpad Wildflower Reserve. Since then the park has expanded to 120 000ha, with more land to be added in the next few years.

The park will eventually stretch from the Kamiesberg mountains to the sea. This range of habitats will include a wide array of very rare animals and plants into the national Park.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
• Wild flowers (in season)
• Quiver trees
• Klipspringer
• Black Harrier
• Quartz Patches

WILDLIFE
• African Wild Cat
• Aardwolf
• Steenbuck
• Cape Fox
• Common (grey) Duiker
• Small-spotted Genet
• Aardvark

BIRDS
• Black Harries
• Cape Long-billed Lark
• Karoo Lark
• Black-headed Canary
• Cape Bulbul
• Cinnamon-breasted Warbler

PLANTS / TREES
• Crassula
• Adromischus
• Pelargonium
• Stapeliads
• Cotyledon
ACCOMMODATION

SKILPAD REST CAMP
A new rest camp viewing magnificent vistas has been established:
- Skilpad Rest camp provides
  - 4 chalets, each with 2 single beds in the bedroom
  - A ¾ -sleeper couch (suitable for two adults) in the open plan living room / kitchen

LUIPERDSKLOOF GUEST COTTAGE
Accessible with 4x4 vehicle only.

No electricity. There is a gas oven and there are oil lanterns.

3 Bedrooms: One bedroom with double bed, 2 Bedrooms with two ¾ beds each.
One bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin.
Fireplace in lounge.
Braai area outside.

CAMPING
5 camping areas available along the coast line
- Braai facilities and enviro toilets are available

ACTIVITIES
- Picnic sites
- Circular drive (5 km) with viewpoints during the spring flowering season
- Several short nature trails
- Caracal 4x4 Eco route
- 153km, takes visitors to the most spectacular scenery from the Kamisberg to the breathtaking West coast.

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
It is situated some 495km from Cape Town off the N7 route to Namibia, and 67km from the town of Springbok in the north. The town is Kamieskroon, which is some 22km from the reserve and park offices.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/namaqua/
BACKGROUND

Table Mountain National Park was established in 1998 to protect the environment of the Table Mountain chain on the incredibly scenic Cape Peninsula. The park stretches from Signal Hill in the north to Cape Point in the south and also encompasses the dramatic seas and rugged coastline of the peninsula. It is home to incredible fauna and flora and a whole host of areas to explore.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK

- The Cape of Good Hope (Cape Point)
- Boulders Penguin Colony
- Silvermine
- Table Mountain
- Signal Hill and Lion’s Head
- Oudekraal

WILDLIFE

- Angulate Tortoise
- Klipspringer
- Grysbok
- Common Duiker

BIRDS

- Karoo Prinia
- Cape Sugarbird
- Orange-breasted Malachite

PLANTS / TREES

- Proteas
- Erica’s
- Restios
- Geophytes
ACCOMMODATION

OLIFANSTBOS COTTAGE
One of the most magnificent getaways in Cape Town. This isolated cottage is situated right on the beach in the heart of the Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point section of the Park. The fully equipped self-catering cottage sleeps 6 and the adjoining Annex sleeps a further 6 people.

ELAND & DUIKER
These cottages are also situated in the Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point section of the Park, but further inland than Olifantsbos Cottage. Each self-catering cottage is fully equipped to accommodate 6 people.

WOOD OWL COTTAGE (TOKAI)
This beautifully restored foresters cottage is fully equipped and offers 3 double en-suite bedrooms with an open plan kitchen living area with a fireplace.
Also available is a separate TV room, patio and braai area.

PLATTEKLIP WASH HOUSE
This historic house is situated at the foot of Table Mountain in Upper Vredehoek. It sleeps 24 people and is a popular venue for small weddings, celebrations and conferences.

OVERSEERS COTTAGE
This uniquely positioned cottage with its incredible views is situated right on top of the mountain, a moderate 2 to 2.5 hours walk from Constantia Nek. The fully equipped self-catering cottage and adjoining Annex sleeps a total of 16 people.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION (CONCESSIONS)
Tintswalo Atlantic Lodge
TABLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

**ORANGE KLOOF TENTED CAMP – (sleep within an ancient forest)**
Overnight in a picturesque tented camp, set in the ancient Afromontane forest of Orange Kloof. Enjoy the overwhelming silence of this unspoilt, restricted-access forest.

**SILVERMINE TENTED CAMP – (explore the fynbos covered mountain)**
Situated in pristine fynbos, this tented camp is the ideal base from where you can enjoy all the Silvermine outdoor activities from hiking, to mountain biking, rock climbing and swimming.

**HOERIKWAGGO TENTED CAMPS**
The four Hoerikwaggo Tented Camps within Table Mountain National Park are situated in picturesque natural surroundings and each offers a unique experience – forest, fynbos, sea and mountain. Each camp sleeps 12 people and offers secure parking, hot water, comfy beds, fully equipped communal dining /kitchen areas and bathrooms. Guests need to bring along their own bedding and towels.
SLANGKOP TENTED CAMP – (unwind by the sea)
Nestled in indigenous Milkwoods, no more than 100m from the sea, this tented camp is the perfect location to watch the sun sinking in the Atlantic Ocean.

SMITSWINKEL TENTED CAMP – (get to the ‘point’)
Located just across the road from the entrance to Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point, this tented camp is perfectly located to enjoy visits to the penguin colony at Boulders and the Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point section of the Park. The are the only tents with en-suite bathrooms and kitchenettes.

ACTIVITIES
• Hiking
• Overnight Trails (including the epic Hoerikwaggo Trail)
• Dog Walking
• Scuba Diving
• Mountain Biking
• Surfing / Wind Surfing
• Rock / Sport Climbing
• Hang / Paragliding
• Fishing / Extractive Diving
• Picnic / braai area

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/table_mountain/
BACKGROUND
Just a four hour drive from Cape Town brings you to the ideal destination for those seeking the brightest stars in Africa, a once in a lifetime glimpse of a rare endemic bird, or perhaps nothing more than a silence that reached deep into the soul.

Named after the Tankwa River that runs through it as the main provider in an otherwise semi-desert area, the Park was proclaimed in 1986. Since then high biodiversity land was added by SANParks to increase the conservation area from the original 26 000 ha to nearly 138 000 ha. The true meaning of the word “Tankwa” is unknown, but is said to be “Turbid Water”, “Place of the San” or “Thirstland”, all of which fits this spectacular park.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
• Situated within an internationally recognised Biodiversity Hotspot, Tankwa will speak to the mind of everyone serious about conserving our heritage for future generations. Unique vegetation is combined with mind-blowing landscapes; from the sheer cliffs of the Tankwa Desert, you will experience nature in its ever-changing state.
• The 1,000 ha Ouëdebaaskraal Dam adds another perspective to the word ‘desert’. Magnificent sunrises with various bird species will make your early morning an experience to remember.
• For birders the above average chance to spot the notorious Burchell’s Courser as well as other Karoo endemics makes a visit well worth it.

WILDLIFE
• Gemsbok
• Springbok
• Leopard
• Cape Mountain Zebra
• Black–backed Jackal
• Striped Pole Cat
• Red Hartebeest
• Klipspringer

BIRDS
• Black Eagle
• Black–headed Canary
• Black–breasted Canary
• Snake Eagle
• Cape Bunting
• Bokmakierie
• Burchell’s Course
• Cape Francolin

PLANTS / TREES
• Doringkapok
• Wolwedoring
• Geelbietou
• Bitterghaap
• Dikbasmalva
• Karee Boom
• Soetdoring
• Bruin Melkbos
ACCOMMODATION
Accommodation in the Park exists. Self-catering units, informal campsites and a privately owned lodge on top of the Gannaga Pass. All self-catering units have bedding, towels and cutlery.

SELF CATERING UNITS ARE
- Elandsberg Wilderness Cottages (5 cottages)
- Varschfontein
- Pulshoek
- De Zyfer
- Tankwa Guesthouse A
- Tankwa Guesthouse B

ACTIVITIES
- Self-drives on demarcated roads
- Hiking
- Bird watching
- Mountain biking
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- 4x4 –trail
- Picnic

LANGKLOOF CAMP SITE
Langkloof has been upgraded with ablution facilities and running water during early 2011. The campsite is situated approximately 18km from the Park Reception at Roodewerf, within the scenic upper reaches of the Langkloof (Afrikaans for Long Gorge).

Kudu, other small antelope and mammals frequent the area and, with you, are the only ones to experience the awesome power of thunder storms and the ensuing wonder of the Rhenoster River in flashflood.

There are other several informal campsites available
(No running water & no ablutions)

BED AND BREAKFAST FACILITIES
Private owned Gannaga Lodge on top of Gannaga Pass

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
From Matjies (N1) take the R354 towards Sutherland for 75km. Turn left at the Onder-Karoo turnoff, follow the road for 31km and keep left for a further 27km. Turn right at the T-junction, and follow the P2250 for 25km.

From Cape Town via Ceres take the R355 towards Calvinia for +/- 105km; turn right at Tankwa National Park sign onto P2250 for 80km to the office.

From Calvinia take the R355 towards Ceres for +/- 50km, turn left at Tankwa National Park Roodewerf road sign for +/- 50 km to the office.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/tankwa/
BACKGROUND
The unique and diverse habitats of the Langebaan Lagoon and its salt marshes and wetlands, the granitic islands of Saldanha Bay with its large breeding populations of seabirds, the varied rocky and sandy shores of the coastal strip, the parabolic coastal dune fields and the terrestrial lowland fynbos communities on calcareous soils form the current extent – some 32 000 ha – of the West Coast National Park.

SPECIAL FEATURES/THINGS TO SEEK
- Wildflower viewing (August and September)
- The bird hides at Geelbek and Seeberg
- Cape Gannet
- Flamingos
- Waders
- Black Harrier
- Eland
- Geelbek Information Centre with a replica of Eve’s footprints
- Viewing points
- Preekstoel Information Spot
- The Langebaan Lagoon
- Kraalbaai picnic and braai spot
- Tsaarsbank picnic spot
- The houseboats
- Geelbek Restaurant and wedding venue

WILDLIFE
- Eland
- Red Hartebeest
- Cape Grysbok
- Caracal
- Rock Hyrax
- Whale
- Dolphins

BIRDS
- Knot
- Sanderling
- Little Stint
- Ruff
- Marsh
- Terek and Curlew Sandpiper

PLANTS / TREES
- Kukumakranka
ACTIVITIES
- Game viewing from own vehicle
- Picnic, braai and ablution facilities for day visitors
- Dining at the Geelbek Restaurant
- Bird watching
- Whale watching (September/October)
- Mountain Biking Trail
- Cycling
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Kite surfing & kite boarding
- Hiking Trails - Overnight & Day Trails

TRAVEL / HOW TO GET THERE
The park is situated some 120km north of Cape Town along the R27. Access to the park can also be gained via the town of Langebaan. Roads in the park are tarred except for the last section of the road to Postberg, as well as in the Postberg section of the park.

For more information on this park visit www.sanparks.org/parks/west_coast/

ACCOMMODATION
- Abrahamskraal Cottage
- Duinepos Chalets
- Jo Anne’s Beach Cottages
- Houseboats - Permanently moored floating chalets
- Hostel and camping facilities are available for youth groups
Central Reservations
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