

RULES OF THE PARK

The rules of the Pilanesberg National Park are there for the protection of its visitors as well as the animals and the environment.

- 1. Visitors must remain in their vehicles unless in a designated area.**
- 2. Remember that no part of the body may protrude from a window or sunroof or any other part of the vehicle.** Vehicle doors should be closed at all times.
- 3. Stick to the speed limit!** All general rules of the road apply within the Pilanesberg National Park. The speed limit is 40 km/h.
- 4. Look at the gate times on your entry permit.** You must be out of the gate before these times. No travelling before or after these times is allowed. Gate times must be strictly adhered to and late comers may be subject to a fine.
- 5. You are not allowed to drive "off-road" or on roads with a "no entry" sign.**
- 6. The feeding or disturbing of animals is a serious offence.** Remember, animals see litter as food!
- 7. Overnight visitors are only allowed to stay at a booked and recognised overnight facility** and must report to reception before occupying accommodation or camping.
- 8. Rules and regulations are enforced under the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act no. 57 of 2003) and transgression can result in a fine.**
- 9. To report any violations or for emergency assistance please call: +27 (0)14 555 1601 or email jmaoka@nwptb.co.za**



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The crater of a long extinct volcano is the setting of Pilanesberg National Park – a fascinating alkaline complex produced by volcanic eruptions some 1300 million years ago. Pilanesberg is one of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world. Its rare rock types and structure make it a unique geological feature.

The creation of the Pilanesberg National Park is considered one of the most ambitious programmes of its kind to be undertaken anywhere in the world. Operation Genesis, which involved the game-fencing of the reserve and the reintroduction of long-vanished species, began during the late 70's.

Today, Pilanesberg National Park accommodates virtually every mammal of southern Africa. Also home to the Big Five. Today, there are over 7000 animals, 300 bird species, and more than 200km of excellent quality roads.



AT A GLANCE

CLIMATE

The Malaria-free Pilanesberg is in the Bojanala Region of the North West Province, adjacent to Sun City. Dry season in the winter months (April to September), and wet season in the summer months (October to March).

FACTS ABOUT THE GAME RESERVE

- 🦁 Park Area: 550km²
- 🦁 Currency: South African Rand
- 🦁 Popular attractions: Big 5, hot air-ballooning, elephant back safaris, day trips, Lost City at Sun City
- 🦁 Nearby airports: O.R. Tambo International (220km) Pilanesberg International Airport (inside the park)
- 🦁 Nearest cities: Rustenburg, Johannesburg, Pretoria

ACTIVITIES

Numerous hides and scenic picnic sites enable the tourist to experience "out-of-car" experiences as well.

Self-guided walking trails are offered at Manyane Complex. Also at Manyane is a walk-in aviary with over 80 species of indigenous birds. Pilanesberg also operates balloon safaris.

At the new Iron Age site you can visit a Tswana settlement dating back to AD1700.



WHERE TO STAY

Pilanesberg offers a variety of affordable accommodation, like the self-catering Manyane, Bakgatla and Metswedi camps. The Tshukudu, KwaMaritane and Bakubung game lodges are also situated in the reserve.



GATE TIMES

March & April
06h00 - 18h30

May - September
06h30 - 18h00

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06h00 - 18h30

November - February
05h30 - 19h00

A CHECKLIST OF SOME OF THE BIRDS YOU WILL FIND

- 1 Ostrich
- 6 Great Crested Grebe
- 8 Dabchick
- 55 Whitebreasted Cormorant
- 58 Reed Cormorant
- 60 Darter
- 62 Grey Heron
- 63 Blackheaded Heron
- 64 Goliath Heron
- 65 Purple Heron
- 66 Great White Egret
- 67 Little Egret
- 68 Yellowbilled Egret
- 69 Black Egret
- 71 Cattle Egret
- 72 Squacco Heron
- 74 Greenbacked Heron
- 76 Blackcrowned Night Heron
- 77 Whitebacked Night Heron
- 78 Little Bittern
- 81 Hamerkop
- 83 White Stork
- 84 Black Stork
- 85 Abdims Stork
- 89 Maribou Stork
- 90 Yellowbilled Stork
- 91 Sacred Ibis
- 93 Glossy Ibis
- 94 Hadeda Ibis
- 95 African Spoonbill
- 96 Greater Flamingo
- 97 Lesser Flamingo
- 99 Whitefaced Duck
- 101 Whitebacked Duck
- 103 South African Shelduck
- 104 Yellowbilled Duck
- 105 African Black Duck
- 108 Redbilled Teal
- 113 Southern Pochard
- 115 Knob-billed Duck
- 116 Spurwinged Goose
- 118 Secretary Bird
- 122 Cape Vulture
- 123 Whitebacked Vulture
- 124 Lappetfaced Vulture
- 125 Black Kite
- 126 Yellowbilled Kite
- 127 Blackshouldered Kite
- 130 Honey Buzzard
- 131 Black Eagle
- 132 Tawny Eagle
- 133 Steppe Eagle
- 135 Wahlbergs Eagle
- 136 Booted Eagle
- 137 Afrian Hawk Eagle
- 140 Martial Eagle
- 142 Brown Snake Eagle
- 143 Blackbreasted Snake Eagle
- 146 Bateleur
- 148 African Fish Eagle
- 149 Steppe Buzzard
- 152 Jackal Buzzard
- 156 Ovambo Sparrowhawk
- 157 Little Sparrowhawk
- 158 Black Sparrowhawk
- 159 Little Banded Goshawk
- 161 Gabar Goshawk
- 162 Pale Chanting Goshawk
- 165 Afrian Marsh Harrier
- 169 Gymnogone
- 170 Osprey
- 171 Peregrine Falcon
- 172 Lanner Falcon
- 173 Hobby Falcon
- 174 African Hobby Falcon
- 181 Rock Kestrel
- 182 Greater Kestrel
- 188 Coqui Francolin
- 189 Crested Francolin
- 191 Shelleys Francolin
- 196 Natal Francolin
- 199 Swainsons Francolin
- 200 Common Quail



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