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South African National Parks: Addo Elephant, Agulhas, Augrabies Falls, 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, Ai-Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier, Table Mountain, Tankwa Karoo, West Coast.

This edition’s SANParks’ feature is the Knysna Forests Section of Garden Route National Park.
• Garden Route National Park is located on the southern coast of South Africa where the Western Cape Province meets the Eastern Cape.
• The Knysna Forests and associated fynbos are huge tracts of indigenous temperate forest, and river catchment zones under exotic plantation. They harbour a variety of animal and plant species including the last of the mystical Knynsa Elephants.
• There are several activity zones in the forests that create a varying level of accessibility, such as mountain bike trails, footpaths and roads, some of which provide excellent unassisted access to the forest for mobility impaired visitors.
• In particular there are a number of boardwalks to special features like memorials or big trees that offer great access to mobility impaired visitors. A boardwalk at the Garden of Eden between Knysna and Plettenberg Bay is specifically intended for universal access and offers an opportunity to travel a good distance.
• The Millwood Goldfields Tea Garden and Museum and the Diepwalle Indigenous Nursery offer good general access with firm pathways and ramps.
• There are some accommodation options in the Forests that provide good general access and the Forest Timber Camping Decks at Diepwalle has a unisex accessible ablution room in the communal ablution block.

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