

Kruger National Park

Access for Guests with Mobility Challenges



Kruger National Park is a huge tract of land (22 000 km²). There are several hundred km of road network for game viewing, many rest camps with overnight accommodation and many facilities and destinations to visit during the day. Most destinations offer good general access and people with mobility challenges do make frequent use of the park

There are 53 accommodation units in Kruger in 12 of the park's rest camps with accessible adaptations for guests with mobility challenges (as at August 2010) and this total continues to grow. These adapted units are kept on a special reserve for guests with mobility challenges until 30 days before the date of occupation. There are also 10 accessible unisex communal ablutions among the various campsite ablutions throughout the park



Go to http://www.sanparks.org/assets/docs/general/booking_procedure.pdf for booking procedure for accessible accommodation units



The most important facility in terms of determining access suitability is ablutions. Kruger has some well designed ablution facilities and some that are very poor. Readers are encouraged to view the specific camp profiles to get an idea of the strengths and shortcomings of the accommodation in each specific camp. 10 of the 53 accessible accommodation units have baths with grab rails, the rest have roll-in-showers.

There are a variety of accessible boardwalks, trails, hides, museums, picnic sites and other visitor destinations throughout the park and readers are encouraged to view the individual rest camp profiles or the summary of gates, hides and picnic sites to get an idea of what destinations are suitable.



With the main activity in Kruger being game drives, visitors arrive in the park either in their own vehicles, in hired vehicles or on tour operator transport (which tend to be either buses, combis or open safari vehicles). The park game drive vehicles are available for guided day drives and is the only option for night drives to see nocturnal wildlife. None of the park vehicles have accessible adaptations (at August 2010) & visitors in wheelchairs have to be lifted to and from the vehicles and sit in the mainstream seats. One of the Honorary Ranger regions is working with SANParks on a project to address this and we hope that in the near future more accessible SANParks game drive vehicles in some of the parks will become a reality.

Go to <http://www.sanparks.org/groups/disabilities/transport.php> for details of tour operators who offer accessible safaris with transport provided to Kruger, as well as details of accessible car hire options.