



Thorn Tree Bush Camp Information

SELF-DRIVE ROUTE (SDR)

Dinokeng Game Reserve (DGR) offers day and overnight visitors a unique self-drive experience. The 140 km meandering route consists of well-maintained tracks.

The route is designed to include a rich diversity of bushveld terrain, ensuring that visitors have an opportunity to see wild animals in a natural environment. There is an element of adventure in following the map provided and the route itself.

The Self-Drive Route is **open to the public 7 days a week from 06h00 to 18h00**; visitors must exit before the gates close. The furthest point from the gate is about two hours' drive.

There are shaded picnic spots with toilet facilities, well placed bird hides and a spectacular lookout point along the route.

Many visitors choose to take a break from driving at the restaurants located along the route. Breakfast or lunch is offered at these restaurants.

Access to the SDR

The most popular and convenient access to the DGR is from the N1 taking the Hammanskraal, Boekenhoutskloof off-ramp.

Visitors can commence the SDR via Tau Gate on the Rust de Winter Rd D48) and Ndlovu Gate on the Boekenhoutskloof Road

Obtaining a day permit to drive the SDR is simple. Permits are issued on arrival against payment at any of the entrance gates to the Reserve. Many of the private lodges offer their visitors the convenience of issue permits for the self-drive.

Visitors are given a detailed map of the SDR and are required to keep the permit in their vehicle at all times while on the route.

Rangers may ask to see permits and action will be taken against visitors who do not have a valid permit. There are two sections of the route; Wilderness Way to the East and Paradise Link to the West.

Safety

It is possible to encounter animals (typically elephant) at close range whilst on the route and visitors need to respect the animal's space. It is necessary to remain within in the vehicle unless at a designated stopping point. Passengers are not permitted on the back of open bakkies.

Visitors will be given contact details of the ranger on duty that is available to assist in the event of any emergency.

What Vehicles are suitable for the SDR?

Although much of the route its suited to conventional sedan vehicles, use of a high clearance vehicle will improve chances of game and bird sightings and will ensure access to all sectors of the SDR.

Costs of the self- drive:

Permits

Please request current fee

Conservation Fee

Please request current fee

Overnight visitors need to pay these fees to the lodge or at the gate upon exit.