Visit South African National Parks

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South African National Parks: Addo Elephant, Agulhas, Augrabies, Bontebok, Camdeboo, Golden Gate Highlands, Kgalagadi Transfrontier, Garden Route (an amalgamation of Tsitsikamma, Knysna Lagoon and Indigenous Forests and the Wilderness Lake System), Karoo, Kruger, Mapungubwe, Marakele, Mokala, Mountain Zebra, Namaqua, Richtersveld, Table Mountain, Tankwa Karoo, West Coast.

This edition’s featured park is the Karoo National Park:

- Karoo NP’s entrance gate is located on the N1 about 10km south-west of Beaufort West.
- The park is an ideal stop-over destination for people driving between Cape Town (450km) or the Garden Route (240km) and Johannesburg (970km), Bloemfontein (540km), Kimberley (510km) etc.
- However now that the park has reintroduced species such as lion and black rhino, and has expanded the available drives (4x4 and sedan), visitors are electing to stay for longer periods.
- Other significant fauna and flora include various antelope species (notably springbok) and lesser carnivores, a good diversity of arid bird species, a particularly high reptile count, and a variety of succulent plants.
- Another of the park’s main attractions is its amazing fossil record which can be seen on display on an in-camp trail and at the Ou Skuur Interpretation Centre.
- There are two 3-bed chalets (roll-in shower) and one 6-bed guest cottage (baths with grab rails) that have adaptations for mobility challenged guests. The campsite also has a unisex accessible ablution block (roll-in shower).
- The rest camp’s main complex has an accessible public ablution and apart from a steep ramp to the restaurant and a small ridge at the entrance of reception offers good access.
- The Fossil Trail, a board-walk along a dry river bed, and the Ou Skuur Interpretive Centre all offer good access to a wheelchair user. The Bulkraal Picnic Site does not have any adaptations at present, but the entire site is on flat ground.