

ECO ZONES

The vegetation you travel through will often determine what kind of animals you'll see. These are the main eco zones in the park.

- 1 Sandveld.** This sandy soil, known for its floral diversity and dramatic sandstone ridges, is found only in the north of the park.
- 2 Woodland savannah on shale.** Bushwillow woodland with thorn thickets. Look for Sharpe's grysbok, nyala and leopard.
- 3 Bush savannah.** Depending on the soil type, mopane trees occur in both stunted and tree form. Elephant and buffalo are common.
- 4 Open shrub savannah.** Mopane-dominated landscape with shrub-sized trees. Game is generally scarce but congregates at water.
- 5 Mopane woodland on granite.** This area has low game density because of the unpalatable sourveld grass.
- 6 Woodland mixed with sweet grazing.** These pockets of knobthorn and marula woodland attract a variety of grazers.
- 7 Lebombo Mountains.** Diverse habitat including hills, woodlands and pockets of riverine vegetation.
- 8 Olifants rugged veld.** Mixed grassland, woodland and thornveld, attracting grazers and browsers.
- 9 Savannah grassland on basalt.** Sweet grazing makes this area a hot spot for predators that hang around the herds of plains game.
- 10 Mixed woodland on granite.** Rolling hills with thorn trees interspersed with sweet grazing.
- 11 Woodland and thorn thickets.** Dense bush savannah with lots of game because of the proximity to the Sabie and Crocodile rivers.
- 12 Pretoriuskop sourveld.** Granite hills with silver cluster-leaf, sicklebush, bushwillow and tall sourveld grass. Look for kudu and mountain reedbuck.
- 13 Malalane Mountains.** Granite hills and knobthorn sweetveld. This is a good area for wild dogs.
- 14 Riverine vegetation.** Tall trees grow on the banks of all the park's major perennial rivers. It's an ideal habitat for leopard, with diverse birdlife.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE NORTH

- Appreciate the view at Crooks' Corner
- Look for birds (and have a picnic) at the Pafuri picnic site
- Drive the Mphongolo Loop (S56 and H1-7) near Sirheni
- Have a beer on the stoep at the Shingwedzi restaurant
- Drive the Red Rocks Loop (S52 and H1-6) near Bateleur
- Drive along the S50 and sit at the Kanniedood hide
- Have a sundowner on the restaurant deck at Mopani
- Drive the S50 along the Nshawu River
- Drive the S46, S93 and S44 along the Letaba and Olifants rivers
- Have a sundowner on the restaurant deck at Olifants
- Drive the S92 across the Olifants River and past Balule to the Bangu waterhole

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE SOUTH

- Look for big cats on the S28 and S137 near Crocodile Bridge
- Get eye-level with the birds at the Biyamiti weir
- See animals, birds and trees on the H4-1 between Skukuza and Lower Sabie
- Relax at the Lake Panic bird hide near Skukuza
- Imagine you're Mufasa at the Nkumbe viewpoint
- Spend a night in the Tamboti tented camp
- Drive along the Timbavati River (H7, S39 and S40)
- Grab your bins and head to the N'wanetsi picnic site
- Look for lions on the S100

DISTANCE TABLE

Berg-en-Dal	Crocodile Bridge	Giriyondo Border Post	Letaba	Lower Sabie	Malalane Gate	Mapal Gate (PML)	Massingir Gate (PML)	Mopani	Numbi Gate	Olifants	Open	Pafuri Border Post	Pafuri Gate	Paul Kruger Gate	Phabeni Gate	Phalaborwa Gate	Pretoriuskop	Punda Maria Gate	Punda Maria	Satara	Shingwedzi	Skukuza
66																						
271	219																					
233	196	44																				
113	36	211	168																			
13	57	267	225	108																		
663	635	217	435	603	660																	
341	266	70	117	257	313	180																
277	249	55	50	209	274	158	101															
97	130	256	216	99	90	651	302	265														
213	181	75	33	153	209	467	121	82	201													
213	174	160	118	142	198	552	206	167	190	103												
432	404	209	204	372	429	231	255	158	420	236	321											
453	417	222	218	382	439	263	268	167	430	247	331	32										
83	89	217	175	58	75	609	263	224	67	159	152	378	386									
110	115	243	201	84	101	639	289	250	32	186	174	408	412	34								
285	250	93	51	218	274	461	139	75	265	82	167	230	239	223	250							
90	125	253	212	95	85	645	299	260	9	195	185	414	436	60	23	261						
404	377	182	177	344	401	298	228	131	392	209	293	67	77	350	377	203	386					
403	376	181	176	343	400	297	227	130	391	208	292	66	76	349	376	202	385	10				
159	131	112	70	98	155	504	185	120	146	56	48	273	283	104	131	120	141	247	246			
336	309	115	110	277	333	505	161	63	325	142	226	101	111	283	309	136	319	74	73	179		
72	76	204	162	44	64	596	250	210	55	146	135	365	375	13	40	211	49	337	336	92	270	

Note: Distances in the above table are the shortest (or fastest) between two points. These routes usually follow the tar roads, except in a few cases where gravel roads offer a more sensible route.

MAP KEY

- Main camp (SANParks)
- Small camp (SANParks)
- Private camp
- Hike or 4x4 camp
- Park gate
- Border post
- Picnic spot
- Viewpoint (you can get out)
- Viewpoint (stay in your car)
- Point of interest
- Waterhole/dam
- Hide
- Mountain/hill/koppie
- Town
- Village
- Airfield
- Tarred road
- Gravel road
- 4x4 trail (permit only)
- Restricted road
- Perennial river
- Non-perennial river
- International border
- Park border

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