

Mokala National Park



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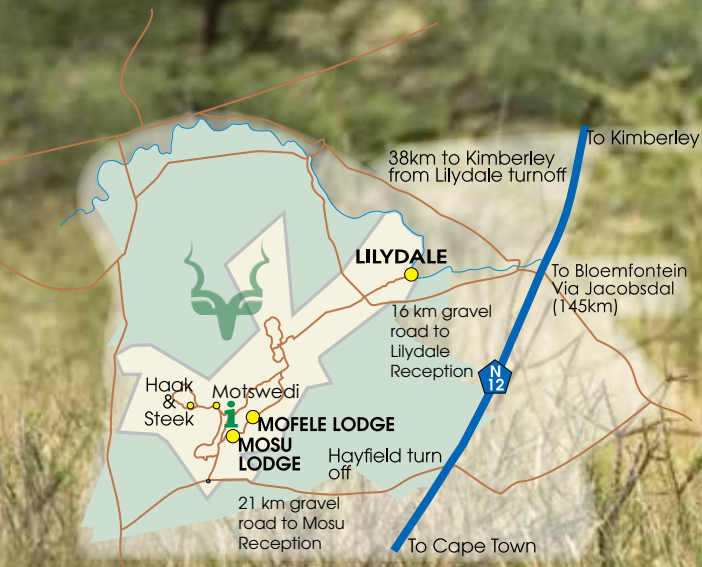
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MOKALA

NATIONAL PARK

This is South Africa's newest Park, proclaimed as recently as June 2007, and is conveniently situated only 80km south west of Kimberley.

Mokala is a Setswana name for a Camelthorn tree (Kameeldoring) (*Acacia erioloba*), and this Park is dominated by magnificent specimens of these picturesque gnarled and twisted trees. They vary from a small spiny shrubs barely 2m high, to a 16m high trees with wide, spreading crowns.

Mokala National Park's 27 500ha landscape varies between koppieveld (hills) and large open plains with the isolated dolerite hills giving the place a feeling of calm seclusion that contrasts with the large open sandy plains in the north and west of the Park. Drainage lines from the hills form little tributaries that run into the plains that drain into the Riet River on the Park's northern border. Mokala is an important area for the regeneration of valuable species and is home to, amongst other species,

Black Rhino, White Rhino, Buffalo, Tsessebe, Roan Antelope, Sable Antelope, Mountain Reedbuck, Giraffe, Gemsbok, Eland, Zebra, Red Hartebeest, Blue Wildebeest, Black Wildebeest, Kudu, Ostrich, Steenbok, Duiker and Springbok.

Situated in the transition zone between the Karoo and Kalahari biome, Mokala's thornveld savanna, dolerite outcrops and riverine vegetation attract a prolific number of bird species. Some of which include; the black-chested prinia, blacksmith lapwing, melodious lark, cinnamon-breasted bunting, freckled nightjar, short-toed rock thrush, pygmy falcon and northern black korhaan.



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GETTING THERE

There are two entrances to Mokala, coming from Kimberley towards Cape Town on the N12. The first turoff from the N12, on the right, leads to Lilydale (37km south of Kimberley) and at the second turnoff from the N12 (at the

Heuningneskloof Crossing) you turn right to get to Mosu and the main reception (57km from Kimberley). Within the Park, there is an internal gravel road (26km) that links Lilydale to Mosu. Mokala National Park makes an ideal two or three night stopover when travelling to or from some of the more northerly situated Parks. There is also a light aircraft landing strip for those who prefer to fly in.

A WELCOME BREAK BETWEEN JO'BURG AND THE CAPE

If you're driving between the Mother City and Gauteng then consider going via Kimberley and catch your breath at the Mokala National Park. This way you not only avoid the toll roads but also get the chance to have a holiday en-route.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Mosu, Mofele and Lilydale lodges have superb facilities for conferences, weddings, team building events or workshops. Each conference room can seat 30 delegates in boardroom style or up to 40 to 120 delegates in theatre style. There are no breakaway rooms through but both facilities have a big fireplace in each with air-conditioning at Mosu Lodge and Mofele Lodge Conference Rooms.





ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

As in all our Parks you can do your own self-drive game viewing but why not just sit back and relax on one of our day or night **OPEN-VEHICLE GUIDED GAME DRIVES**.

Let us take you to see the

fascinating rock engraving of the original inhabitants of the Park on the **SAN ROCK ART EXCURSION**.

Apart from the restaurant at Mosu, we also do special outdoor catered-for meals that you let you really enjoy the African savannah with delectable food.

You can start you morning with a **BUSH BREAKFAST** or in the evening you can request a good old traditional open fire **SOUTH AFRICAN BRAAI** (barbecue) where the fare is cooked to perfection under the canopy of a large Camelthorn tree. As evening slips into night, look up and enjoy the brilliant, shimmering starlight which is so clear that you feel as if you can reach out and touch the stars. For those staying at Lilydale you have the added attraction of the Riet River. The river is very popular with **FLY FISHERMEN** (on a catch-and-release basis only) and is a favourable habitat for the large- and small-mouth yellowfish. **INFLATABLE CANOES** (rubber ducks) can be hired for a self-guided 1- or 3- hour trip down the river at very reasonable rates. We take you and the rubber ducks down to the river and then fetch you at the end of your river adventure.



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MOSU

MOKALA NATIONAL PARK LODGE

NUMBER OF CHALETs 12 self-catering; 3 non self-catering
MAXIMUM PEOPLE PER CHALET 2 people
POWER SOURCE Electricity, 220v, 15amp, 24 hours
FACILITIES No shops or fuel. Kimberley is only 80km away
OTHER FACILITIES Restaurant, bar, pool and conference facilities
ACTIVITIES Catered bush braais, game drives, San rock engraving excursions

Mosu Lodge, with its many thatched buildings, radiates with luxurious bushveld charm. The chalets are surrounded by typical Karoo-like koppies (hills) studded with Camelthorn trees and are unfenced, leaving the game free to join the birdlife on your doorstep.

All residents have access to a stunning pool, a full bar and a restaurant that specialises in exclusive venison dishes.

All twelve chalets are self-catering with a microwave, three-plate stove, fridge, crockery and cutlery. Five of the self-catering chalets are air-conditioned, have an indoor jet master (fireplace) and DSTV Hotel Bouquet. All chalets have an outside braai place and thatched gazebo.



MOFELE

MOKALA NATIONAL PARK LODGE

NUMBER OF UNITS 1 - nine bedrooms (6-10 bunk beds per room)
MAXIMUM PEOPLE group bookings of up to 60 people
POWER SOURCE Electricity, 220v, 15amp, 24 hours
FACILITIES No shops or fuel. Kimberley is 80km away
OTHER FACILITIES Conference and catering facilities

Set amongst extensive rolling lawns, Mofele Lodge has recently been converted to accommodate larger school groups for environmental education and is also an ideal venue for a 'bosberaad', team building session or a large tour group. Catering for up to 60 people, Mofele now has nine rooms with various amounts of double-bunk beds in each.

Mofele Lodge has nine rooms, all with ceiling fans and a variety of bunk bedding.



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LILYDALE

MOKALA NATIONAL PARK LODGE

NUMBER OF UNITS 12

MAXIMUM PEOPLE 4x2p; 4x3p; 2x4p; 2x5 people

POWER SOURCE Electricity, 220v, 15amp, 24 hours

SUPPLIES No shops or fuel. Kimberley is only 80km away

OTHER FACILITIES Bar, swimming pool and conference facilities

ACTIVITIES Inflatable canoe hire and fly fishing

All of the thatched cottages at Lilydale are freestanding and they have lofty views that overlook the Riet River.



Canoeing in inflatable rubber ducks and catch-and-release fly fishing are two of the additional attractions of this rest camp. The venue is also favoured for wedding receptions.



MOTSWEDI

MOKALA NATIONAL PARK LUXURY CAMPSITE

NUMBER OF SITES 6 camping sites

MAXIMUM PER CAMP 6 people in two tents / 2 vehicles

FACILITIES Each site has its own ablution facilities and kitchen

Solar and gas (no conventional plugs)

ACTIVITIES Nearby waterhole

This new luxury campsite, nestled under the canopies of Camelthorn trees is the first of its kind in the Arid Parks. Each site has its very own kitchen with a refrigerator as well as private ablution facilities, which means no more having to share with fellow campers!



HAAK & STEEK

MOKALA NATIONAL PARK FAMILY COTTAGE

NUMBER OF COTTAGES 1 x cottage, 4 people

POWER SOURCE Solar and gas (no conventional plugs)

ACTIVITIES / FACILITIES Nearby waterhole, laza

Haak and Steek is a small isolated camp overlooking a waterhole 10km from the main lodge. Here you'll find a small, very rustic cottage that can sleep four.

