

SHINGWEDZI RESEARCH CAMP



A. Accommodation: Five different types of accommodation are available at the Shingwedzi research camp. These are described below. All bedrooms have single beds, candles (in case of power failures), ceiling fans & air-conditioners. Housekeeping services are provided 6 days a week; however we ask that guests please wash their own dishes daily. Sponges, dish cloths & dishwashing liquid are provided.

1. **Research House (sleeps 6):** Three bedrooms (one en suite), each sleeping two people; separate shower, toilet & bathroom (shared by two bedrooms); large lounge/dining area – a good place to relax after a day in the field. Fully equipped kitchen including gas stove & oven, microwave oven, two fridge/freezer combo units & a small chest freezer.
2. **Guest House (sleeps 4):** Two bedrooms, each sleeping two people; Bathroom with bath & shower; separate toilet; cozy lounge/dining area - perfect for small private meetings. Fully equipped kitchen including a mini oven, microwave oven & fridge/freezer unit.
3. **Flat (sleeps 2):** One bedroom with en suite bathroom (toilet & shower); small lounge area; fully-equipped kitchen, including microwave oven & fridge/freezer unit.
4. **Permanent Tents (sleep 6):** Three tents; each sleeping two people. All tents have electricity, but in case of power failures, candles are also provided. Good quality standing fans are provided. The ablution comprises 4 bathrooms, each with a toilet, basin & shower. Guests staying in tents have access to the lapa kitchen which has a 2-plate gas stove, kettle toaster, fridge/freezer combo & a chest freezer. **Please supply your own crockery, cutlery and cooking ware.**
5. **Camping:** Two camping sites, each can accommodate 3 people. The camping sites have caravan electrical points and have a concrete slab for putting up your tent. Both sites are covered with a large shade net.

B. Office Facility (for researchers ONLY): A small analytical laboratory & office is available to researchers. Satellite internet is available & researchers can plug their laptops at three different connection points in the office. There is also a telephone & fax machine available. If you would like to use this facility, please ask the camp assistant for a pin code in order to make calls. Please record all calls made on the sheet provided. You will be billed accordingly at the Telkom rate. Cell phone reception is available at the research camp.

- C. General:**
- Mosquito nets are fitted to all windows in the research house, guest house & flat.
 - Linen & towels are provided.
 - Laundry facilities are available, but please supply your own automatic washing powder. There is a top-loader coin-operated washing machine & a coin-operated tumble dryer.
 - Braai facilities are available throughout the camp. Please supply your own charcoal/wood. There is a shop in the Rest Camp which carries curios & essential supplies. In addition limited fresh produce, charcoal, lighters & matches are available. There is also a restaurant at the Rest Camp, open daily from 07h00-21h00. They serve breakfast, lunch & dinner. **Please note that travelling between the tourist camp & research camp after gate closing is strictly prohibited.**

- D. Making a Reservation:** Please contact your project coordinator or the camp manager, Sharon Thompson, via email to make a reservation during office hours (sharon.thompson@sanparks.org). Please supply the following information when making a reservation:
- i. Project reference number
 - ii. Client code or your full ID or passport number
 - iii. Contact telephone number or email address
 - iv. Date of arrival & departure
 - v. Number of guests

E. Cost: Guest house, Research House & Flat: R300.00 p.p.p.n; Permanent Tents: R230 p.p.p.n.; Camping R160.00 p.p.p.n. Conservation fees are not charged for research accommodation, but a 1% community levy will be charged as per SANParks policy. Registered researchers qualify for a 50% discount.

F. On arrival: Please report to the Shingwedzi rest camp reception with your booking confirmation letter to check in & pay. The receptionist will then give you the keys. A map to the research camp is provided below.

G. Game guards (for researchers ONLY): Should you require the services of our game guard please contact Sharon Thompson 2-3 weeks in advance (sharon.thompson@sanparks.org or 0137353545). Further details are provided on the website: <http://www.sanparks.org/conservation/scientific/research-enabling/logistical-support.php>

Gate Times:

Gate Times	Nov-Jan	Feb	Mar & Oct	Apr	May-Jul	Aug-Sep
Park Gates Open	05:30	05:30	05:30	06:00	06:00	06:00
Camp Gates Open	04:30	05:30	05:30	06:00	06:00	06:00
Park & Camp Gates Close	18:30	18:30	18:00	17:30	17:30	18:00

