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HLUHLUWE  
 IMFOLOZI PARK

Wilderness Trails  
 Hluhluwe-Imfolozi NP  
 KwaZulu-Natal  
 South Africa



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 KZN WILDLIFE

## INFORMATION RELEVANT TO ALL IMFOLOZI WILDERNESS TRAILS

### TRANSPORT

All trailists are required to provide their own transport arrangements to and from the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife cannot assist in this regard.

### MALARIA WARNING

All our wilderness trails take place in areas where there is a risk of contracting malaria. Participants are advised to take anti-malaria precautions as a matter of course. Please consult a medical practitioner in this regard.

### LOCATION

The Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park is located 270 km north of Durban, past Empangeni and Richards Bay and inland of Mtubatuba, the nearest town. The route is clearly signposted. From the north, follow the N2 past the town of Hluhluwe or south from Durban, and take the R618 offramp at the Mtubatuba/Hlabisa turnoff and head towards Hlabisa and Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park. The Nyalazi Gate of the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park is 44 km from this point. Once in the Park follow the signs to iMfolozi and Mpila.

### AGE RESTRICTION

There is no maximum age restriction. Trailists do, however, need to be reasonably physically fit. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife reserves the right to turn anyone away from a wilderness trail should the Trails Officer feel that a person is not physically fit/able enough. The minimum age for a child unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian is sixteen (16) years. No child under the age of fourteen (14) years may participate. (Proof of age may be requested by the Trails Officer.) If this ruling is not adhered to, the underage persons will unfortunately have to be turned away on arrival.



### INDEMNITY

Neither the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board nor Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife accepts responsibility for any death, injury or illness sustained or suffered by any person, or theft, or loss of or damage to any property, occurring within or arising from a visit or visits to parks, reserves, or resorts under their management or control, howsoever caused, and whether allegedly due to the negligence of the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board/Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife or any of their employees or agents, or arising from the use of any facilities supplied or made available. All participants will be required to sign an indemnity before they are able to participate in the trail. Minors must arrive with a letter of consent from their parent or legal guardian.

### CLOTHING

Participants are requested to wear suitably coloured clothing that blends with the surroundings. The best colours are khaki and green. Inappropriate colours are white, red, yellow, orange and pink. In general, dark colours are preferable to light colours.

### GENERAL

Trails Officers and Field Guides, who are all highly trained and experienced, guide each iMfolozi Wilderness trail. Both are trained and competent in the use of the rifles they carry, and your safety is their primary focus on trail. It is essential that trailists obey any instruction from either one of them.

Remember that Zululand winters can be cold, with temperatures dropping significantly at night, whilst the summer temperatures can rise appreciably by midday, and sudden rain can be a factor.

As ticks can be a problem at certain times of the year, trailists are advised to purchase "Bayticol" a highly effective tick deterrent, from their pharmacy. It is also usually available from the Mpila reception. Trailists are advised to bring gaiters, which serve as an effective deterrent from ticks as well as thorns (available from any hiking shop).

## TARIFF

The tariff schedule is available on request from the above address. Tariffs are reviewed annually and increases are effective as of 1 November. Bookings made prior to November for trails after the effective date of the tariff increase are still subject to price increases. In the event of this, the excess can be settled on arrival at the designated trail.

## ENTRY FEES

An entry fee to the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park is payable at the gate of entry and in November 2013 were set at ZAR 120 per person per day. A Community Levy is also payable.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

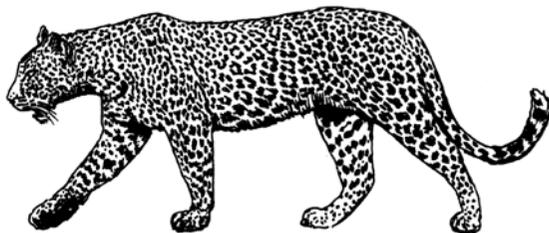
All trails (except the Primitive Trail) take a maximum of eight, but require a minimum of four people in order to take place. The Primitive Trail, however, requires a minimum of six people. Should the minimum number of trailists not be confirmed, the trail will be cancelled and any payments refunded. Alternatively, arrangements can be made to accommodate trailists at Mpila or Hilltop Resorts and a programme of game drives and day walks arranged.

Electronic gadgets i.e cellular phones and laptops are not permitted on trails. Should a trailist have a special dietary need, please inform us when making a booking. Regrettably, and for very practical reasons, the Primitive Trail cannot accommodate any special dietary needs. Weather remains an unpredictable element, and should it rain during a trail it is possible that the group will not go out for the day. This is due to the increased danger caused by wet conditions, or the added risk of sudden and dangerous encounters with wildlife. It may be possible to go for short walks.

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS IMFOLOZI TRAILS

The iMfolozi Wilderness Trails operation currently runs five different trails:

- A. The Primitive Trail
- B. The Base Camp Trail
- C. The Short Wilderness Trail
- D. The Extended Short Wilderness Trail
- E. The Explorer Trail



## A. PRIMITIVE TRAIL

### General Information

This primitive wilderness trail is aimed at the outdoors enthusiast who would like to combine a wilderness experience with backpacking and sleeping out under the stars. This trail can accommodate a maximum of eight and must have a minimum of six confirmed bookings in order to take place.

The trail is designed to provide a basic living experience, with a minimum of equipment but with adequate water and food. Water is collected from springs or rivers in the wilderness area, and bathing is done in the river wherever possible. A very important part of the trail is spending time alone on watch at the fire at night. In this way one gets to embrace silence and solitude, qualities that are difficult to find in today's world. Trailists are required to leave their watches and cellular phones in their cars in order to experience greater freedom from time constraints and deadlines.

The trail is fully catered - all equipment (including first aid kit), bedding and food is provided. (Unfortunately no special diets can be catered for). Trailists are required to assist with food preparation and camp setup. Please note that there are no ablutions and showers on this trail.

After booking in at Mpila Resort by 09:00 on the day of departure, trailists are met by the Wilderness Trails staff who will advise them on how best to pack their backpacks. After a late breakfast and a briefing, trailists set off into the Wilderness area, where they will spend four nights and four full days, accompanied by a Trails Officer and a Field Guide. The trail ends at Mpila Resort at 10:00 on the last day. All four nights are spent out in the bush, camping wherever the Trails Officer finds a suitable spot. Camping follows a very strict 'minimum impact, no trace' ethic, which is in line with wilderness principles.

Small camps are set up at night, with trailists sleeping under the stars around a small fire, after enjoying a meal prepared by the Trails Officer and the Field Guide. A lightweight rain shelter is provided in case of bad weather. Distances covered each day are not excessive due to the need to carry all equipment. Backpacks are sometimes left at a campsite however, and day walks taken to explore the wilderness area in relative freedom.

Primitive trails are conducted from mid-February to mid-November. It is essential that you make certain that you know what to expect before you book a primitive trail.

### **Arrival and Registration**

On arrival, check in at Mpila Resort reception to register, after which you will be directed to the trails officer. It is important to arrive by 09:00 on the date indicated on the reservation voucher, to allow time to pack, walk into the Wilderness Area and make camp before dark.

### **Equipment Provided by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife**

- First Aid kit
- Water containers
- Toilet trowel, paper etc.
- Food
- Backpack
- Personal water bottle
- Knife, spoon, cup and plate
- Groundsheet
- Rain shelter (fly sheet)
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat (optional)
- Cooking pots etc.
- Large plastic bag (to put contents of backpack into in case of rain)

### **Recommended Items to Be Provided by Each Trailist**

- 2 dull-coloured shirts/blouses
- 3 changes of underwear
- 2 pairs shorts or the equivalent
- 1 pair of trousers or jeans
- 1 tracksuit
- 1 hat
- 1 swimming costume (optional)
- 1 light raincoat
- 1 warm bush jacket or jersey
- Sun protection cream
- Torch with spare batteries
- Insect repellent
- 1 pair of comfortable boots or the equivalent and 1 pair of sandals for use in camp
- Toiletries, including environment friendly/biodegradable soap
- Binoculars, camera, field guide booklets, notebook etc. (optional)



NB: It is imperative that you wear a comfortable pair of hiking boots, which are well worn in.

### **Catering**

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife will supply all equipment and provide all meals. You may bring your own equipment as long as it blends into the bush environment. You may bring your own additional snacks and drinks should you feel it necessary.

### **Alcoholic Drinks**

A little alcohol may be brought into the wilderness area, however no excessive drinking will be allowed for reasons of safety, and to avoid detracting from the wilderness ethic, which involves quietly blending in with the environment. A good guideline is to keep within the legal alcohol limit for driving a vehicle. Should trailists insist on excessive drinking, the walks will proceed no further than one kilometre from the base camp or wilderness camp, depending on the trail. Remember that you will have to carry your own alcohol for four days.

## **B. THE BASE CAMP TRAIL**

### **General Information**

A Trails Officer, assisted by a Field Ranger, leads all trails. Both are fully qualified and trained and their experience and knowledge of the bush will enrich the experience, as well as ensure the safety of trailists. All three nights are spent at the comfortably equipped Mndindini Trails Camp where trailists are housed in comfortable 2-bed tents. The camp has a communal ablution facility with hot and cold water as well as flushing toilets. The communal "lounge" has a fridge for cold drinks. Trailists' motor vehicles remain here.

After booking in at Mpila Resort, trailists are directed to the Mndindini Trails Camp where they will be greeted by the Trails Officer, Field Guide and the cook. It is recommended that visitors check in at Mpila Resort by 13:00 on the first day so that they can settle in at their leisure, in time to meet the Trails Officer for a briefing at 14:00 at the Mndindini Trails Camp. During the briefing please advise the officer if you would like to go on an afternoon walk or you would like to relax at the camp.

The following two days will be spent walking in the Wilderness Area. Trailists depart after breakfast, carrying only a daypack each, containing their personal effects, water and lunch. The trail party will cover between 7 and 14 km per day depending on conditions. For this reason, a reasonable degree of fitness is required. River crossings are sometimes necessary during the walks. The daily routine varies according to the time of year and Trails Officer's personal style of trail.

On the final day trailists will do a morning walk, returning to Mndindini for a snack after which trailists are free to pack up and leave by 11:00.

It is essential that you wear a comfortable pair of hiking boots, which are well worn in. Base Camp Trails are run from mid-February to mid-December and can accommodate a maximum of eight trailists.

### **Arrival and Registration**

Please check-in at Mpila Resort by 13.00 on the first day of the trail. From there trailists may drive around the game reserve (should time allow it) or go directly to Mndindini Trails Base Camp to arrive by 14:00. Here trailists will be welcomed by the Trails Officer, Field Guide and cook, and will be shown to their accommodation. Trailists may not, under any circumstances leave the immediate environs of the base camp on foot, unless accompanied by an officer or guide. Remember that this is a Big Five Park!

### **Equipment Provided by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife**

- All food, tea, coffee and fruit juice
- All cutlery and crockery
- All daypacks
- Water bottles
- All bedding
- Towel
- First Aid kit

### **Recommended Items to Be Provided by Each Trailist**

- 3 dull-coloured shirts/blouses
- 3 changes of underwear
- 3 pairs shorts or the equivalent
- 1 pair of jeans
- 1 tracksuit
- 1 hat
- 1 pair of pyjamas (optional)
- 1 light raincoat
- 1 swimming costume (optional)
- Sun protection cream
- 1 warm bush jacket or jersey
- Torch with spare batteries
- Insect repellent
- 1 pair of comfortable boots or the equivalent
- 1 pair of sandals or the equivalent (for around the camp)
- Toiletries, including soap (biodegradable)
- Binoculars, camera and bird identification book (optional)

### **Catering**

The trail is fully catered and trailists will be provided with three meals per day, starting with supper on the day of arrival and concluding with lunch on the day of departure. Meals are tasty, simple but nutritious and quantities provided should satisfy most appetites. The menus have been developed with input from previous trailists and we welcome any comments.

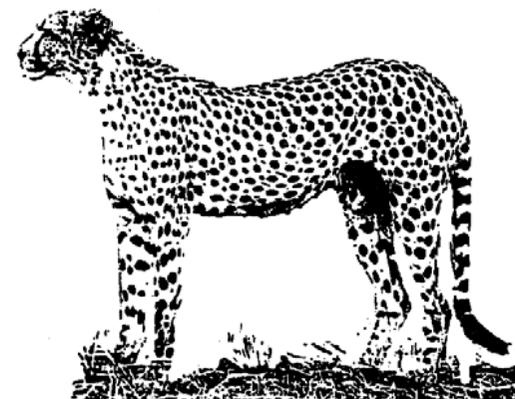
If you are a vegetarian or have other special dietary requirements, please notify the Trails Consultant when making a booking. The Trails Manager will try to make appropriate arrangements, where possible. People with any special requirements may of course bring their own food and every assistance will be given to prepare it. Regrettably there can be no reduction in the cost of the trail.

Tea, coffee and a cold drink are also provided. Fruit and nuts are provided as snacks between meals. Trailists are more than welcome to provide their own between-meal snacks and refreshments.

### **Alcoholic Drinks**

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## C. THE SHORT WILDERNESS TRAIL

### General Information

Weekend Short Wilderness trails are run from 14 February to 10 December, and depart on Fridays and Sundays. They are 2 nights and 3 days in duration.

This trail is fully catered, and all food is transported into the wilderness trails camp on donkeys, but trailists are expected to carry a daypack containing their personal affects, water and lunch. Personal items will, however, be transported back from the wilderness on the donkeys at the end of the trail.

Guests who overnight at Mpila Resort the night before the trail, may organize to have the bulk of their personal belongings carried into the wilderness camp in “donkey bags”, (available from Mpila Resort reception) which are then carried to the wilderness camp by the donkeys. These bags must be dropped off at Mpila Resort reception by 16:00 the day before the trail. (Please note if you will be staying overnight outside the Park that the gate times are 06:00 to 18:00). Gate times are strictly enforced.

Trailists are required to book in at Mpila Resort by 11:00 as the trail begins at 12:00 on the first day. Trailists will be met by the trails staff and given a trails briefing. After their bags have been packed, trailists walk the approximate seven kilometres to the wilderness camp where they will spend the following two nights. These camps offer dome tents with two mattresses in each. The camp has no ablution facilities apart from the traditional shower bucket of warm water, hung in a tree. A spade, toilet paper and matches serve as a toilet.

Trailists walk back to Mndindini Base Camp on the third day, carrying only their personal affects and snack. The trail ends at 10:30.

The distance walked on the first day is approximately seven kilometres. The average distance covered on the second and third days can be up to 15 km, but is flexible depending on conditions. Trailists carry all their personal equipment on the first day. On the second and third days they carry only a light pack containing their picnic lunches and water bottles.

This trail is by no means an endurance test, but a fair level of fitness will ensure greater enjoyment.

### Arrival and Registration

Check in at Mpila Resort reception before 11:00. Please note that your group needs to reach their wilderness camp before dark, and therefore needs to leave Mpila in good time to pack personal gear properly and then walk to the overnight camp. The

Trails Officer and Field Guide will meet trailists at 11:45 on the first day of the trail at the Mpila Resort reception. It is essential for trailists to be punctual as once the group leaves the Mndindini Trails Base Camp for their wilderness camp any latecomers will not be accommodated. It is thus essential to make adequate provision for traveling time between your point of departure and Mpila Resort. The driving time between Johannesburg and Mpila Resort is approximately seven hours. Durban to Mpila is approximately four hours.

### Equipment Provided by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife

- All food, tea, coffee, cold drinks
- Water bottles
- All bedding
- Towel
- All daypacks
- First Aid kit

### Recommended Items to Be Brought by Each Trailist

- 3 dull-coloured shirts/blouses
- 3 changes of underwear
- 3 pairs shorts or the equivalent
- 1 pair of jeans
- 1 tracksuit
- 1 hat
- 1 pair of pyjamas (optional)
- 1 light raincoat
- 1 swimming costume (optional)
- 1 warm bush jacket or jersey
- 1 pair of comfortable boots or the equivalent
- 1 pair of sandals or the equivalent (for around the camp)
- Torch with spare batteries
- Sun protection cream
- Toiletries, including biodegradable soap, Insect repellent
- Binoculars, camera and bird identification book (optional)

Bayticol (from your pharmacy) is recommended, as ticks can be a problem at certain times of the year. Remember that Zululand winters are cold, with temperatures dropping significantly at night, whilst the summer temperatures can rise significantly by midday.

### Catering

The trail is fully catered and trailists will be provided with three meals per day, starting with supper on the day of arrival and concluding with lunch on the day of departure. Meals are tasty, simple but nutritious and quantities provided should satisfy most

appetites. The menus have been developed with input from previous trailists, and the guides welcome any comments.

If you are a vegetarian or have other special dietary requirements, please notify the Trails Consultant when making your booking and this information will be sent to the Trails Manager who will appropriately make arrangements, where possible. People with any special requirements may of course bring their own food and every assistance will be given to prepare it. Regrettably, there can be no reduction in the cost of the trail.

### **Alcoholic Drinks**

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**Please note that with regard to the short and extended short trails, if an entire trail is booked out by one group, and if other trail bookings allow for it, the group may book two consecutive trails to allow for a custom-made, longer trail of either four or five nights, depending on the combination**

## **D. THE EXTENDED SHORT WILDERNESS TRAIL**

### **General Information**

Extended Short Weekend trails are run from about 14 February to about 10 December, and start on Tuesdays. They are 3 nights and 4 days in duration.

This trail is fully catered, and all food will be transported into the wilderness trails camp on donkeys, but trailists will be expected to carry a daypack with their personal affects, water and lunch. Personal items will, however, be transported back from the wilderness on the donkeys at the end of the trail.

Guests who overnight at Mpila Resort the night before the trail, may arrange to have the bulk of their personal belongings carried into the wilderness camp in "donkey bags" that are available from the Mpila Resort reception. These are then transported to the wilderness camp by donkeys. These bags must be dropped off at the Mpila

Resort office by 16:00 the day before the trail. Please note if you will be staying overnight outside the Park that the gate times are 06:00 to 18:00. Gate times are strictly enforced.

Trailists are required to book in at Mpila Resort by 11:00 as the trail starts at 12:00 on the first day. At Mpila trailists will be met by the trails staff and given a trails briefing. After their bags have been packed, trailists walk approximately seven kilometres to the wilderness camp where they will spend the following three nights in dome tents, with two mattresses per tent. The camp has no ablution facilities, apart from a traditional bucket shower, hung in a tree. A spade, toilet paper and matches serve as a toilet.

Trailists walk back to the Mndindini Base Camp on the fourth day, carrying only their personal affects and snacks. The trail ends at about 10:30.

The distance walked on the first day is approximately seven kilometres. The average distance covered on the second and third days can be up to 15 km, but is flexible depending on conditions. Trailists carry all their personal equipment on the first day. On the second and third days they carry only a light pack containing their picnic lunches and water bottles.

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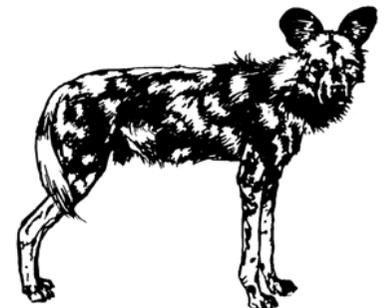
### **Arrival and Registration**

Trailists should check in by 11:00 at Mpila Resort reception where they will be met by the Trails Officer and Field Guide. It is important to arrive early on the date indicated on the reservation voucher, to allow time to pack and walk to the trails camp before dark. Once the trail departs from the Mndindini Base Camp, any latecomers cannot be accommodated.

It is thus important to make adequate provision for traveling time between your point of departure and the Mpila Resort office. The driving time between Johannesburg and Mpila Camp is approximately seven hours. Durban to Mpila is approximately four hours.

### **Equipment Provided by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife**

- All food, tea, coffee, cold drinks
- Water bottles
- All bedding
- Towel
- All daypacks
- First Aid kit



### Recommended Items to Be Brought by Each Trailist

- 3 dull-coloured shirts/blouses
- 3 changes of underwear
- 3 pairs shorts or the equivalent
- 1 pair of jeans
- 1 tracksuit
- 1 hat
- 1 pair of pyjamas (optional)
- 1 light raincoat
- 1 swimming costume (optional)
- 1 warm bush jacket or jersey
- 1 pair of comfortable boots or the equivalent
- 1 pair of sandals or the equivalent (for around the camp)
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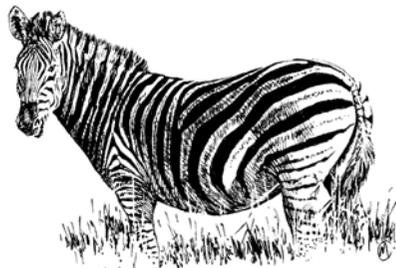
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### Catering

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## E. THE EXPLORER TRAIL

### General Information on the Trail

This popular trail combines the best elements of trails using the Mdindini Base Camp, and the more adventurous Primitive Trail. The first and last nights are spent in the comfort of Mdindini Camp with hot and cold showers and a fridge, while the second and third nights are spent under the stars out in the famous iMfolozi Wilderness Area. This allows trailists to start the trail refreshed, and to undertake the journey home after a comfortable night's sleep in the Base Camp.

After booking in at Mpila Resort, trailists will be met by the Trails Officer and his Field Guide assistant, and directed to the Mdindini Base Camp where they will be able to settle in and also meet their cook who will prepare their food on the first and final nights. The Trails Officer and the Field Guide will prepare food on the second and third nights, although trailists are welcome to assist. It is recommended that visitors arrive at Mpila Resort reception by 13:00, as they need to be at Mdindini by 14:00. It is further recommended that everyone leave their watches and cellular phones in their cars in order to benefit fully from the freedom from time constraints and deadlines.

Small camps are set up at night, with trailists sleeping under the stars around a small fire after enjoying a meal prepared by the Trails Officer and the Field Guide. A lightweight rain shelter is provided in case of bad weather. Distances covered each day are not excessive due to the need to carry all equipment. Backpacks are sometimes left at a campsite, however, and day walks taken to explore the wilderness

area in relative freedom. As with all iMfolozi Wilderness Trails, a reasonable degree of fitness is recommended in order to derive the greatest enjoyment from your trail. Explorer Trails are conducted from mid-February to the end of November and take a maximum of eight trailists.

#### **Equipment Provided by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife**

- First Aid kit
- Water containers
- Toilet trowel, paper etc.
- Food
- Backpack
- Personal Water bottle
- Knife, spoon, cup and plate
- Groundsheet
- Rain shelter (fly sheet)
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat (optional)
- Cooking pots etc.
- Large plastic bag (to put contents of backpack into in case of rain)

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