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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 Richtersveld National Park section of |Ai|Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park.
• Richtersveld National Park is located in the remote Northern Cape, immediately south of a massive bend in the Orange River and on the border with Namibia, with which it forms the |Ai|Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Conservation Area.
• The park is classified as mountainous desert with 4 distinct landscape types and 2 habitat biomes. Roads and terrain is rugged and visitors require a 4x4 vehicle.
• The main general attractions of the park are the dramatic scenery, amazing geology and fantastical arid plants and wildlife, which all make for outstanding photographic opportunity.
• Specific attractions include “the Hand of God” rock feature, the mighty Orange River, and the enchanting Half-mens trees that the local people hold sacred.
• Much of the park’s accommodation is camping, and the various ablution blocks scattered throughout the park do not have adaptations for mobility impaired visitors and are elevated to limit scorpions, but are fairly spacious and partially accessible despite the lack of grab rails, transfer seats and ramps.
• The Wilderness Camps at Tatasberg and Ganakouriep both have a unit equipped with access ramps and ablutions with roll-in showers and grab-rails.
• The main camp at Sendelingsdrif surprisingly does not have any adapted units for mobility impaired guests at the time of writing, but hopefully this will be rectified in future (keep an eye on the website). The park’s reception building has an access ramp and there is an accessible ablution.
• The Pont at Sendelingsdrif to cross the river into Namibia is very accessible by vehicle or in a wheelchair, with a slipway down to the river on both banks and an access ramp lowered to mount and exit the vessel.
• There is a ramp into the customs building at the border crossing.

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