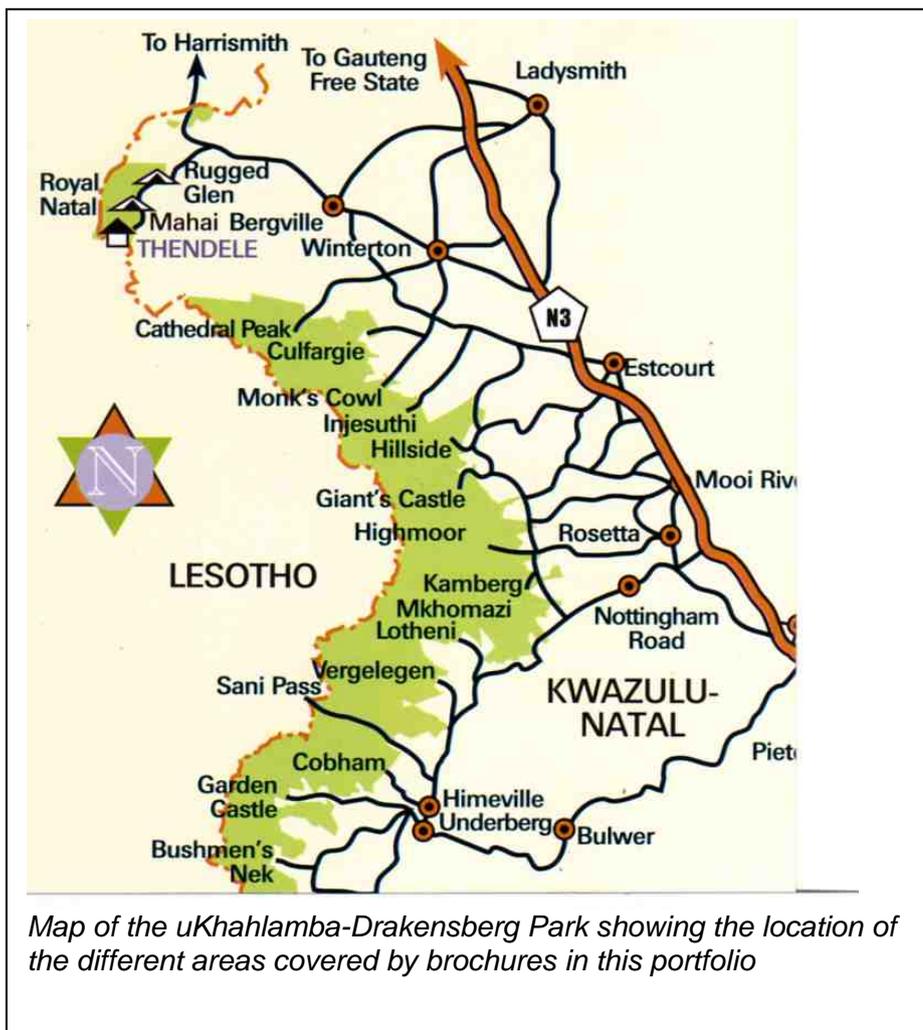


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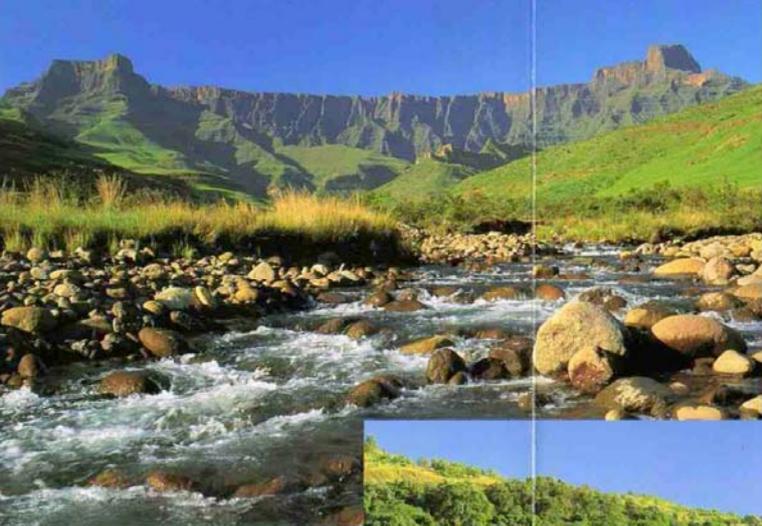
Visitor Information Brochures

A compilation of official KZN Wildlife documents detailing the attractions, accommodation facilities, reservation procedures, and details of how to get to each of the main areas of the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park. The following brochures are included in this portfolio (arranged from north to south):



- Thendele Camp (Royal Natal)
- Royal Natal (2003 brochure)
- Mahai & Rugged Glen Camps (Royal Natal)
- Didima Camp (Cathedral Peak)
- Didima Rock Art Centre (Cathedral Peak)
- Monk's Cowl
- Injusuthi
- Giant's Castle
- Highmoor
- Kamberg Camp
- Kamberg Rock Art Centre
- uMkomazi
- Lotheni Nature Reserve
- Vergelegen
- Cobham
- Wilderness Areas
- Garden Castle

Note that some brochures were produced in 2003/4 and information may be outdated. Check with KZN Wildlife.



THENDELE CAMP

Thendele hutted camp is situated in one of the most picturesque settings in the country with a view of the world famous amphitheatre from every chalet.



This beautiful camp has the distinction of being the closest of the KZN Wildlife 'berg camps to the main Drakensberg escarpment. The camp nestles below the brooding sandstone cliffs among yellowwood forests and protea savannah where visitors can often hear the rumble of boulders in the Thukela river below after a fierce summer thunderstorm. Dominated by the amphitheatre which changes mood with weather and season, often covered in snow in winter or with up to eighteen waterfalls cascading down the vertical cliffs after a summer storm.

Thendele is a very special place to visit and is KZN Wildlife's most popular camp. Home to the Bearded vulture and Black Eagle who often display themselves

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for visitors in the thermals that rise above the Mont aux Sources plateau, the surrounding valleys and ridges offer superb walks through an ever changing landscape with many upland birds and flowers. The award-winning Thendele camp has breathtaking views of the Amphitheatre from every chalet. The camp, split into an upper and lower section, has 14 two-bed chalets with a bathroom, dining/lounge area and kitchen and 12 four-bed chalets with two bedrooms, a bathroom, dining/lounge area and a kitchen. Thendele boasts two six-bed cottages with three bedrooms, two bathrooms a large lounge and dining room and a kitchen and Thendele lodge, a six-bed luxury lodge with three bedrooms, each with their own private bathroom, a spacious lounge dining room and a kitchen. Satellite television is also available. Resident cooks can prepare delicious meals with food supplied by the guests in the two six-bed cottages and the lodge. The camp shop has a wide range of curios and sells basic groceries and supplies for visitors convenience.

ACTIVITIES

The most popular activity at Royal Natal is undoubtedly walking and hiking. A comprehensive hiking guide is available for purchase at the Visitor Centre, at Thendele camp office and at the main entrance gate. The brochure shows a map of the park and the network of hiking paths which visit every part of the park from the gentle walk to Fairy Glen to the challenging hike up the Crack and down the Mudslide.

Trout fishing at Royal Natal is available in two dams in the park and in the Mahai and Thukela rivers, and picnicking and swimming in the clear mountain streams are popular pastimes.

The stables at Rugged Glen provide opportunities to ride into the mountains for unique views and sightings of mountain reedbuck and grey rhebuck that seem to have no fear of people on horse back.

CAMPING

Royal Natal has two popular camping grounds which are served by the main reception centre at Thendele.



Bearded vulture



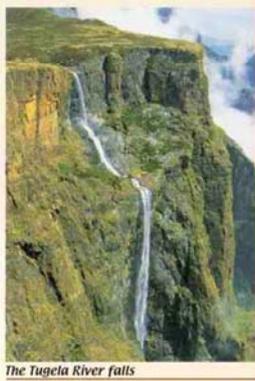
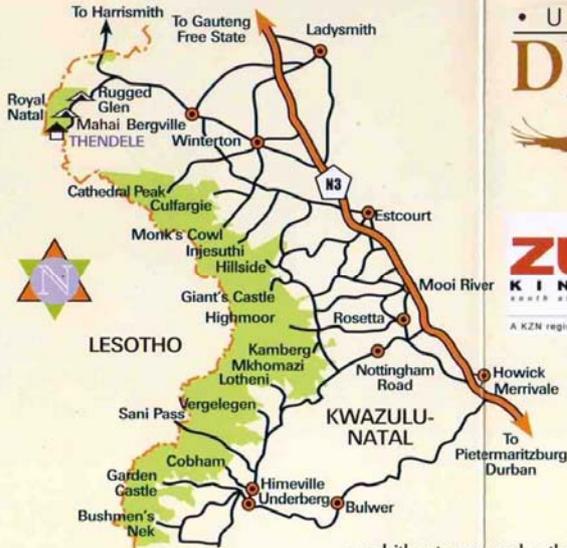
Top of the Amphitheatre



Mahai campground



The Lodge at Thendele



The Tugela River falls



Gaitu Falls, Royal Natal

Mahai campground accommodates up to 400 people in spacious sites laid out next to the Mahai River and the more secluded Rugged Glen on the eastern side of the reserve next to a well stocked trout dam. To book a site at either campgrounds phone +27 36 4386303 or fax +27 36 4386231.

ROYAL NATAL

Proclaimed a protected area in 1916. Royal Natal boasts some of the most splendid mountain scenery in Africa. The main feature is the world famous Amphitheatre, a rock wall approximately 5 kilometres in length, and 500 metres high. Above the amphitheatre is Mont-aux-Sources peak where the Orange River starts its long journey to the Atlantic Ocean. Down the face of the

amphitheatre cascades the Thukela River, the third highest waterfall in the world, on its way to the Indian ocean.

HOW TO GET TO THENDELE

From the north turn off the N3 just past Ladysmith on to the N11 and proceed to Bergville. The reserve is well sign posted from here. From the south turn off the N3 at the Winterton/Berg Resorts off-ramp on to the R74 and proceed to Bergville. The nearest town which has a full range of services is Bergville which is 50 kms away.

RESERVATIONS

Accommodation bookings may be made through KZN Wildlife, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202; Telephone: 033 845 1000, fax: 033 845 1001; by email: bookings@kznwildlife.com Further information is available on the website: www.kznwildlife.com

THENDELE CAMP

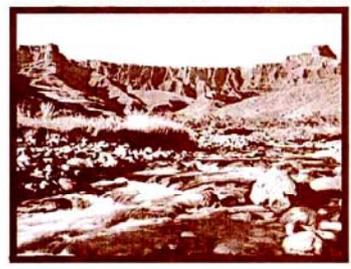
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INTRODUCTION
Royal Natal was proclaimed in 1916, and contains some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in Africa. The main feature of the area is the Amphitheatre, a rock wall about 5 km in length, and approximately 500 m in height.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL
Day visitors are required to pay an entrance fee at the park's entrance gate. Visitors to Mahai and Rugged Glen campsites as well as Thendele hutted camp should plan to arrive before the office closes at 16:30. Campsite visitors report to the Visitor's Centre whilst Thendele visitors report directly to the Thendele office. Accommodation charges are payable in advance.

ACCOMMODATION
THENDELE CAMP
Thendele Hutted Camp is situated in one of the most picturesque settings in the country, with a view of the world-famous Amphitheatre from every bungalow. The camp provides accommodation in 8 two-bed chalets and 5 four-bed chalets in the lower camp and 6 two-bed chalets and 7 four-bed chalets in the upper camp. Besides these there are 2 six-bed cottages. In addition there is the Thendele Lodge, which offers accommodation for six people. This fully equipped, luxurious lodge has three en suite bedrooms, each with two single beds, a kitchen, large living area with fireplace and an outdoor braai. Cots can be booked for children under two years.

In the cottages and lodge food is prepared by cooks. Food will be accepted for cooking until 18:00. The kitchens close and staff depart by 18:30. The chalet accommodation is self-catering. Visitors must bring their own food and beverages and wash their own dishes.

Plug points for electric razors are available only in the upper camp.

CAMPsites
Mahai Campground caters for up to 400 campers and caravanners. There are ablution blocks with hot and cold water and a number of electrical plug points are available. The campground is set amidst trees, with a large central open space where children may play in perfect safety.

Rugged Glen Campsite, which caters for 45 visitors, has hot and cold water, and a number of electrical plug points.

Curio shops at the Visitor Centre and at Thendele cater for visitors who wish to buy souvenirs, soft drinks, alcohol and trout as well as a limited range of food stuffs.

RESERVATIONS
Reservations for Thendele Hutted Camp are made by contacting the KZN Wildlife Central Reservations, P.O. Box 12000, Durban 4012.

Reservations for Mahai or Rugged Glen campsites are booked through (036) 438 6303 and fax (036) 438 6231.

CLIMATE
Rainfall varies from about 1 040 mm to over 1 780 mm a year, 85 % of which falls between October and March. Thunderstorms, usually of short duration, provide about 50 % of the total rainfall.

VISITOR AMENITIES
The most popular activity enjoyed by visitors is hiking. A comprehensive contour map and a brochure, describing the various hiking routes, are on sale at the Visitor Centre, Thendele office and the entrance gate. The brochure contains a map of the park and the network of paths.

Visitors who go hiking must be aware of the hazards, particularly those associated with weather, such as slippery conditions when it is wet, rockfalls and cold. When it is hot, hikers are advised to wear a hat and to take fluid to prevent dehydration. Care should be exercised always to plan walks, so as to return in good time before sunset. Climbing is a pursuit which should only be attempted by experienced climbers.



Trout fishing is available in the rivers as well as the two dams. A fishing permit must be obtained before fishing. Permits are obtainable at the Visitor Centre. Only trout fishing equipment is permitted.

Horse riding is also available from Rugged Glen, and bookings must be made in advance at the stables. Telephone (036) 438 6422.

Picnic sites are situated at Mahai dam but visitors are also encouraged to take pack lunches with them on their walks. Making fires is strictly limited to the designated picnic sites. All refuse must be brought back to base for disposal. Swimming is perfectly safe in all the rivers, but is not allowed in the Mahai stream above the domestic water offtake, which is signposted, or above the Vemvaan weir.

Visitors are urged to leave information with staff at the camp, the hotel or with friends, as to where they are going if they intend to take any of the longer walks. Alternatively,

notify the Visitor Centre or the Hotel. All persons planning to hike over the 2 300 m contour or to the summit of Mont-aux-Sources must first sign the mountain register at the Visitor Centre.

- GENERAL**
- No pets are allowed into the park.
 - Visitors are not allowed to sleep in caves, or to camp anywhere other than in designated areas.
 - When hiking please keep to designated paths and avoid shortcuts.
 - Entrance gates to the park and campsites open and close daily at the following times:
Summer (1 October - 31 March) 05:00 - 19:00
Winter (1 April - 30 September) 06:00 - 18:00
 - The gate remains open until 22:00 on Friday nights, the night before a holiday or long weekend and on the night the school holidays begin.
 - Bergville, 46 km away, is the nearest village.

HOW TO GET THERE
If approaching from Ladysmith, turn off just south of Ladysmith and follow the Bergville road for 55 km.

From Bergville travel 30 km towards Olivershoek Pass/Harrismith and then turn left at the Drakensberg North sign. It is approximately 16 km from there to the Royal Natal entrance gate.

From the south, turn off the N3 at the Winterton/Northern Berg Resorts turn-off, and pass through Winterton and Bergville. Turn left at the Drakensberg North signboard. It is approximately 16 km from there to the Royal Natal entrance gate. Both these routes are tarred.

From Harrismith in the North, turn right and travel 5 km on the Bethlehem road where you turn left onto the R74/R712 at the Phuthaditjaba sign. Turn left again 8 km along this road at the Bergville/Olivershoek/R74 Pass sign. Turn right at the Drakensberg North sign at the end of Olivershoek Pass (40 km).

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uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park (World Heritage Site)

Royal Natal National Park

Visitor Information for Mahai and Rugged Glen Campsites

INTRODUCTION

Royal Natal National Park was proclaimed in 1916 and contains some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in Africa. It forms part of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park, South Africa's first Cultural and Natural World Heritage Site.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

An entrance fee is payable at the park's entrance gate. Overnight visitors must check in at the Visitor Centre on arrival. Visitors to the campsites must arrive before sunset. Late arrivals must please check-in the following morning. Reception office hours: 08:00 - 16:30 daily.

ACCOMMODATION - MAHAI CAMPSITE

Mahai campsite caters for up to 400 campers and caravanners. There are ablution blocks with hot and cold water, a communal wash area and a number of electrical plug points.

ACCOMMODATION - RUGGED GLEN CAMPSITE

The nearby Rugged Glen campsite, caters for 60 visitors and has ablution blocks with hot and cold water and a number of electrical plug points.

CAMPSITE FEES

A deposit is required to secure a booking, the balance of campsite fees is payable 30 days prior to arrival.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

The most popular activity enjoyed by visitors is hiking. A map and booklet are available on sale at the Visitor Centre and main entry gate. Climbing is a pursuit which can be undertaken by prior arrangement with park management. Arrangements to be made in advance.

Horse riding is available from the Rugged Glen stables and bookings must be made in advance at the stables, or on telephone 036 - 438 6422 / 036 - 438 6310.

Trout fishing is available in the rivers as well as the Mahai dam near the Visitor Centre. Anglers are required to pay a daily rod fee at the Visitor Centre and may only utilize fly fishing tackle.

Guided walks are available on request, at a nominal fee. Swimming is perfectly safe in all the rivers, but is not allowed in certain areas. Details available at the reception office.

The curio shop at the Visitor Centre caters for the visitor who wishes to buy souvenirs, as well as having soft drinks, frozen trout, ice, charcoal, wood and a limited range of food stuffs and alcoholic beverages.

MOUNTAIN RESCUE REGISTER

Hikers must complete the Mountain Rescue Register at the Visitor Centre before and after their hike.

Registers are located at the Visitor Centre, Thendele Resort, Gorge Car Park and Mahai Campsite.

GENERAL

- No pets of any kind are permitted.
- Visitors are requested to use demarcated footpaths only when walking in the park. This helps prevent soil erosion.
- Entrance gates to the park are open 24 hours.
- Campsites must be vacated by 10:00 on the day of departure and may only be taken up after 12:00 on the day of arrival.
- Camping is only allowed in the official campsite grounds and above the escarpment on the Mont-aux-Sources plateau of the Amphitheatre for overnight hikers.
- Campers must provide their own camping equipment, food and drinks. The nearest towns are Bergville, ± 50 km away and Harrismith, ± 70 km away.
- Basic food and drinks are obtainable from the Visitor Centre.
- No portable generators are permitted.
- Laundry facilities are available in the campsite. Laundry may be hung only on washing lines provided.
- No trenches may be dug around campsites.
- Visitors are requested not to play radios loudly or to engage in behaviour that will impact on other campers.
- No fireworks are allowed at any time within Royal Natal or Rugged Glen.
- Tariffs are subject to alterations without prior notice.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are made through the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Reservations, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202. Telephone +27 (0) 33 845 1000. Fax +27 (0) 33 845 1001. Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com Website: www.kznwildlife.com

ENQUIRIES

For enquiries or further information please contact Mahai Campsite on +27 (0) 36 438 6310 or 076 588 4656.

HOW TO GET THERE

From Ladysmith, turn off just south of Ladysmith and follow the Bergville road for 55 km. From Bergville travel 30 km towards Olivershoek Pass/Harrismith and then turn left at the Drakensberg North sign. It is approximately 16 km from there to the Royal Natal entrance gate.

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Please follow signage to Mont-aux-Sources. All routes are tarred.

GPS CO-ORDINATES

Mahai Campsite - 28d56'55.16"E 28d41'24.44"S
Rugged Glen Campsite - 28d59'38.15"E 28d40'07.65"S



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DIDIMA CAMP - CATHEDRAL PEAK

Cathedral Peak is a stunning mountain paradise bathed in scenic beauty with rivers, streams and waterfalls, grasslands, caves, San rock art and craggy cliffs. The luxurious 140-bed Didima Camp has been themed around the art of the San people who once lived in these mountains. The San Art Interpretive Centre, which opened in October 2003, provides fascinating insights into the San art and culture and includes static displays and a variety of audio-visual presentations featuring a replica cave covered with accurate reproductions of actual San art sites from the Drakensberg Mountains. The Cathedral Peak area is a hikers delight, offering routes ranging from a few hours on the mountain paths to several days of camping and adventure. Overnight hikers should always sign the Mountain Rescue Register before hiking into the mountains. A walk, or guided drive, up Mike's Pass to the top of the little Berg near the head of Didima Gorge reveals awe-inspiring views of the main escarpment and surrounding lowlands where nature lovers can observe a wide variety of plants, animals and birds in the grasslands and mountain forests. Wildlife species in the area include eland, baboon, oribi, common reedbuck, mountain reedbuck, grey rheebuck, and

grey duiker. Smaller species include Cape clawless otter, serval, spotted genet and caracal. Bird life includes the Bearded Vulture, Black Eagle and Cape Vulture.

ACCOMMODATION AND GUEST FACILITIES

Didima camp features 63 two-bed luxury chalets and are styled uniquely in a symbolic expression of the transient dwellings of the San people who lived in these hills and mountains for thousands of years. The chalets are constructed to resemble caves with two units constructed back to back. A double interleading door allows for the facilities to be converted into four-bed family units with self-catering facilities available in one of the two attached chalets. In addition Didima features two four-bed chalets with two bedrooms with en-suite facilities, a lounge dining room and a fully equipped kitchen and one six-bed chalet with three bedrooms each with en-suite facilities, a lounge dining room and a fully equipped kitchen. All accommodation at Didima boasts satellite television and cosy fireplaces. The central lodge provides a 140-seat restaurant and bar facility, an extensive shop supplying both groceries and curios and an intimate fireside lounge. Fireplaces provide atmosphere and heating throughout. A state-of-the-art conference facility seating 140 delegates and a large breakaway facility, which doubles as a wedding venue with full height glass walls framing the scenic splendour of Cathedral Peak are added attractions of Didima Camp. A sparkling swimming pool and tennis courts complete the amenities available to guests.



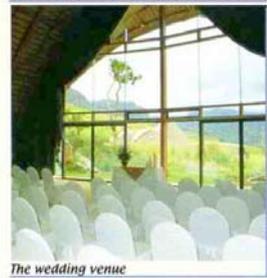
The six bed unit



The honeymoon suite



The state-of-the-art conference centre



The wedding venue



The amenities available to guests.

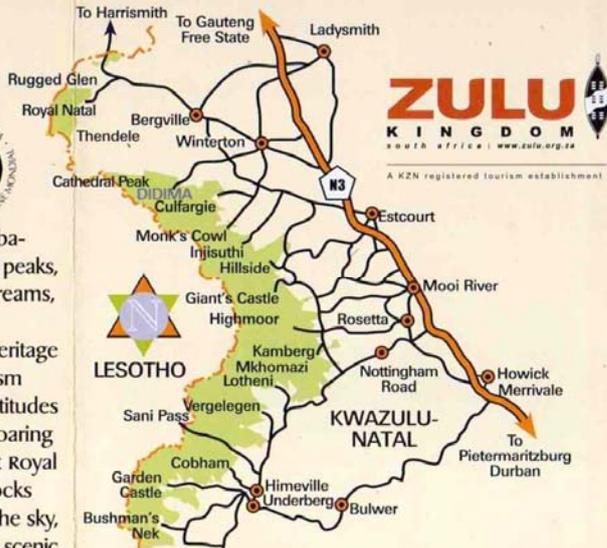


Standing on top of the world in the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park you are surrounded by craggy peaks, sandstone cliffs, cascading waterfalls, crystal streams, rocky paths, caves and sweeping grasslands. uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park, now a World Heritage Site, is one of South Africa's premier eco-tourism destinations. These mountains, which rise to altitudes exceeding 3000 metres, are astonishing. The soaring grandeur of the world-famous Amphitheatre at Royal Natal National Park where a great rampart of rocks



The beauty of the Cathedral Peak area

seems to touch the sky, the tranquility and scenic splendour of the southern Drakensberg at Cobham and Lotheni and the San Rock Art which richly decorates more than 500 caves throughout the mountains, testament to a vanished people, are just some of the attractions. The opportunity to watch the Bearded vulture feed at Giant's Castle or to witness the stately walk of the massive eland antelope as they forage the grassy slopes of the foothills



and to witness the floral splendour, richness and diversity which mantles the hills and mountains in vivid shades of green in summer and russet brown and gold in winter are memories of this magnificent place which you will carry with you for ever. Well laid out day walks lead from all the major camps and camping sites, fly fishing, overnight hiking, climbing, bird watching, swimming, horse riding, photography, painting, mountain biking, relaxing or simply revelling in the clear mountain air whilst taking in the breathtaking vistas are just some of the activities available in the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park.

RESERVATIONS
Accommodation bookings can be made through KZN Wildlife, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202. Telephone: 033 845 1000, fax: 033 845 1001; Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com Website: www.kznwildlife.com
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ROCK ART CENTRE

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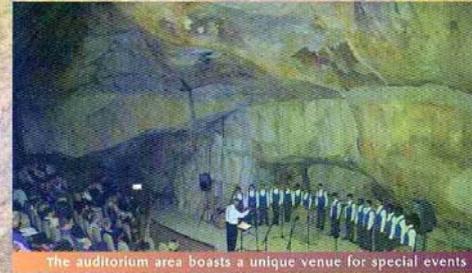


The Didima San Art Centre is a celebration of one of South Africa's richest cultural heritages - the San rock art of the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park



State of the art AV presentation explores the mysteries of the rock art

After an introduction to the fascinating culture and lifestyle of the San in the display hall the visitor is led into a small cave like room for a time of traditional fireside storytelling. Here visitors enjoy selected san folklore stories for a short while before moving on to the auditorium for a screening of the inspiring and provocative audiovisual presentation.



The auditorium area boasts a unique venue for special events

Situated in the grounds of the Didima Camp, KZN Wildlife's newest mountain luxury camp, the Didima San Art Centre provides the visitor with an opportunity to learn about our rich cultural heritage for which these surrounding mountains are famous.

A visit to the centre leads the visitor along a journey of discovery using the significance of the eland in San culture as a theme that threads its way through the experience.

The theme of the eland is first introduced in the innovative display area that marks the beginning of the Didima experience, and the importance of this magnificent antelope as expressed in the Drakensberg rock art and culture continues to unfold along the visitor's journey.



Life size eland frieze introduces the eland theme of the displays



The Ndumeni coffee shop deck overlooks scenic mountain splendour

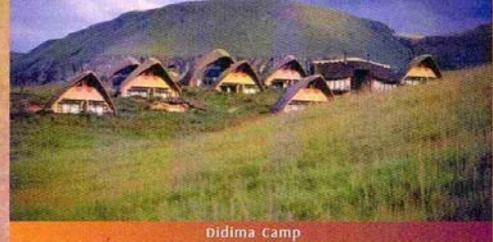


The uniquely styled Didima auditorium seats almost one hundred visitors before a life size replica of a Clarens sandstone overhang. As people file in the lights dim slowly to bathe the room in a cool and quiet ambiance of expectation that awaits the start of the presentation. The 'Valley of the eland' multimedia show explores the truth, myth and legend surrounding the rock art images of the Drakensberg, while especially looking into their spiritual significance in San history.

In the quiet afterglow of this inspiring presentation visitors can take some time to view the Didima rock art at leisure before exiting into the Ndumeni Craft Centre and Coffee shop.



Displays interpret the life and times of the drakensberg san



Didima Camp

Surrounded by a wonderful setting overlooking a sparkling mountain stream, the thatched Ndumeni coffee shop is the ideal place to conclude the fascinating San rock art experience. Visitors can enjoy a refreshing drink and light lunch while absorbing the magnificent mountain scenery and reflecting on the fascinating history that surrounds Didima. The simple menu includes teatime treats, light lunches and desserts.

Ndumeni Craft Centre displays a variety of locally produced indigenous craft works made from grass, beadwork and clay. These crafts are available for sale to visitors, and in this way the centre contributes significantly to the development and prosperity of communities around the reserve.



The Ndumeni craft Centre sells a range of local crafts

The Didima Rock Art Centre is open from 08:00 to 16:00 everyday, closing between 13:00 and 14:00 for lunch.

Special evening showings of the multimedia presentation in the auditorium will be arranged on request.

As a guideline, the guided tour would take approximately one hour, the stories approximately ten minutes, and a quarter hour for the multimedia presentation.

can be made directly with the San Art Centre Receptionist:

Tel: 036 488 8025 Fax: 036 488 1346

Manager: 036 488 8027

Private Bag x1, Winterton, 3340

GUIDED TOUR, STORIES, and MULTIMEDIA SHOW

1st session: 09h00 to 11:00

2nd session: 11h00 to 13:00

3rd session: 14h00 to 16h00

SELF GUIDED TOURS ARE ALSO ACCOMMODATED



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Cathedral Peak Area

Visitor Information for Monks Cowl (with access to Mlamboja and Mdedelo Wilderness Area)

INTRODUCTION

Monks Cowl, taking its name from the peak sandwiched between the towering Champagne Castle and Cathkin mountains, is part of the 260 000 ha Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site and is the access point to the Mlamboja and Mdedelo Wilderness Area.

With breathtaking vistas of sweeping grasslands on the lower reaches, to magnificent towering cliffs and waterfalls cascading for hundreds of metres - Monks Cowl is the ideal place for camping, hiking, day walks or even just enjoying a light meal at the tea garden.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

An entrance fee is levied at the entrance gate for day visitors. All visitors who have booked accommodation must check in at the reception office on arrival. Monks Cowl curio shop and reception office is open from 08:00 - 15:30 daily.

ACCOMMODATION

Thirty spacious campsites are available, (20 electrical sites and 10 non electrical) with barbeque facilities. The campsite is serviced by ablution blocks with hot water showers, baths and flush toilets. Facilities include dishwashing and laundry basins and instant boiling water is available to campers for tea or coffee by means of a Hydroboil geyser near the dishwashing area.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

Overnight hiking routes extend deep into valleys and forests of the central Drakensberg and up onto the main escarpment, ensuring a pure wilderness experience with breathtaking views and scenery. Round trips of up to five days are possible.



For the more adventurous there is the scramble up Grey's pass to Inkosazana Cave on top of Champagne Castle.

For the casual hiker, the lower berg offers meandering routes to Stable Cave and Zulu Cave or simply camp anywhere within the 22 000 ha of wilderness area, bearing in mind that no open fires are allowed - only gas cookers may be used.

Day hikes and walks consist of routes that are graded from easy to difficult and take you through the foothills and river valleys to places like Sterkspruit Falls, the Gorge, iNandi Falls, or up the Sphinx onto the little berg. Our day hikes and walks range from a one hour round trip to six hours.

Some of them have gloriously refreshing rock pools that beg to be swum in, the crisp berg water will leave you feeling completely rejuvenated.

The weather can change suddenly and become very cold so hikers are advised to be well equipped.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mountain Rescue Register must to be completed before you begin your hike. Make sure you sign out again when you return.

TEA GARDEN

The curio shop and tea garden is situated near to the campsite at the entrance to the reserve. The tea garden offers tea and coffee and a great menu of light meals served as take-aways or you can sit down and enjoy the view. The tea garden is open from 08:00 - 15:30 daily.

GENERAL

- No pets are allowed in the reserve.
- There is a well stocked supermarket (Oaks Supermarket) a short distance from Monks Cowl (10 minutes). Fuel and charcoal may be purchased from Oaks Supermarket.
- The nearest village which has a full range of services is Winterton 35 km from Monks Cowl.
- Entrance gates to the reserve are open daily between 06:00 - 18:00.
- Firewood is available at Monks Cowl Curio Shop.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for overnight hiking and caves;
Tel: + 27 (0) 36 468 1103. Fax: +27 (0) 36 468 1150.

For campsite bookings; Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202.

Tel: +27 (0) 33 845 1000, Fax: +27 (0) 33 845 1001.

Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com.

Website: www.kznwildlife.com

HOW TO GET THERE

From the south: Follow the N3, until you pass Estcourt. Take the Estcourt North/Giant's Castle turnoff to your left (just past the Midway Caltex Garage). Turn left towards Loskop. Stay on this road (approx 20 min), until you get to a 4 way crossing. Turn left onto the R600 (Thokozisa is on the corner on your left). Stay on this road (R600) for approximately 20 - 30 minutes. You will pass Champagne Sports Resort and Champagne Castle Hotel and Monks Cowl is at the end of the road.

From the north: Follow the N3 to Harrismith. At Harrismith, turn right onto the N5 towards Bethlehem/Bloemfontein. Proceed for approximately 5 km, turn left on the Bergville/Oliviershoek Pass road. Continue past Sterkfontein Dam, down Oliviershoek Pass, towards Bergville and Winterton. At Winterton, turn right onto the R600, CENTRAL BERG road. Continue for approx 13 km to the crossroad, go straight past Thokozisa which is on the left, continue along this road for approx 20-30 minutes - Monks Cowl is at the end of this road.

GPS CO-ORDINATES

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uKhahhalamba-Drakensberg Park (World Heritage Site)

Visitor Information for Injisuthi

INTRODUCTION

Situated in the central section of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park, Injisuthi is cradled between the Injisuthi (or Little Tugela) and Cowl Fork Rivers at the head of the Injisuthi Valley. It is surrounded by magnificent scenery and is dominated by Cathkin Peak, Monks Cowl and Champagne Castle.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

Please check in at the reception office on arrival. Reception office hours are between 08:00 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 16:30 daily. Accommodation may be taken up from 14:00 while check out time is 10:00 on the day of departure. If you arrive after hours, please refer to the accommodation schedule outside the reception office.

ACCOMMODATION - CABINS

Sixteen four-bedded fully self-contained cabins each consisting of two bedrooms, a lounge/diningroom, bathroom, toilet and kitchenette with a refrigerator and a stove are available. Visitors are required to do their own cooking and washing up. Electricity is available between 17:30 - 22:00 only and there are no plug points available. There is also one eight-bed fully self-contained cabin with a barbeque facility. There are also three two-bedded safari-tents. Visitors must supply their own linen, bedding, cutlery and crockery. There is also a communal TV room available.

CAMPsites / CARAVAN SITES

A camping ground with hot and cold water ablution facilities accommodates a total of 120 people on 20 sites.

CAVES / WILDERNESS AREA

Five caves; the Lower Injisuthi, Upper Injisuthi, Grindstone, Marble Baths and Wonder Valley Caves are ideal overnight stops for hikers. Advance bookings must be made. Cooking may only be done on portable stoves whilst in the wilderness area.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

Walks into the well known Cataract Valley and Mdedelo Wilderness Area, adjacent to the camp, are incredibly scenic. Guided walks to the Battle Cave, famous for its San Rock art, are booked in advance and is limited to a

minimum of four and a maximum of 20 people. Overnight hiking routes extend deep into valleys and forests of the area and up onto the main escarpment, ensuring a pure wilderness experience with breathtaking views and scenery. Day hikes and walks consist of routes that are graded from easy to difficult. Some of them have gloriously refreshing rock pools that beg to be swum in, the crisp berg water will leave you feeling completely rejuvenated.

The weather can change suddenly and become very cold so hikers are advised to be well equipped.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mountain Rescue Register must be completed before you begin your hike. Make sure you sign out again when you return. Ensure that you complete the Mountain Rescue Register correctly and in detail. It is very often the only information the rescue team has to go on if you have an accident or get lost. When you leave the park, it is essential that you record your return in the Mountain Rescue Register. Failure to do so wastes valuable time for managers during rescue operations. Your life may depend on this information.

TROUT FISHING

There are several kilometres of trout waters for fishing. Trout anglers are required to pay a daily rod fee, which can be paid at the reception office. Please note that only recognised trout fishing tackle and techniques are permitted. Fishing is available all year round.

GENERAL

- It is essential to obtain an exit permit from the reception office before your departure.
- No pets of any kind are permitted in the reserve.
- **NB: No fires are allowed.**
- Hikers must also please remember that only official overnight camp stops may be used. Spades and trowels must be carried for toilet use.
- No petrol or oil is available.
- No wood may be collected in the park. Charcoal and wood are sold at the curio shop.
- Limited basic groceries are available at the reception office. Please provide all your own food and drinks as the nearest town is Estcourt, 60 km away.
- Credit cards are accepted. (Master card and Visa only).
- No generators are permitted in the campsites.

- Motorcycles may only be used as transport to and from the park or within the camp area.
- Gate entry times:

Summer	(1 October - 31 March)	05:00-19:00
Winter	(1 April - 30 September)	06:00-18:00
Fridays		
Summer	(1 October to 31 March)	05:00-20:00
Winter	(1 April - 30 September)	06:00-19:00

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for all accommodation can be made through Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Reservations, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202. Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com. Telephone +27 (0) 33 845 1000, Fax +27 (0) 33 845 1001. Website: www.kznwildlife.com

ENQUIRIES

For enquiries or further information please contact Injisuthi on tel +27 (0) 36 431 9000 or fax +27 (0) 36 431 9001.

HOW TO GET THERE

To get to Injisuthi, turn off the N3 freeway at the Estcourt North/Loskop turnoff. Take the Loskop road.

Follow the tared Loskop road for 27 km before turning left at the Injisuthi signpost. The camp is 30 km along this road. Visitors should exercise caution when driving along this road and it is advisable not to travel after dark.

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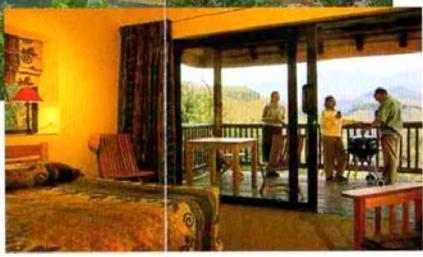


GIANT'S CASTLE- THE FLOWER OF THE DRAKENSBURG

A proclaimed protected area since 1904, Giant's Castle is 34 638 ha in extent and lies in the central Berg region. Situated on the grassy plateau among the deep valleys below the sheer rock face of the High Drakensberg, this famous reserve offers glorious views for hikers and mountain climbers alike. The superb rock art is high among its special attractions.

ACCOMMODATION

Themed to the wild flowers of the Drakensberg Mountains, Giant's Castle has been extensively upgraded and extended by 28 units, each with a spectacular view. The Zimbali (Zulu for flowers) Restaurant and a pub that depicts the history of Giant's Castle are additions to the main centre for visitors who don't want to self-cater. The indigenous gardens, planted 40 years ago, retain their charm and have been extended to include the new units.



Accommodation consists of Rock Lodge, which offers exclusive luxury accommodation and a fully hosted experience for 6 people in 3 en-suite rooms; three 6-bed units, three 4-bed units, thirty six 2-bed units and a romantic honeymoon suite. All units are self-catering although there is also the option of the restaurant with a delicious selection of buffet or a-la-carte meals. For the energetic and adventurous there is a 4-bedded mountain hut, three 8-bedded mountain huts and the opportunity for hiking and overnighting in tents or caves.

PREHISTORIC ROCK ART

A large sandstone cave with magnificent prehistoric San rock art is one of the best preserved sites in southern Africa. Main Caves is a unique exhibition of magnificent rock art panels and offers an insight into the way of life of the early San people. The cave is an easy 30-minute walk from the camp and guided tours take place from 09:00 to 15:00 daily for a small fee.

THE LAMMERGEYER HIDE

This famous hide offers excellent viewing of raptors such as the Bearded Vulture and Black Eagle. Visitors can get close to, and photograph a wide variety of rare birds. Viewing only takes place from May to September and advance booking is essential. Tel: +27 36 353 3718, email: giants@kznwildlife.com With 15 kilometres of fly-fishing river, the fascinating San rock art presentation in the Main Caves and the famous Lammergeyer Hide, Giant's Castle provides wonderful opportunities for a family getaway.

RESERVATIONS

Bookings may be made through KZN Wildlife PO Box 13069, Cascades, Pietermaritzburg, 3202. Tel: +27 33 845 1000 or fax: +27 33 845 1001. Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com Website: www.kznwildlife.com



Bearded vulture at the hide



Rock art at main caves museum



Zimbali Restaurant



Rock Lodge

KZN Wildlife, May 2004

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ACTIVITIES AT GIANT'S CASTLE

There are a variety of spectacular self-guided day walks through the lower parts of the park throughout the year, weather permitting. Routes are available from the camp office. For the bird lover there are over 170 known species of birds, including many raptors such as Bearded vulture and Black Eagle, that occur in the reserve. Overnight hiking is suitable for experienced hikers and mountain huts can be booked through central reservations. Tents are only permitted above the contour line, out of sight of the main hutted camp.

Trout fishing in the streams along the Bushman's River is permitted in open season only. Closed season is from 1 June to 31 August. Visitors can swim in the Bushman's River below the drinking water in-take for Giant's Camp. (Summer months only!) Game that can be seen in the area include Eland and other species of antelope, baboons, some smaller mammals such as rock hyrax

Meander Hut for overnight hikers

Main Caves Museum



(dassie) and serval. Best sightings are in the winter months, but good throughout the year. There is limited ice climbing during the winter months, contact the Officer-in-Charge for more details. Tel: +27 36 353 3718. Mountain bikes are only allowed during the 75 kilometre Mountain Bike Challenge. This challenge is held annually on the last Sunday in April. For more information on this prestigious event visit the website www.ultimatemb.org.za

HOW TO GET TO GIANT'S CASTLE

Visitors travelling from the north must turn off at the Central Berg Resorts interchange, travel into Estcourt and take the Ntabamphole road, which starts at the robot intersection of Connor and Lorne Streets. Follow the signs to Giant's Castle. The reserve is 65 km from town. This road is tarred. Visitors from the south, using the N3, should enter Mooi River village at the toll plaza, from where the road to the reserve is clearly signposted. The distance from Mooi River is approximately 64 km. This road is also tarred.



GIANT'S CASTLE

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uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park (World Heritage Site)

Visitor Information for Highmoor

INTRODUCTION

Highmoor is situated in the central region of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park, South Africa's first cultural and environmental World Heritage Site.

The reserve is 14 749 ha in extent and offers the visitor a variety of experiences. It is renowned for its excellent trout dams and scenic views.

The exceptional natural beauty of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park is evident in its soaring basaltic buttresses, golden sandstone ramparts, rolling high altitude grasslands, steep-sided river valleys and rocky gorges. The area has incredibly rich biodiversity including many endemic species.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

All visitors must check in at the reception office on arrival. Office hours are between 08:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 -16:00 daily.

ACCOMMODATION - CAMPSITE

There are seven campsites which are serviced by an ablution block with hot and cold water showers. A barbeque area is provided per campsite.

ACCOMMODATION - CAVES

The reserve offers two caves for overnighting, which need to be booked for in advance. Hikers need to provide all their own provisions and supplies. **NB: Fires may not be made in the wilderness area or in caves.**

ACCOMMODATION - CARACAL CAVE

Caracal Cave accommodates 12 people and is approximately a 3,5 km walk from the camp office.

ACCOMMODATION - AASVOËLKRANS CAVE

Aasvoëlkrans Cave accommodates 12 people and is approximately 4 km from the camp office. This is an easy hike and is ideal for novices and family groups.

Hikers must please remember that only official overnight stops may be used. Spades and trowels must be carried for toilet use.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

Wildlife that occurs in the reserve includes species such as grey rhebuck, Cape clawless otter, common and mountain reedbuck, eland, grey duiker, oribi, mongoose and baboon. A variety of birds can also be seen including black stork, Verreaux's eagle, bearded vulture, lanner falcon, Cape vulture and giant kingfisher.



Many delightful walks may be undertaken and there are excursions of this nature to suit all ages. It is advisable to carry warm clothing at all times as the weather is often unpredictable.

A picnic area is situated just outside the car park next to the office.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mountain Rescue Register must be completed before you begin your hike. Make sure you sign out again when you return. All overnight hikers are to ensure that the Mountain Rescue Register is completed before undertaking their hike. Ensure that you complete the Mountain Rescue Register correctly and in detail. It is very often the only information the rescue team has to go on if you have an accident or get lost. When you leave the park, it is essential that you record your return in the Mountain Rescue Register. Failure to do so wastes valuable time for managers during rescue operations. Your life may depend on this information. Hikers should hike in parties of three or more individuals.

FISHING

Two well stocked trout dams are available for fishing. The seasons are as follows:

Open season: 1 March - 31 June and 1 September - 31 December. Only fly fishing tackle and techniques are permissible. Trout anglers are required to pay a daily rod fee, which can be paid at the camp office.

GENERAL

- No pets of any kind are permitted in the reserve.
- For safety reasons, hikers should hike in parties of three or more individuals.
- Gate entry times:
Summer (1 October - 31 March) 05:00 - 19:00
Winter (1 April - 30 September) 06:00 - 18:00

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

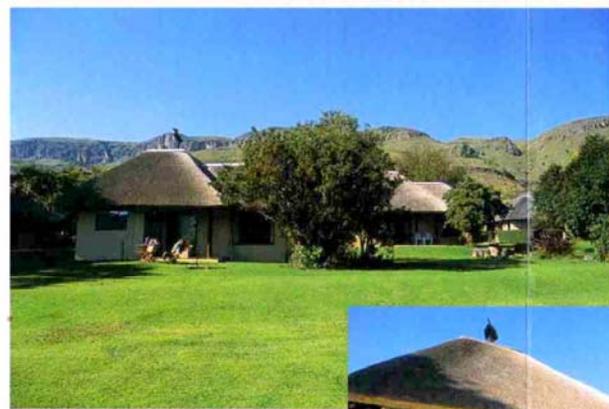
Bookings for overnight accommodation can be made through Highmoor Nature Reserve, PO Box 51, Rosetta, Telephone / Fax +27 (0) 33 267 7240.

HOW TO GET THERE

From the north or south take the Nottingham Road off-ramp from the N3 and proceed to the village of Nottingham Road. Follow the signs towards Rosetta. At Rosetta turn left opposite the "Ugly Duckling" and follow signposts to Kamberg. This route is tarred for approximately 44 km, until you see the Highmoor/Glengary signs on the left. Follow this district road (dirt) for about 6 km (past Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse) until you reach the reserve.



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KAMBERG CAMP

Kamberg is a delightfully attractive KZN Midlands camp, surrounded by trout-rich dams and river frontage, gently rolling open grassland and rocky slopes, nestled in the foothills of South Africa's uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park, a World Heritage Site. The surrounding landscape has powerful historical significance, where San raiders used the valleys and hills to hide and move cattle taken from the more powerful white and black settlers who had appropriated their land to the point where they could not sustain themselves anymore. Over many tortuous generations the San disappeared or were incorporated into other African tribes in the area. A magnificent Rock Art interpretation centre at Kamberg camp pays tribute to these amazing and resilient people.

Each of the 96 protected wildlife areas controlled by KZN Wildlife has some special and unique appeal, and Kamberg Nature Reserve is no exception. Named after a nearby mountain with a distinct shape resembling a rooster's comb (in Afrikaans, "die haan se kam"), this 2232 hectare nature reserve was proclaimed in 1951, and although smaller than many of the other Drakensberg and Midlands getaways,



Kamberg offers something special for the discerning visitor, with an exclusive sense of peace and quiet, and the feeling of really being away from it all. The Mooi River, which flows through the reserve, adds significantly to the Kamberg experience with excellent trout fishing for keen fly-fishermen.

ACCOMMODATION

Kamberg camp provides one six-bed and one five-bed fully-equipped self catering chalets. The five-bed chalet has a "pull-out" bed which can accommodate a sixth person. The five two-bed chalets feature full en-suite facilities, a lounge/dining room/bedroom area and a fully equipped kitchen. The reception centre offers a variety of trout flies, books, mementos and basic provisions. A small restaurant facility is available at the San Art Interpretative Centre.

WILDLIFE

Wildlife species in the reserve include eland, oribi, reedbeek, mountain reedbeek, blesbok, black wildebeest, grey rheebuck, duiker and red hartebeest. Small mammals such as Cape clawless otters, genets, dassies (rock hyrax) and servals may be spotted. A variety of birds, including

several large raptors including the black eagle and Cape vulture, may also be seen.

THE SAN ROCK ART CENTRE

One of Kamberg's highlights is the San Rock Art Interpretation Centre which, through a magnificent multimedia experience, provides visitors with unique insight into the lifestyle of the San hunter-gatherers who once inhabited the adjacent hills and valleys. Trained guides are available to take visitors to the nearby Game Pass Shelter, rich with highly significant works of San art recording the life and times of the San people in their distinctive

polychrome images. The paintings at Game Pass have been described as the 'Rosetta Stone of Ancient Rock Art', providing the world with keys to understanding the meaning of all other San art in terms of their spiritual and ritual significance. International research has identified these as some of the most vitally important San rock



The Rock Art Interpretation Centre



Relaxing inside one of the cottages



Eland can be encountered in small herds



Community guides interpret the rock art



San rock art seen at Game Pass Shelter

UKHAHLAMBA DRAKENSBERG PARK



paintings ever described. The walk to Game Pass Shelter is two-and-a-half, to three hours long and is preceded by a spectacular DVD presentation at the state-of-the-art San Rock Art Interpretation Centre. Sessions are run seven days a week at the following times- 08.30, 11.00, and 13.30. Shows outside these times can be arranged by appointment. The Centre is wheelchair friendly, but unfortunately the trail to Game Pass Shelter is not. There is a special audio-visual show on the trail and the shelter for those who cannot walk up to Game Pass Shelter.

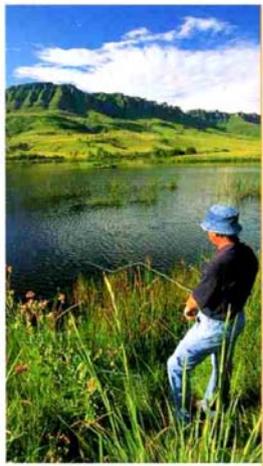
Bookings can be made by phoning, or faxing Kamberg camp- 033 263 7251. Email: kamberg@kznwildlife.com

After your walk a small restaurant at the

interpretation centre offers light meals for sale. Kamberg Camp residents are also welcome to use the restaurant facility.

TROUT FISHING

Kamberg, lying on the Mooi River, has excellent seasonal trout fishing in the river and all year round fly fishing in several dams in the area. In addition to trout fishing, visits to the local trout hatchery may be arranged, where more can be learned about the life, habits and breeding of these beautiful fish.



Fishing the afternoon rise



HIKING AND PICNICKING

Kamberg has access to several scenic and interesting self-guided trails, as well as a special trail prepared for physically handicapped visitors. A booklet with full details of these is available from the reception office. Three delightful picnic sites near the river allow quiet rest and relaxation in a beautiful and scenic setting.

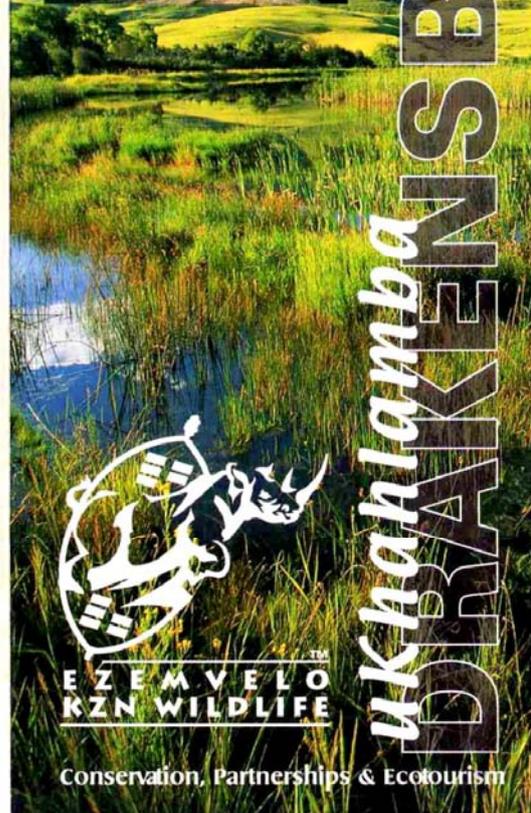
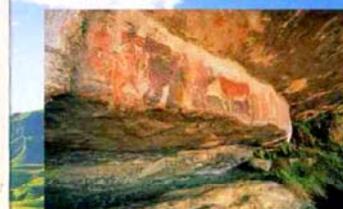
RESERVATIONS

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KAMBERG CAMP





KAMBERG ROCK ART CENTRE & GAME PASS SHELTER

The Game Pass shelter is commonly referred to as the "Rosetta Stone" of southern African rock art, for it was here that archaeologists first uncovered a vital key to understanding the symbolism of San rock art.

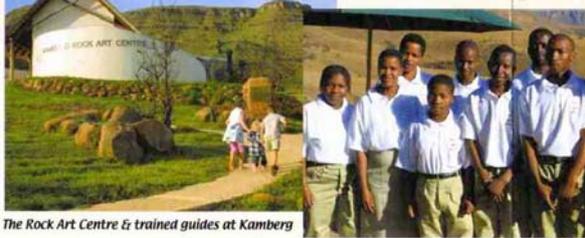
This site is special for so many reasons. It was one of the first sites ever to be seen by Europeans and appeared in the Scientific American in 1915. It was the first South African rock art site to be known in other parts of the world, and revealed the meaning of San rock art - in a sense, "cracked the code".

The trail to Game Pass Shelter is a two-and-a-half, to three hour guided walk, via the spiritually moving Waterfall Shelter. It is nothing short of a world-class experience in Khoisan rock art and living Zulu and San culture.

The walk is preceded by a spectacular DVD presentation at the state-of-the-art Interpretive Centre that caters for a maximum of ten people at a time. Sessions are run seven days a week at the following times- 08.30, 11.00, and 13.30. Shows outside these times can be arranged by appointment. The Centre is wheelchair friendly, but unfortunately the trail to Game Pass Shelter is not. There is a special audio-visual show on the trail and the shelter for those who cannot walk up to Game Pass Shelter. Bookings can be made by phoning, or faxing Kamberg Camp- 033 263 7251.

Email: kamberg@kznwildlife.com

Kamberg camp provides accommodation featuring one six-bed and one five-bed self catering chalet with full en-suite facilities, a lounge/dining



The Rock Art Centre & trained guides at Kamberg



room/bedroom area and a fully equipped kitchen.

MAIN CAVES - GIANT'S CASTLE At Giant's Castle, an easy well-marked trail up to the Main Cave will take you to extensive, beautifully displayed paintings, relating important landmarks in San history. Accommodation at Giant's Castle consists of a 6-bed executive suite, three 6-bed units, three 4-bed units, thirty six 2-bed units and a romantic honeymoon suite. All units are self-catering although there is also a superb restaurant.

DIDIMA Didima Camp boasts a state-of-the-art San Art Interpretive Centre, with static displays, audio-visual presentations and a replica cave with reproductions of art from the surrounding mountains. Accommodation can be booked at Didima in one of 62 two-bed luxury chalets, a six bed bungalow, 2 four-bed units or the honeymoon suite, styled uniquely in a symbolic expression of the transient dwellings of the San people.

RESERVATIONS For information and bookings please contact: KZN Wildlife, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202. Telephone: 033 845 1000, fax: 033 845 1001; Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com Website: www.kznwildlife.com

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KAMBERG ROCK ART CENTRE

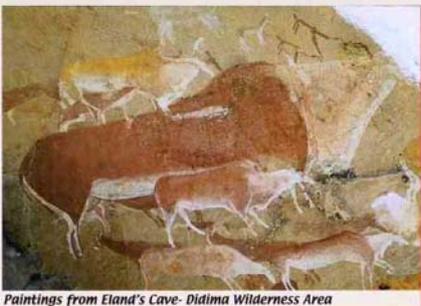


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Paintings from Eland's Cave- Didima Wilderness Area

"No more do we bushmen hunt in these hills. The fire is cold. Our songs are quiet. But listen carefully. You will hear us in the water. Look carefully, you will see us in the rock."

SAN ART

The uKxahlamba Drakensberg region of KwaZulu-Natal is rich in rock art left behind by the San people. These exquisite paintings tell stories of yesteryear and teach us more about the mythology, ritual, and beliefs of the San. Paintings were made using mostly black, white, red and orange pigments gathered from the surrounding natural environment. Long thought to be merely pictorial journals of hunting trips and everyday life, researchers have now uncovered some of the deeper meaning of the art. The most frequently depicted animal is the eland, the largest antelope of the uKxahlamba Drakensberg and vital to the well being of the San, providing meat, fat and skins. The eland became an important symbol to the San and was viewed as an animal of power, with supernatural potency and great religious significance. Some paintings show mysterious figures with combined antelope and human features that relate to the San spirit realm.



Sharmans painted what they saw and felt during a trance

*"BEFORE
The world was like a tight string,
that would sing in the wind.
Then the people came.
They broke that string for me.
Now the world is changed for me.
The string is broken."*



More recent paintings depict friendly interaction between the San and African and European migrant groups, as well as conflict. Today the descendants

of these artists live among local African communities. Although they have changed their hunter-gatherer lifestyle, they still strongly associate with the rock art of their ancestors.

The densely painted uKxahlamba Drakensberg Park, a World Heritage Site, contains some 550 known sites amounting to over 40 000 recorded individual images. The paintings in KwaZulu-Natal are estimated to be between approximately 120 and 3000 years old. Some sites may be visited in the company of a custodian and interpretive displays at some of the reserves provide unique multimedia insights into the history and significance of the paintings and painters. They serve as a monument to the ancient people who roamed freely between the mountains and the coast of KwaZulu-Natal for thousands of years.

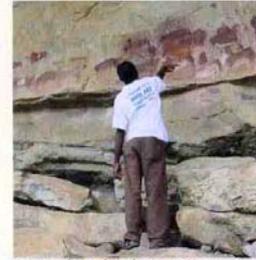
Pathways to the art sites take visitors on the same routes once taken by the San up to their rock shelters. Visitors are asked to respect this outstanding legacy by observing the well-known wilderness motto of taking only photographs and leaving only footprints. Touching the pictures not only hastens their decay, but contaminates them, affecting dating procedures and chemical analysis; even stirring up the dust around them causes harm. Touching these paintings would also be regarded by many, who revere them and the shelters for their spiritual significance, as interfering with the inherent power or spirit they contain. Any damage to paintings should be reported immediately, as they are protected by law. Contact any KZN Wildlife officer in the area or AMAFA- Tel: 033 394 6543; fax: 033 342 6097; or email: amafa.pmb@pixie.co.za



Paintings in the Game Pass Shelter- Kamberg



Giant's Castle Main Caves



Community guides interpret the rock art



The display at Main Caves Museum- Giant's Castle

uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park (World Heritage Site)

Visitor Information for uMkhomazi

INTRODUCTION

uMkhomazi is situated in the southern part of the Central Drakensberg, 100 km from Pietermaritzburg. uMkhomazi is 6 000 ha in size and forms part of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

Visitors must please check in at the reception office where an entrance fee and if applicable, overnight hiking fees are to be paid. Office hours are 08:00 – 12:30 and 14:00 – 16:30 daily.

ACCOMMODATION

There are three caves in which hikers may overnight. Cave reservations must be made in advance at uMkhomazi.

Cyprus Cave - is a relatively easy hike of 4 km from the parking area. Children from about the age of five can manage this hike, depending of course on their stamina as well as the weather conditions. This cave can sleep six and has a constant source of running water. Duration of hike: one to two hours.

McKenzie's Cave - is situated in the Malungana area about 11 km from the parking area. While some parts of the hike are quite steep this is regarded as an average hike. During the drier months water is scarce en route and in the vicinity of the cave. McKenzie's can sleep 12 people and the duration of the hike is three to four hours.

Sinclair's Cave - is for the more experienced hiker as Sinclair's cave is situated 11 km from the parking area in the range known as White Rocks. The gradient is average to steep for most of the route and can be rated as difficult. Water is not always available in the area surrounding the cave. This hike can be split up into two days with Cyprus Cave being used as an overnight stop.

WHAT TO BRING

A raincoat or rainsuit and warm clothing are essential, even in the summer months. A swimming costume for the summer months, a high factor sun block, hats and walking shoes suitable to berg conditions, a pair of binoculars, a torch and insect repellent. If you are overnighting or planning a long day hike, extra clothing and food, a first aid box, spare torch batteries and a small spade are essential.

VISITOR AMENITIES

Many delightful walks may be undertaken in this pristine area. Day walks can be taken up to the caves provided that this is

confirmed with the Conservation Manager prior to your visit. Picnicking is popular and visitors are encouraged to take packed lunches with them on their walks. Although chilly, swimming in the rivers at uMkhomazi is quite safe unless they are in flood. There are good swimming spots along the Forest Walk and at Cyprus Cave. Wildlife to be seen in the Park includes species such as common and mountain reedbuck, grey rhebuck, eland, grey duiker, oribi, otters, mongoose and baboon. There is also a host of nocturnal animals such as porcupine, owls, genet and caracal, to name but a few. There is a varied birdlife, ranging from Bearded and Cape vultures, jackal buzzards, long crested eagles, to the little sunbirds. There are a host of seasonal birds such as storks, yellow billed kites and swallows, amongst others. Several types of snakes occur, such as rinkals, berg adder and puff adder, although these are rarely seen due to their wariness of the hiker.

OVERNIGHTING IN THE PARK

If you are overnighting in the Park, please take note of the following rules:

- Plan your hike well in advance, giving yourself enough time to reach the cave long before sunset.
- The weather can change suddenly and become very cold so hikers are advised to be well equipped.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The Mountain Rescue Register must be completed before you begin your hike. Make sure you sign out again when you return.**
- Ensure that you complete the Mountain Rescue Register correctly and in detail. It is very often the only information the rescue team has to go on if you have an accident or get lost. When you leave the Park, it is essential that you record your return in the Mountain Rescue Register. Failure to do so wastes valuable time for managers during rescue operations. Your life may depend on this information.
- Ensure that the number of hikers in your party does not exceed the maximum amount of hikers which the cave can accommodate.
- Use only torches/gas lights and gas cookers for lighting and cooking. Making of fires is prohibited in caves and wilderness areas. Fires are only allowed in designated camping areas.
- Dish and waste water must be poured well away from vegetation and streams.
- The basic rule for rubbish is: **Carry it In. Carry it Out.** Do not attempt to burn or bury rubbish.

- Toilet facilities are not provided in caves. Holes need to be dug for this purpose. Remember to dig the hole on level ground, well away from streams and the camping area and to refill afterwards with soil.
- Please leave the cave as you would like to find it.

GENERAL

- No pets are allowed into the Park.
- Vehicles and scrambler motorbikes are not permitted into the Park.
- Please keep music to the levels for your own enjoyment only. Please consider your fellow visitor.
- Entrance gates open and close between 06:00 - 18:00 throughout the year.
- There is no shop at uMkhomazi. Remember to bring your own food and beverages. Basic supplies and petrol/diesel can be obtained in Nottingham Road which is 42 km away.

RESERVATIONS

It is essential that you book your overnight hikes and caves well in advance. Applications for overnight hikers should be addressed to: The Conservation Manager, PO Box 105, Nottingham Road, 3280 or by telephone (033) 2666 444 during reception office hours. Website: www.kznwildlife.com

HOW TO GET THERE

From Durban/Pietermaritzburg turn off the N3 North at the Nottingham Road/Mount West off-ramp. Follow the Nottingham Road signs. Just before the Nottingham Road police station there is a signpost marked Himeville/Sani Pass. There is also a Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife sign indicating Lotheni Nature Reserve. Follow these signs. It is 42 km from the turn off to uMkhomazi, (29 km is tarred and the remaining 13 km is dirt road).

From Harrismith/Estcourt turn off the N3 South at the Mooi River (South)/Greytown off-ramp. Head towards Mooi River and from there follow the R103 passing through Rosetta, 12 km from Mooi River. Keep along this road until you reach Nottingham Road, approximately 6 km from Rosetta. Just after the Nottingham Road police station there is a signpost marked Himeville/Sani Pass. There is also a Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife sign indicating Lotheni Nature Reserve. Follow these signs. It is 42 km from the turn off to uMkhomazi, (29 km is tarred and the remaining 13 km is dirt road).

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uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park (World Heritage Site)

Visitor Information for Lotheni Nature Reserve

INTRODUCTION

Situated in the southern section of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site, Lotheni Nature Reserve is noted for its magnificent scenery and hiking. The reserve is 3 984 ha in extent.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

An entrance fee is payable at the reception office by day visitors only. All visitors must please check in at the reception office on arrival.

CHALETS

Lotheni consists of 12 self-contained chalets, each with its own refrigerator, two-plate gas stove (with a small oven), and bathroom. In addition to the chalets, there are 2 six-bed fully self-contained cottages. Visitors must provide all their own food supplies and do their own cooking.



SIMES COTTAGE

Simes cottage is a converted old farm house and can accommodate 10 people in four bedrooms. The cottage is equipped with gas. Visitors are required to do their own cooking and need to provide their own towels, sheets and pillow cases. The cottage is situated next to a small trout dam. The dam is reserved exclusively for visitors staying at Simes cottage.

CAMPSITES

There is a campground containing 14 campsites and served by an ablution block with hot and cold water. The campground is situated, further up the Lotheni valley into the mountains, approximately 2 km from the resort.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

Wildlife includes species such as common and mountain reedbuck, grey rheebuck, eland, grey duiker, oribi, Cape clawless otter, mongoose and baboon. There is a diversity of birds, including black stork, Verreaux's eagle, bearded vulture, lanner falcon, Cape vulture and giant kingfisher.

Many delightful walks and climbs may be undertaken and there are excursions of this nature to suit all ages. It is advisable to carry warm clothing at all times as the weather is often unpredictable. **Hikers must complete the Mountain Rescue Register at the reception office before and after their hike.** Mountain biking is allowed in designated areas. Picnicking is popular and visitors are encouraged to take packed lunches with them. Although chilly, swimming in the Lotheni River is safe unless it is in flood. There is a very good swimming spot approximately 1 km below the resort at Cool Pools.

The reserve is a popular rendezvous for trout fishermen. Several kilometres of the Lotheni River is available for fishing brown trout. Should you wish to fish, the payment of a daily rod fee is required to be made at the reception office. Only fly tackle is permissible.

SETTLER'S MUSEUM

Visitors should make a point of visiting the Lotheni Settler's Homestead Museum. An interesting collection of early settler farming implements and home utensils is on display at the old Root homestead, which has been restored and refurnished in the style of the period.

GENERAL

- Due to the poor road conditions, particularly in the rainy season, high clearance vehicles are recommended.
- No pets are permitted into the reserve.
- Camping other than in designated areas is forbidden.
- Gate opening and closing times are 06:00 - 18:00 daily.
- **The making of fires is strictly prohibited**, except in designated areas in the resort and campsite, because of the hazard of veld fires.
- Hikers are reminded that all refuse must be brought back to the resort for disposal.
- Electricity is by generator from 17:00 - 22:00 daily.
- Cell phone signal is limited, please provide your own phone cards.
- The nearest source of provisions is at the Lotheni store, which is 14 km from the Resort.
- The curio shop at Lotheni supplies some basic groceries.
- A deepfreeze is situated in the resort kitchen and is available for use by overnight visitors, as is a single large gas stove.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the hatted accommodation are made through Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Reservations, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202. Telephone +27 (0) 33 845 1000. Fax + 27 (0) 33 845 1001.

Website: www.kznwildlife.com
Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com

ENQUIRIES

Reservations for campsites are made directly with the Resort Manager, Lotheni Resort, PO Box 14, Himeville, 3256 or telephone / fax +27 (0) 33 702 0540.

HOW TO GET THERE

From N3 south follow the route via Underberg and Himeville, after which the tar ends. The reserve is 45 km from Himeville on a dirt road. From the north, follow the route via Nottingham Road. Turn left at the Nottingham Road police station onto the Sani Pass/Vergelegen road. ± 62 km from Nottingham Road, turn right at the Lotheni Store. The entrance to the park is 10 km from this point.

GPS CO-ORDINATES

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uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park (World Heritage Site)

Visitor Information for Vergelegen

INTRODUCTION

Vergelegen is situated in the Southern Drakensberg and is 180 km north west of Pietermaritzburg.

This section of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site is 21 000 ha in extent and lies in the upper Mkhomazi water catchment area. It is an important water production area.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

An entrance fee is payable and visitors are requested to check in at the reception office on arrival. Visitors arriving after hours are to check in at the office first thing in the morning.

Overnight and day hikers must fill in the mountain rescue register before departing on their hike. Office hours: 07:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 16:30. Sunday hours: 08:00 - 12:00.

ACCOMMODATION

Vergelegen has many caves, the most popular cave being Birds Nest Cave, is situated along the Nhlangezi River and provides an ideal overnight spot. Caves must be booked in advance through the Conservation Manager as only hikers with a permit may sleep over in the caves.

A map of the Southern Drakensberg (1:50 000) is obtainable at the office. Cooking in the caves may only be done with visitors own portable camping stoves. NO fires are allowed.

WHAT TO BRING

Suitable rain gear and warm clothing are essential, even in the summer months. A swimming costume for the summer months, a high factor sun block, hat and walking shoes suitable to berg conditions, a pair of binoculars, a torch and insect repellent.

If you are overnighing or planning a long day hike, extra clothing and food, a first aid box, torch with spare batteries and a small spade are essential.

VISITOR AMENITIES

Vergelegen has an abundance of wildlife, including eland, oribi, reedbuck, grey rhebuck and duiker. Sightings of Cape clawless otter, serval cat, jackal and numerous birds

of prey are also possible. Hiking in Vergelegen is both scenic and very rugged. The majority of the Park is made up of the Mkhomazi Wilderness area. The escarpment can be accessed via a number of different passes, all of varying degrees of difficulty. Thaba Ntlenyana, the highest point in Southern Africa, is accessible from the Park using the Mkhomazi Pass. Hikers will traverse open grassland, protea open woodland and numerous forest patches along the various rivers. Vergelegen offers excellent brown trout fishing in the Mkhomazi and Mhlahlangubo Rivers. Fishermen are advised to phone in advance and enquire about the river conditions. Fishermen are required to pay a daily rod fee at the office before fishing the river. Please note that only recognised fly fishing tackle is permitted.

OVERNIGHTING IN THE PARK

If you are overnighing in the reserve, please take note of the following rules:

- Plan your hike well in advance, giving yourself enough time to reach the cave long before sunset.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The Mountain Rescue Register must be completed before you begin your hike. Make sure you sign out again when you return. The register is situated in the office.**
- Ensure that you complete the Mountain Rescue Register correctly and in detail. It is very often the only information the rescue team has to go on if you have an accident or get lost. When you leave the Park, it is essential that you record your return in the Mountain Rescue Register. Failure to do so wastes valuable time for managers during rescue operations. Your life may depend on this information.
- Ensure that the number of hikers in your party does not exceed the maximum amount of hikers which the cave can accommodate.
- Use only torches/gas lights and gas cookers for lighting and cooking. Making of fires is prohibited in caves and wilderness areas. Fires are only allowed in designated camping areas.
- Dish and waste water must be poured well away from vegetation and streams.
- The basic rule for rubbish is: **Carry it In. Carry it Out.** Do not attempt to burn or bury rubbish.

- Toilet facilities are not provided in caves. Holes need to be dug for this purpose. Remember to dig the hole on level ground, well away from streams and the camping area and to refill afterwards with soil.
- Please leave the cave as you would like to find it.

GENERAL

- Not all the paths in the Park are clearly marked therefore hikers are advised to have maps of the area and an accurate compass on hand. Hikers are requested to keep to paths where possible and to avoid unnecessary damage caused by taking short cuts.
- No pets are allowed in the Park.
- Basic foods are available from Himeville/Underberg which is 40 km away.
- Visitors are advised to contact the Conservation Manager before their visit to enquire on the condition of the road and the level of the rivers, as rivers both in and outside the Park flood frequently in summer making access difficult.
- No vehicles are permitted to leave the main access road at any time.
- There are no gates at Vergelegen, but all late arrivals must be arranged with the Conservation Manager in advance.
- No fires may be made in the Park.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for caves and hiking can be made through the Conservation Manager, PO Box 53, Himeville, 3256, or by telephoning +27 (0) 33 -702 0712. Website: www.kznwildlife.com

HOW TO GET THERE

From Pietermaritzburg take the Southern Berg off-ramp (R617 to Bulwer/Underberg). From Underberg go through Himeville and straight on towards Lotheni. After about 20 km take the Vergelegen turn-off. Once you reach the entrance (18 km), the office is a further 7 km into the Park. The road after Himeville is a dirt road till the Park, but the route is well signposted.

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uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park (World Heritage Site)

Visitor Information for Cobham

INTRODUCTION

Cobham is situated in the Southern Maloti-Drakensberg Park, South Africa's first cultural and environmental World Heritage Site, and is approximately 150 km from Pietermaritzburg. The exceptional natural beauty of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site is evident in its soaring basaltic buttresses, golden sandstone ramparts, rolling high altitude grasslands, steep-sided river valleys and rocky gorges. The area has incredibly rich biodiversity including many endemic species.

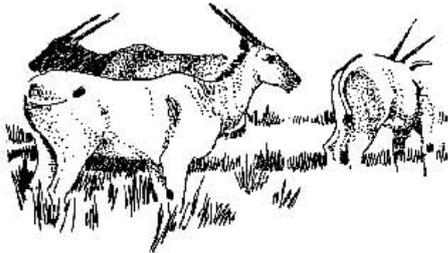
This reserve is managed together with Vergelegen Nature Reserve to form one management section of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site and is approximately 52 000 ha in extent.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

Visitors must check in at the office on arrival to complete the necessary registers. Office hours are between 08:00 to 13:00 and then from 14:00 to 15:40 daily.

ACCOMMODATION - CAMPING AND CAVES

The campsite at Cobham is an rustic open area where visitors can put up tents or caravans anywhere within the designated limits. There is a small ablution block with hot water showers and toilets. Cobham has a number of caves which accommodate a maximum of 12 people on overnight hikes. These caves are reached by three-to-five-hour walks from the office. Fires may not be made in the wilderness area or in caves.



ACCOMMODATION - GIANT'S CUP TRAIL

The Giant's Cup Trail runs along the foothills of the Drakensberg. It starts at Sani Pass and ends at Bushman's Nek. The majority of the trail lies almost entirely within the Cobham and Garden Castle Reserves.

The trail consists of five sections with overnight accommodation (30 beds in each of the five huts) available at the end of each section.

MOUNTAIN RESCUE REGISTER

For visitors own safety, the Mountain Rescue Register must be filled in. Visitors must ensure that their return is noted to avoid an unnecessary search being launched.

Hikers should hike in parties of three or more individuals.

WHAT TO BRING

Cobham has a curio shop which sells curios and refreshments. Visitors are advised to bring their own equipment. Cold weather clothing and equipment is advisable throughout the year and is essential during winter months.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

The southern Drakensberg with its pristine grasslands and beautiful scenery, is relatively unspoilt and Cobham offers many day and overnight walks, including Sani Pass.

Fishing in the Pholela River is permitted and may be undertaken once a daily rod fee is paid at the office. Only fly tackle is permitted.

GENERAL

- No pets of any kind are permitted in the Park.
- Entrance gates to the reserve open and close at the following times:

Summer (1 October - 31 March)	05:00 - 19:00
Winter (1 April - 30 September)	06:00 - 18:00

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the Giant's Cup Trail are made through Ezenvelo KZN Wildlife Reservations, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202.

Telephone +27 (0)33 845 1000. Fax +27(0) 33 845 1001.
Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com.
Website: www.kznwildlife.com.

Campsite and Cave bookings must be made with Cobham Office, PO Box 168, Himeville, 3256.
Telephone +27 (0) 33 702 0831. Fax +27 (0) 33 702 0171.

HOW TO GET THERE

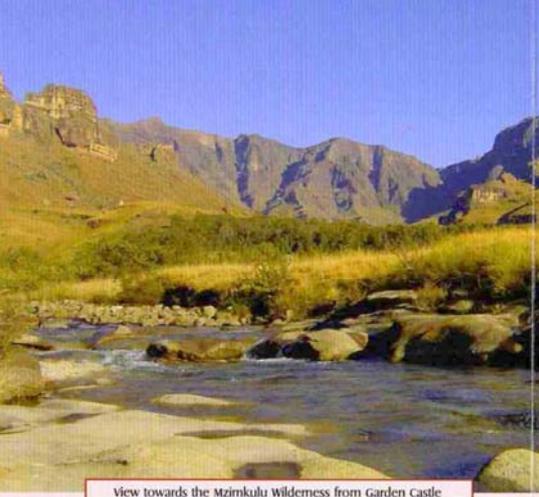
From Pietermaritzburg/Durban recommended route: Follow the N3 Freeway. Take the R617 (to Bulwer and Underberg). Stay on the R617 through Boston, Bulwer, into Underberg. At Underberg turn right and drive for 5 km to Himeville. As you come into Himeville, pass the speed humps, immediately thereafter turn left on to the D7. The turnoff is marked, follow this gravel road for 13 km to the Cobham entrance gate. This route is clearly marked.

GPS CO-ORDINATES

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View towards the Mzimkulu Wilderness from Garden Castle



Bearded Vulture - an endangered species whose range is restricted to the Drakensberg Mountains



Silver Protea (*Protea roupelliae*) found throughout the Drakensberg

WHAT IS WILDERNESS?

In its essence, Wilderness is the embracing of the singular spirit of primitive peoples and of an unmodernised era where silence and solitude, timelessness and unspoilt wildness, free from the impingement of modern technology pervades. Here man seeks to harmonise with the natural world.

A Wilderness area is a large area of unmodified or slightly modified land, and/or sea, retaining its natural character and influence, without permanent or significant habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural condition.

The Wilderness philosophy embraces a deep respect for the natural world, preserving it for future generations.

WHERE DO WE HAVE WILDERNESS?

In South Africa, the first Wilderness areas were set aside in the 1950s, in Umfolozi and St. Lucia. Amendments to the Forest Act of 1968 made possible the legal designation of Wilderness. Eighteen Wilderness areas have since been proclaimed in South Africa under this legislation, mainly in the Drakensberg and in the Cape.

In the Drakensberg, the Mdedelelo and Mkhomazi Wilderness areas were the first to be proclaimed in 1973, and the Mzimkulu and Mlambonja Wilderness areas were proclaimed in 1989. Overall, almost half (48.5%) of the total area of the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site has been designated as Wilderness.

WHY IS WILDERNESS IMPORTANT?

By international standards, the Wilderness proclamation is the highest form of protection given to an area. It is important to have this protection in a country like South Africa, that globally has some of the highest known concentration of threatened plants, and the highest extinction estimates.

Nationally, less than 6% of South Africa's land surface is under protection, and only 0.3% is formally proclaimed as Wilderness. Regionally, 8.3% of KwaZulu-Natal is protected of which 1.4% is Wilderness. Most (97%) of KwaZulu-Natal's Wilderness and more than a third (36%) of the country's Wilderness occurs within the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park World Heritage site.

Wilderness areas provide opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined recreational experience, which provides us with both spiritual and physical benefits. Wilderness areas also have the following values:

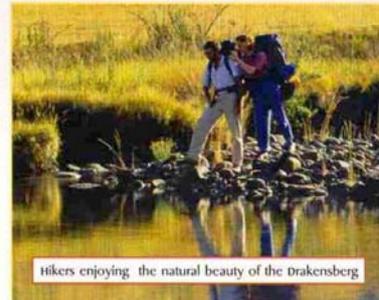
Scientific values- e.g. they provide opportunities for research in a natural setting.

Experiential values- e.g. they provide an environment for personal growth and healing.

Symbolic/spiritual values- e.g. they protect and provide an opportunity to experience the landscape as it was in the days of the San people, who lived and hunted in the Drakensberg and adorned the caves with their art.

Economic values- e.g. ecological services such as the provision of large amounts of high quality water.

The value of Wilderness to humanity and the well being of the environment will continue to grow as human populations increase and development expands.



Hikers enjoying the natural beauty of the Drakensberg

WHERE TO? WILDERNESS IN THE FUTURE

The aim is to secure for present and future generations, the benefits of an enduring resource of Wilderness.



A river cascades through a gorge in the Drakensberg

There is a need to set aside additional Wilderness areas while there is still an opportunity, and to protect existing proclaimed Wilderness areas from the negative impacts of development on their boundaries.

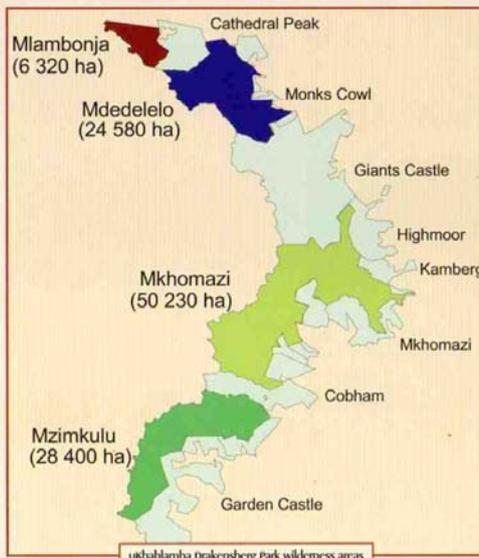
People's understanding, acceptance and support of Wilderness will be gained by exposing them to the benefits of Wilderness through education, by promoting the recreational value of Wilderness, and by increasing awareness of the Wilderness philosophy.

WHO CAN PROTECT WILDERNESS?

In Wilderness, humans are visitors. When visitors leave evidence of their journeys, the next visitor loses the sense of solitude and undisturbed recreation opportunities. Wilderness visitors should take responsibility for being unnoticed and leaving no evidence of their visit.

HOW? Visitors should carry all litter out of the Wilderness, use a lightweight stove instead of a fire, keep group sizes small, camp and wash 100 m or more from trails and water bodies, and leave cultural resources in place.

For more information on the values of the Drakensberg Wilderness and how you can protect this precious resource, read the pamphlets; it's Tough at the Top, and How to Enjoy The Drakensberg, and visit the website at www.kznwildlife.com



"In Wilderness is the Preservation of the World"
Henry David Thoreau

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Visitor Information for Garden Castle

INTRODUCTION

Garden Castle is situated in the southern most section of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park. The reserve is a total of 35 300 ha in extent and offers the visitor a variety of experiences. Garden Castle forms part of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park, South Africa's first cultural and environmental World Heritage Site.

The exceptional natural beauty of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park is evident in its soaring basaltic buttresses, golden sandstone ramparts, rolling high altitude grasslands, steep-sided river valleys and rocky gorges. The area has incredibly rich biodiversity including many endemic species.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

Day visitors are required to pay an entrance fee at the reception office on arrival at Garden Castle. Fees are payable on arrival. Office hours are between 08:00 - 13:00 and from 14:00 - 16:00 daily.

ACCOMMODATION - HUTS

The reserve houses three of the five Giant's Cup Hiking Way huts. The huts each accommodate 30 hikers and are equipped with beds and mattresses. Visitors provide their own sleeping bags, food, cooking and eating utensils and lighting. The huts form part of the trail and are booked accordingly or may be used as single entities. However the Giant's Cup hiker will be given preferential bookings.

CAMPSITES

There are ten rustic campsites with an ablution block (hot and cold water showers) and a braai area per site situated in close proximity to all the walks as well as the office/curio shop. Freezer facilities are available.

CAVES / WILDERNESS AREA

The reserve offers numerous caves for overnighting, which need to be booked for in advance. Hikers need to provide all supplies. Cooking may only be done on hiker's own portable gas equipment.

NB: No fires are allowed in the wilderness area. Hikers must please remember that only official overnight stops may be used. Spades and trowels must be carried for toilet use.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

The reserve caters for the casual or overnight hiker with numerous walks available. The wildlife is diverse and the walks particularly scenic. A picnic area is situated just outside of the car park.

RHINO PEAK

This hike offers the more adventurous a challenging route, and is a very popular hike. The hike covers an altitude from 1 840 m to 3 051 m above sea level.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mountain Rescue Register must to be completed before you begin your hike. Make sure you sign out again when you return. All overnight hikers are to ensure that the Mountain Rescue Register is completed before undertaking their hike. Ensure that you complete the mountain rescue register correctly and in detail. It is very often the only information the rescue team has to go on if you have an accident or get lost. When you leave the park, it is essential that you record your return in the mountain rescue register. Failure to do so wastes valuable time for managers during rescue operations. Your life may depend on this information. Hikers should hike in parties of three or more individuals.



GENERAL

- No pets of any kind are allowed in the reserve.
- Fire in the reserve has to be constantly guarded against, as it can do untold harm to the environment. Visitors are reminded that no fires may be lit and care needs to be taken with discarding of cigarette ends.
- A small shop at the office sells maps, badges, refreshments, sweets and other basic foodstuffs. Groceries can be purchased in Underberg.
- Entrance gate to the reserve open and close at the following times:
Summer (1 October - 31 March) 05:00 - 19:00
Winter (1 April - 30 September) 06:00 - 18:00
- Late arrivals must make prior arrangements with the office.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the Giant's Cup Hiking Trails are made through Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Reservations, PO Box 13069, Cascades, 3202. Telephone +27 (0) 33 845 1000, fax +27 (0) 33 845 1001. Email: bookings@kznwildlife.com Website: www.kznwildlife.com

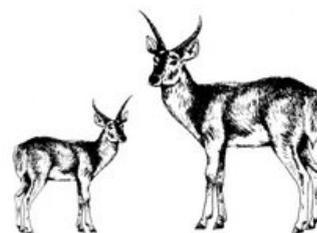
Bookings for the caves and campsites can be made through the Conservation Manager, Garden Castle, PO Box 378, Underberg, 3257. Telephone +27 (0) 33 701 1823, fax +27 (0) 33 701 1186.

HOW TO GET THERE

Take the Pietermaritzburg-Boston-Bulwer-Underberg provincial road (R617). Take the MR 317 district road to Drakensberg Gardens (approximately 5 km after Underberg). This road ends at the Drakensberg Gardens entrance gate. Proceed through the entrance gate and follow the signs to the reserve.

GPS CO-ORDINATES

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