Visit South African National Parks

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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 featured park is the Marakele National Park:

- Marakele National Park is located in the Waterberg Mountain Range of Limpopo Province immediately north-east of the town of Thabazimbi
- It is 240 km from Pretoria and 280km from Johannesburg and is thus the closest National Park to Gauteng, making it ideal for weekend or midweek get-aways for residents of this province, North-West and Limpopo.
- The park is home to the big 5 of leopard, lion, rhino (both kinds), elephant and buffalo, a variety of other game, an impressive bird list and an incredible botanic diversity.
- The park is perhaps most renowned for its stunning scenery and in particular the narrow tar road up to Lenong Viewpoint where one can see endangered Cape Vultures which breed on the nearby cliffs.
- Accommodation in the park is limited and there are currently only 2 SANParks run visitor camps, Tlopi and Bontle.
- Tlopi Tented Camp has 10 permanent safari tents (sleeping 2 adults and 2 children), one of which is equipped with ramps and accessible ablation facilities (roll-in shower).
- Bontle Campsite has accessible ablutions for guests with mobility challenges (lever taps, grab rails and roll-in showers) and 3 sites adjacent that ablation block are reserved for mobility challenged guests.
- There is an accessible public ablution at the park’s entrance gate.
- The new Thutong Environmental Centre (opened July 2011) mainly aimed at school groups has an accessible ablution with roll-in shower and parts of the facility are ramped.
- Lenong Lookout Point on top of the Waterberg mountain plateau has the service road for the communication towers which allows everyone including wheelchair users to disembark from their vehicles in the safety of the mountain top and move around to a degree.