

General Park Rules and Regulations

(as collated and interpreted by the Friends of Suikerbosrand)

ENTRANCE FEES:

Daily entrance fees are payable by each visitor at the gate/visitor's centre.

THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT:

Please take careful note of the speed limits applicable in the various areas of the reserve. Generally the speed limit is 50km/h.

DRIVE SAFELY:

General rules of the road apply within the reserve. It is an offence to drive on South African roads without a recognized driver's license or under the influence of alcohol. Driving or operating any vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner or in a deliberate disregard for the safety of a person, animal or property is a serious offence and can result in a summons being issued. Driving a vehicle in a manner that constitutes a nuisance, disturbance, inconvenience or danger to any other person may also be subject to a summons being issued.

ADHERE TO GATE TIMES:

Gate times (7:00 -18:00) must be strictly adhered to. After hours driving is not allowed and could result in a summons being issued.

DRIVING AREAS:

Vehicles must remain on the designated roads at all times and off-road driving or driving on closed or no-entry roads is a serious offence.

WALKING AREAS:

Walking trails are provided throughout the reserve and must be adhered to at all times so as to avoid disruption of vegetation and animal communities.

CYCLING AREAS:

Cycling is only permitted on the tarred tourist route, or otherwise demarcated areas. No off-road cycling is allowed on the hiking routes. Escorting cyclists with a vehicle is Not Permitted. This blocks the road for other motorists, and is also a slow-moving hazard for vehicles (and other cyclists) coming up from behind on one of the many blind corners.

RUNNING IN THE RESERVE

Running in the reserve is not permitted, unless for approved events or in areas marked out by management of the reserve for that purpose.

FEEDING OF WILDLIFE IS PROHIBITED:

The feeding or intentional disturbance of wildlife is a serious offence. By feeding any wildlife you are potentially SIGNING THEIR DEATH WARRANT, AS THEY MAY BECOME DEPENDENT ON HUMANS and can BECOME AGGRESSIVE AND DANGEROUS, and thus HAVE TO BE EXTERMINATED. This includes all bird species.

FLORA & FAUNA:

No plant, animal, wildlife or any natural or cultural items may be removed from the park without permission. To cut, damage, destroy or be in possession of any plant or part thereof, including dry wood or firewood is a serious offence. Importing of any specimen of an alien or listed invasive species into the reserve is prohibited.

PETS:

No pets (dogs, cats, birds or any other) may be brought into the reserve. Transgressors will be dealt with firmly and issued with a summons. Guide dogs for visually impaired guests are one exception, but only in consultation with reserve management and if the owner has obtained the necessary inoculations and permits as ordained by the state veterinary department.

LITTER-FREE ZONE:

Littering is prohibited. Depositing or leaving of any litter except in receptacles provided for that purpose will result in a fine.

DECLARE FIREARMS AT GATE:

All firearms/dangerous weapons of any sort, any explosive, trap or poison must be declared upon entry, and may be held for the duration of the visit.

NO KILLING OF ANIMALS:

Poaching, killing, injuring and persecution or disturbance of animals is strictly prohibited.

FIRE HAZARD:

Starting or causing of any fire, whether it be intentional or unintentional, other than with prior consent from reserve management and in a fireplace or container purposely made available, is strictly prohibited and will result in a summons being issued.

SMOKING:

Please take note of the smoking regulations applicable in the reserve. Smoking may only take place in DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS and cigarette butts must be disposed of in dustbins distributed throughout the reserve.

BEHAVIOUR:

Behaving in an offensive, improper, indecent or disorderly manner including the playing of any radio, compact disc player, music system, musical system or instrument, or in any disturbing any species or specimen or other person is strictly prohibited. The hindering, intimidating or obstructing of an authorized official in the execution of his/her duties or the performance of his/her functions will not be tolerated and is subject to a penalty. Violation, refusal or failure to obey or comply with any prohibition, request or instruction imposed by these regulations or by the management authority or authorized official will result in prosecution.

MOTORCYCLES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES/ACTIVITIES:

The use of roller skates, skateboards, drones and motorbikes on the reserve is prohibited. If you are unsure if it's permitted, ASK at the visitor's centre. The use of prohibited vehicles may result in a fine.

VANDALISM:

Buildings and sites of historical and cultural value exist within the reserve and these must be treated with respect at all times. Vandalism of any buildings or infrastructure is strictly prohibited and transgression will result in a summons being issued.

FISHING:

Fishing in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve is strictly prohibited other than for approved scientific research.

SWIMMING:

Swimming or wading in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve is strictly prohibited unless doing so is necessary to fulfil a prescribed management objective. (Chemical sunscreens are a serious pollutant).

BOATS:

The use of boats of any kind in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve is strictly prohibited unless doing so is necessary to fulfil a prescribed management objective or an agreement has been made with reserve management.

WASHING:

Washing of clothes, dishes, or any item (including one's body), in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve, is strictly prohibited. This prevents pollution of sensitive aquatic ecosystems.