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ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

- Guided Game Drives
- Game Viewing in your own vehicle
- Cheetah Tracking
- Guided Morning Walk or Salpeterkop Hike
- Guided visit to Rock Painting site
- Venues for Small Weddings/Functions
- Self-Hike Trails:
 Imbila Trail (1km) &
 Black Eagle Trail (2.5km)
- Birding
- Self-drive 4x4 Trails
- Picnic & Braai sites
- Swimming Pools
- Conference Room

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ESSENTIAL PARK INFORMATION

SPEED LIMIT:
40 KM PER HOUR

GATE TIMES

Game Viewing & Restcamp Gate
1 April to 30 September: 07h00 – 18h00
1 October to 31 March: 06h00 – 19h00

Main Gate & Reception
1 April to 30 September: 07h00 – 18h00
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

All visitors to National Parks are subject to the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003 as amended, together with any Regulations and Internal Rules made in terms of this Act:

- WARNING: You may not hang out of or climb out of your vehicle in the wildlife area, unless you are in a designated area. You then do so at your own risk as there are dangerous animals in the Park.
- You may only drive on designated tourist roads.
- Do not enter a road that has a NO ENTRY sign.
- Stick to the speed limit OF 40KM!
 Speed kills wildlife too!
- You may not injure, feed or disturb any form of wildlife.
- You may not uproot, pick, cut or damage any plant or be in possession of any part of a plant indigenous to the Park.
- You may not place any name, letter, figure, symbol, mark or picture on any object.
- You may not be in possession of any explosives or of an unsealed or loaded fire-arm. Declare all firearms at gate.
- Do not discard any burning object, including cigarettes, anywhere in the Park - it may cause a fire.
- No loud music / noise allowed in the Park or at picnic sites and swimming pools.
- You may not bring any pets, domestic or other, or any plant material (except your own firewood) into the park
- **DO NOT LITTER! Take all waste out with you.**
- Do not drive or park in such a manner that it is a nuisance, disturbance or an inconvenience to any other person.
- You may not cause any noise that is likely to disturb other people especially after 21h30 and before 06h00.
- You may not stay overnight at the Park without the knowledge of the Manager. Only designated accommodation areas may be used.
- Check closing times of the Park and Wildlife area - you may not travel in the Park outside of the stipulated times.
- You may not drive a vehicle in the Park without a valid driver's licence.



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VISITOR'S MAP

Mountain Zebra National Park

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Interesting facts about Mountain Zebra National Park…





History of the Park…
In 1937, 1712 hectares of land was proclaimed as the Mountain Zebra National Park. Thanks to the conservation efforts of farmers in the area, small herds of the endangered Cape mountain zebra still survived in the area. Hans Jurgen Lombard donated 11 zebra to the Park, and these provided a 'seed' population for the Park. Through the purchase of nine surrounding farms, the Park has through the years expanded to 28 386 hectares in size. The Park's Cape mountain zebra herd now number over 1 000 animals. Following this, black rhino, buffalo, cheetah, brown hyena and lion were able to be re-introduced to the Park, after being absent for over 100 years.

Anglo Boer War…
During the 1800s, British soldiers created a chessboard on the top of Saltpeterskop, a 1514-metre high koppie in the Park. While hiding out during the Anglo-Boer War, they played chess with their fellow soldiers in the old fort in Cradock, transmitting moves by means of a mirror, which had the official purpose of communicating warning signals. The story goes that a certain farmer – unbeknown to the soldiers - picked up the signals and started a game against the soldiers while sitting on the stoep of his farmhouse. The chessboard and the names of the soldiers are etched onto a flat slab of rock at the top of Saltpeterskop. Names recorded include the 5th Lancashire Fusiliers, the Coldstream Guards and some privates, corporals and a captain.

The Scar of Grootkloof…
In April 1974, the veld of the great Karoo was in good condition after the last of the heavy summer rains. Shortly before midday Park rangers heard a great thunderous rumbling, so loud it was heard in Cradock. The noises continued for almost half an hour. When rangers went to investigate, they saw the long scar against Bankberg. They saw that a huge dolerite rock had rolled down the mountain. The awesome power of the massive rock left a 250 meter scar on the mountain side, which is still visible today. After eventually coming to rest at the foot of the mountain, scientists estimated the rock to weigh approximately 22 000 kilograms. It is thought to have been loosened by the previous heavy rains.

The San people…
From prehistoric sites with concentrations of stone artifacts situated along the river banks and rock painting panels on the mountain slopes to historic farmsteads and cemeteries, Mountain Zebra National Park has acted as a backdrop for thousands of years of human history. The San people left evidence of their lives about 300 years ago in at least three rock shelters containing rock painting in the Park. The paintings show an antelope, baboons, a large cat - possibly a leopard or cheetah - and human figures. Visitors can view rock paintings in one of the shelters by hiring a Park guide to show them the way.

Doornhoek Guest House - History…
The legacy of European pioneers who moved into the area and set up farms during the Great Trek of 1836 still stands today. In 1838, one of the first permanent farmhouses in the area was constructed on the farm De Doornkloof, then owned by Hendrik Jacobus van Heerden. The house presently known as Doornhoek, declared a national monument in 1986, was restored and is still used as a guesthouse in the Park. It is popular with those who want a tranquil family getaway overlooking a lake, with spectacular star-gazing vistas at night.






Engage in Nature's Beauty!





ECO-ACTIVITIES

Bookings for guided activities should be done in advance via the Park reception

Self-drive Game viewing
Enjoy viewing the multitude of wildlife species and beautiful scenery in the Park from the comfort of your own vehicle on tourist roads suitable for all vehicles

Guided drives
Join knowledgeable guides for a morning, sunset or night guided game drive on an open game viewer vehicle. Evening drives combine the best of sunset and nocturnal game viewing (age restriction: 6 years)

Cheetah Tracking
Drive out with your guide to search for the elusive Mountain Zebra National Park cheetahs. When signal from a collared cheetah is found, you will have the opportunity to get closer on foot to observe these magnificent big cats (age restriction: 12 years)

Guided walks
Experience the Karoo bush on foot in some of the more remote areas of the park with a knowledgeable guide. Get up close and personal with some of the smaller creatures and plants as well as a chance of sighting the bigger ones (age restriction: 12 years) Choose between the Morning Walk or the Salpeterkop Hike – a challenging climb up a hill to view a Boer War relic

Rock Paintings
Visit a San rock painting site dating back thousands of years with a guide after a drive and short climb over rocky terrain

Hiking Trails
Explore walking trails ranging from 1 km to 2,5 km to get close to nature in the Park. The self hike Imbila (1km) and Black Eagle (2.5km) circular trails provide a perfect outing for the family within the Rest Camp.)(NB. The official name of the Black Eagle in South Africa was changed to Verreaux's Eagle after the man who described it to science, and that is the name you will now find in reference books… The reason was because there is another 'Black Eagle' that lives in the forests of central Asia and as people now travel the world to record birds, the authorities decided to eliminate confusion. The park has retained the historic name for its trail).

4x4 Trails
4x4 loops are available free of charge to visitors with 4x4 vehicles and no booking is necessary. The Sonnenrust (14.2km) and Juriesdam (10km) trails are fairly easy drives while the Umngeni (8km) trail is more challenging. Trails may be closed in wet conditions.



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Animal Sightings Game

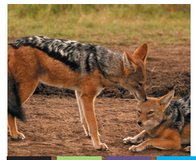
The leader of the group should buy the winner an ice cream!

- The **first** person in the car to spot a new animal on the list receives a bonus ten points!
- Each person to spot an animal from the list, wins that number of points.
- The person with the highest points total **wins!**



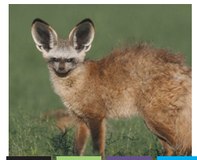
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☐ Cheetah
10 points



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☐ Black-backed Jackal
6 points



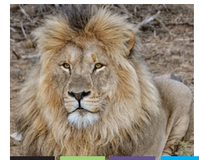
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☐ Bat-eared Fox
8 points



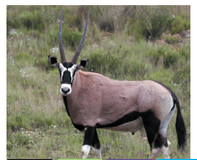
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☐ Brown Hyena
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☐ Lion
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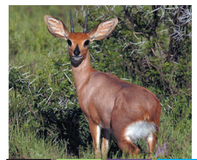
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☐ Gemsbok
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☐ Kudu
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☐ Steenbok
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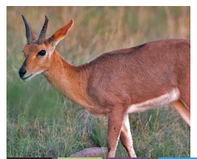
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☐ Red Hartebeest
2 points



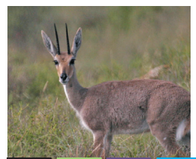
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☐ Blesbok
3 points



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☐ Mountain Reedbuck
8 points



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☐ Grey Rhebok
7 points



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☐ Klipspringer
9 points



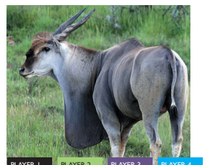
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☐ Black Wildebeest
3 points



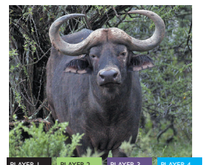
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☐ Vervet Monkey
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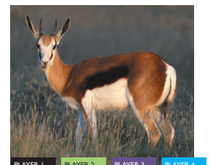
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☐ Eland
5 points



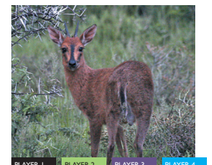
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☐ Cape Buffalo
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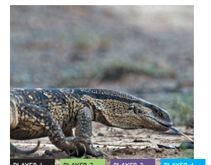
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☐ Springbok
3 points



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☐ Common (Grey) Duiker
6 points



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☐ Rock Monitor Lizard
8 points



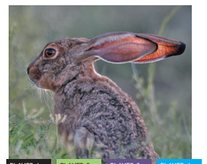
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☐ Cape Mountain Zebra
2 points



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☐ Ground Squirrel
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☐ Scrub Hare
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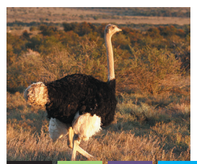
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☐ Chacma Baboon
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☐ Aardwolf
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☐ Common Ostrich
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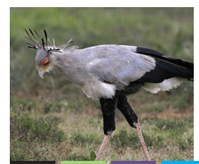
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☐ Pale Chanting Goshawk
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☐ Blue Crane
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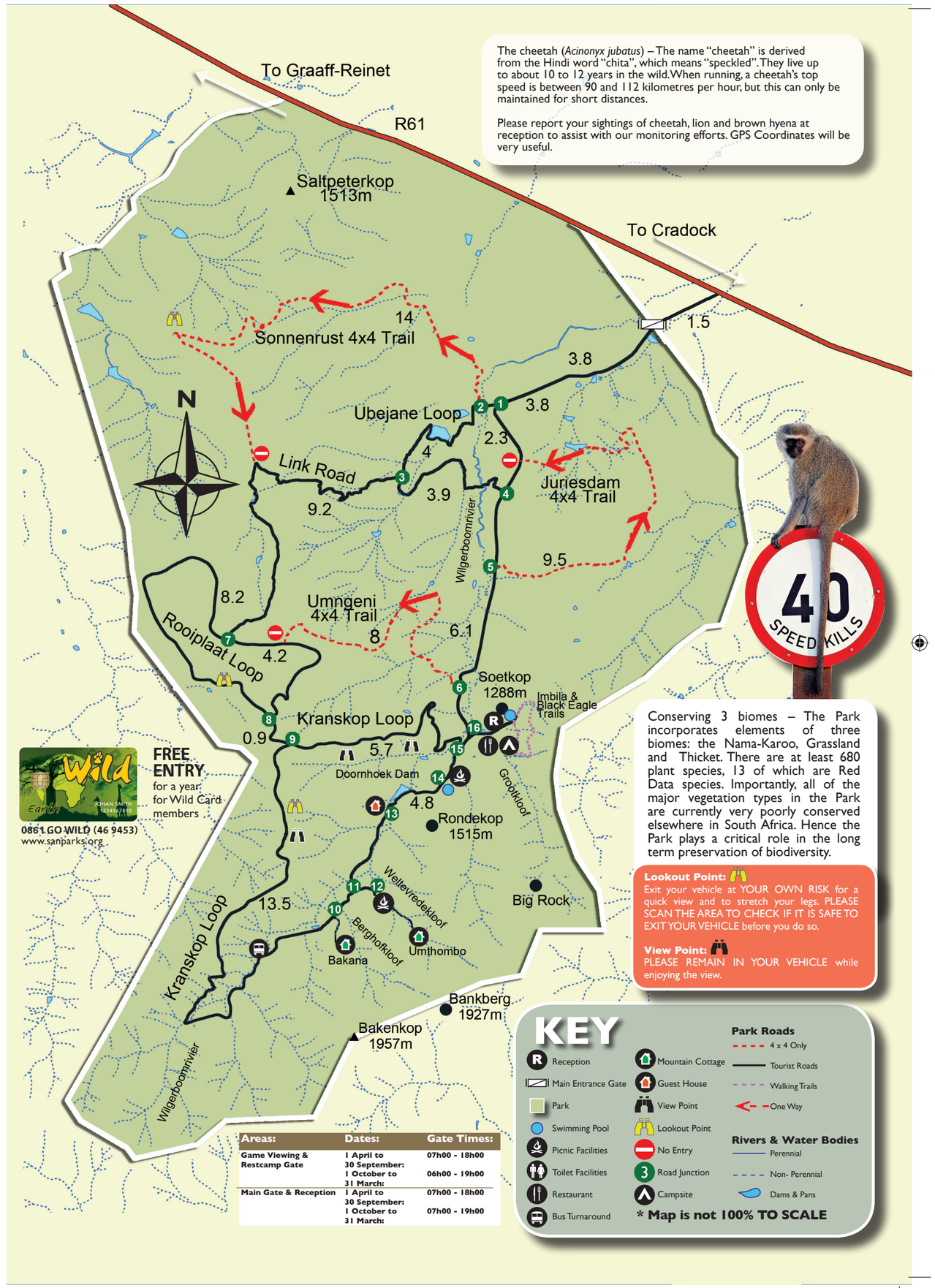
☐ Secretarybird
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Totals:

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The cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) – The name "cheetah" is derived from the Hindi word "chita", which means "speckled". They live up to about 10 to 12 years in the wild. When running, a cheetah's top speed is between 90 and 112 kilometres per hour, but this can only be maintained for short distances.

Please report your sightings of cheetah, lion and brown hyena at reception to assist with our monitoring efforts. GPS Coordinates will be very useful.



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Conserving 3 biomes – The Park incorporates elements of three biomes: the Nama-Karoo, Grassland and Thicket. There are at least 680 plant species, 13 of which are Red Data species. Importantly, all of the major vegetation types in the Park are currently very poorly conserved elsewhere in South Africa. Hence the Park plays a critical role in the long term preservation of biodiversity.

Lookout Point:
Exit your vehicle at YOUR OWN RISK for a quick view and to stretch your legs. PLEASE SCAN THE AREA TO CHECK IF IT IS SAFE TO EXIT YOUR VEHICLE before you do so.

View Point:
PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE while enjoying the view.

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KEY

- Reception
- Main Entrance Gate
- Park
- Swimming Pool
- Picnic Facilities
- Toilet Facilities
- Restaurant
- Bus Turnaround
- Mountain Cottage
- Guest House
- View Point
- Lookout Point
- No Entry
- Road Junction
- Campsite

Park Roads
- 4 x 4 Only
- Tourist Roads
- Walking Trails
- One Way

Rivers & Water Bodies
- Perennial
- Non- Perennial
- Dams & Pans

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