

Park Regulation and information

Entry into the Park

Access to the Park can be gained through five gates in three different countries! From South Africa access is through the Twee Rivieren gate, from Namibia through the Mata-Mata gate and from Botswana through the Two Rivers, Mabuasehube and Kaa gates. Passports are not required for entry, unless departure is planned through a different gate into another country.

Gathering of Firewood

The trees of the Kalahari are slow-growing, producing a very hard wood. When a tree or even a branch falls and dies, it becomes a new home for a wide variety of seedlings, rodents, reptiles and insects. Removing the dead wood would be robbing these organisms of the little protection they have from the natural elements. As a tree grows it draws nutrients and minerals out of the soil. When the branches die and decompose they are returned to the soil as the very nutrients and minerals that are necessary to supply the tree again. For this reason plants are able to survive well without the need of artificial fertilisers as long as this cycle is not interrupted. **Therefore, please do not collect firewood in the Park.**

FEEDING OF ANIMALS

No wild animals must be fed at any time. In camps, beware of animals such as jackals who, if allowed, will even scavenge food from your fireplace.

Speed

Speeding on dirt roads is detrimental to the environment. Animals often stand motionless next to the road and are not easily seen when driving at high speed. Numerous animals are run over by fast-moving vehicles.

Please adhere to the speed limits of 50km/h in the Park and 20km/h in the restcamps.

By travelling slowly, you also produce less dust.

Further, the roads are narrow with sharp turns and are dangerous when travelling at high speed.

Off-road Driving

For the benefit of organisms living in the dunes and riverbeds, and for your own good, please stay on the roads. Off-road driving has a marked impact on the sensitive ecosystem, not only biologically, but also from an aesthetic point of view. The tracks made in the riverbeds and in the dunes are unsightly and take a very long time to disappear.

Accommodation

On South African side of the Park

Traditional Camps

The traditional camps, being Twee Rivieren, Mata-Mata and Nossob, are where most of the facilities can be found including shops, fuel, swimming pools, information centres and rangers. Twee Rivieren is the administrative centre and the only passport control office.

Wilderness Camps

These exclusive unfenced camps have no other facilities other than the uniquely designed self-catering accommodation. The camps are Grootkolk, Gharagab, Kalahari Tented Camp, Kielie Krankie, Urikaruus and Bitterpan.

!Xaus Community Lodge

A 24-bed private concessionaire run lodge on the tribal lands of the Mier and Khomani San.

On Botswana side of the Park

Camping is available at Polentswa, Rooiputs, Two Rivers and in Mabuasehube. A 4x4 vehicle is necessary to access the Botswana side of the Park.

CONTACT DETAILS

South Africa:

Central Reservations:

Tel: 012 4289111 or

email: reservations@sanparks.org

webpage: www.sanparks.org

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Tel: 054 5612000

Botswana:

The Parks and Reserves Reservation Office

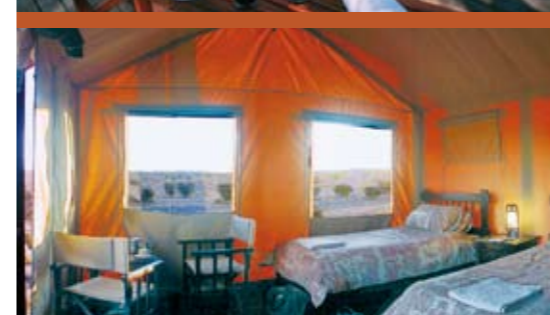
Tel: 00 (from South Africa) 267 3180774

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A full colour Official Information Guide (with over 150 colour photographs), with the history of the Park, details on all the camps, the people associated with the Kalahari, the flora and the fauna is available from reception. An activity booklet for our more junior visitors is also available.



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Map of the

Kgalagadi TRANSFRONTIER PARK



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Essential Park Information

Distances to the Park

Upington to Twee Rivieren	265 km
Kuruman to Twee Rivieren	383 km
Kimberley to Twee Rivieren	621 km
Cape Town to Twee Rivieren	1076 km
Johannesburg to Twee Rivieren	1090 km
Durban to Twee Rivieren	1463 km
Mata-Mata to Keetmanshoop	280 km
Kaa gate to Maun	797 km
Mabuasehube gate to Gaborone	533 km
Mabuasehube gate to Maun	787 km
Mabuasehube gate to Tsabong	115 km
Two Rivers to Gaborone	810 km
Two Rivers to Tsabong	310 km

Information Centres

Twee Rivieren:

Photo gallery and displays.
Video and slide shows. (when available)

Mata-Mata:

Photo gallery focusing on the owl species of the Kgalagadi.

Nossob:

Predator Centre, photo display of predator interaction.

Mabuasehube:

Photo gallery and displays (under development).

Telephone

Public telephones and cell phone reception only available at Twee Rivieren.

In case of emergency

South Africa:

Contact our staff at reception or at staff houses.

Upington Medi-Clinic, tel. 054 3388900

Botswana:

Maun, tel. 00267 6860444

Gaborone, tel. 00267 3901999

Medical Rescue, tel. 00267 3901601

or contact your nearest camp, which has radio communication.

Estimated large predator numbers

Lions	450
Leopards	150
Cheetahs	200
Brown hyaenas	600
Spotted hyaenas	375



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