



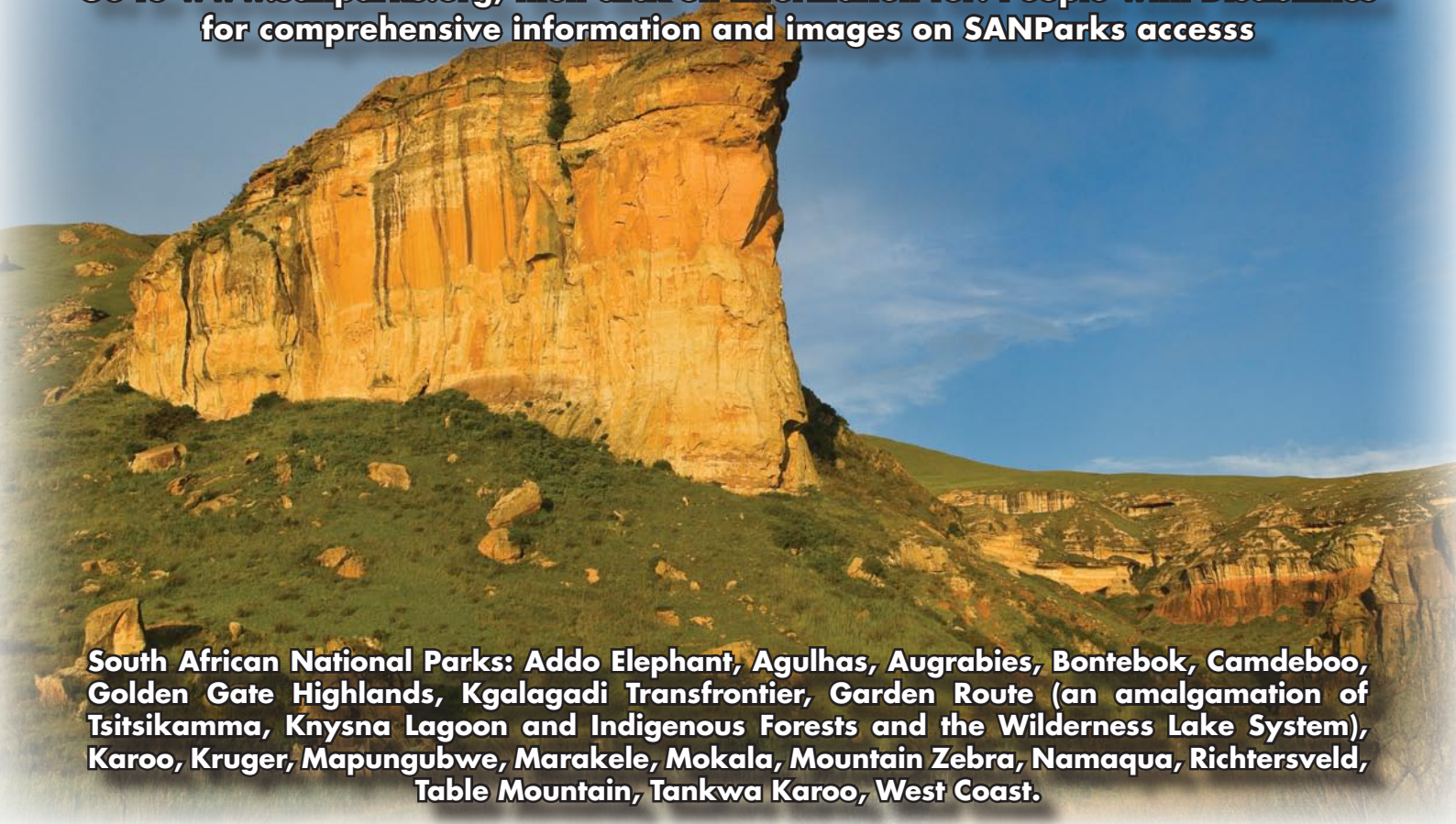
Visit South African National Parks

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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 Golden Gate Highlands National Park

- Golden Gate, in the eastern Free State Mountains on the border with Lesotho is an excellent weekend destination for people in the central, eastern and northern parts of the country
- The park is 310 km from Johannesburg, 420 from Durban and 290 from Bloemfontein.
- The park is renowned for its sandstone rocks, breath-taking scenery and protects montane grassland, and a variety of wildlife including the endangered Bearded Vulture and Southern Bald Ibis.
- The Golden Gate Hotel (for so long inaccessible) has reopened this April with vastly improved accessibility, including a lift and 5 accessible rooms (4 with roll-in showers and 1 with a bath and grab-rails.)
- Elsewhere in the park, there is accessible accommodation in 2 of the Brandwag Chalets, 3 different sized units at Glen Reenen Camp, plus 2 separate UA ablutions in the camp site, 1 of the log cabins at Highland's Mountain Retreat and 2 of the cottages at Basotho Cultural Village. All these units have roll-in showers.
- The park has limited accessible activities at present, but a UA underground vulture hide and a UA Dinosaur Centre are both in the pipeline for the near future.
- The nearby town of Clarens is relatively accessible for arts and crafts, restaurants, and potentially accessible activities like archery and trout-fishing.

