

Kruger National Park Hides, Picnic Sites, Lookouts and other Get-out Points Access for Guests with Mobility Challenges

There are many hides, picnic sites, lookout platforms and get-out points throughout the park at destinations where visitors may alight from their vehicles at their own risk in the relative safety of a designated structure or area, some for the purpose of viewing wildlife or scenery, others for places of historical interest or just for relaxing and abluting. Animals are incredibly coy at the sound of a vehicle, so sitting quietly in such places is often very productive, particularly at hides that are located by water sources. Visitors should note that the hides have gates at their entrances with high pressure springs to ensure they remain closed to prevent marauding animals. These gates are difficult to open and pass through in a wheelchair and companion assistance is recommended. Guests should also be aware that as the hides have no attendant permanently present and as certain animals are attracted to human excrement, the park has made an ecological decision not to provide toilets at hides (with the exception of the sleepover hides). Picnic Sites with their resident attendants do have ablutions. See commentary on the accessibility for mobility impaired guests at each get-out point in the Park below.



Shipandani Hide



Nthandanyathi Hide



Ratel Pan Hide

Gate	Nearest Main Camps	Nearest Accessible Ablutions	Comments
1. Afsaal Picnic Site and Tea Room	Berg-en-Dal/Pretoriuskop	Accessible Ablutions present	Shop and cafeteria paved and fully accessible. The parking and picnic area are on compressed earth which is sandy in places.
2. Albasini Ruins and picnic site	Pretoriuskop	Phabeni Gate 500m	Site on flat compacted earth, but sandy in places
3. Babalala Picnic Site	Shingwedzi/Punda Maria/Sirheni	Accessible Ablutions at site. Mirror in unit is inaccessible.	Cooking platform cemented so convenient to use. The base of the toilet ramp sometimes gets eroded after heavy rain.
4. Bobbejaan Krans Lookout Point	Orpen/Satara	Orpen 23km Satara 24km	Wheelchair users can alight from their vehicle and make their way around the parking area.
5. Crook's Corner 3 country axis	Pafuri/Punda Maria	See Pafuri Picnic Site	Flat, compact earth where one can disembark.
6. Gardenia Hide	Berg-en-Dal	Afsaal Tea Room 24km	Not accessible – up steps
7. Hippo Pool	Crocodile Bridge	Croc Bridge 8km	Not accessible
8. Kanniedood Hide	Shingwedzi	Shingwedzi 7km	Not accessible – up a ladder
9. Kruger Tablets	Skukuza	Tshokwane 13km	This is a plaque embedded in a rock and the ground is rough rock but not totally inaccessible



Erosion at Babalala Ablutions Ramp



Nkhuhlu River Frontage



Access Ramp into Makhadzi Museum

10. Lake Panic Hide	Skukuza	Skukuza 5km	Moderately Accessible, but access pathway becomes muddy and eroded after summer rains.
11. Longwe Lookout	Letaba	Letaba 18km	Compacted Earth on top of a hill offering awesome view of surrounding veld. Sandy in places but easy to move around
12. Makhadzi Picnic Site and Museum	Letaba/Mopani	Accessible Ablutions present but up a steep ramp	Museum is fitted with an access ramp. The picnic site is flat so wheelchair users can move between tables, although the ground is sandy in places, there is a threat of thorns and after heavy rains things can get muddy.
13. Masorini Ruins and Picnic Site	Letaba/Phalborwa Gate	Accessible Ablutions at site	Ruins tour up hill and not accessible, but eating/cooking area is concreted and fine
14. Matambeni Hide	Letaba	Letaba 14km	Interior Accessible but access path has gum poles to combat erosion
15. Mathekenyane Lookout	Skukuza	Skukuza 11km	The top of a rocky outcrop that gives great views of the surrounding veld. A bit bumpy but fairly accessible for wheelchairs.
16. Mbavala Day Visitor Centre	Letaba	Accessible Ablutions at site	Access good on compacted earth and concrete pathways. A swimming pool is present but no assistive facility to transfer into it.
17. Mlondozi Dam	Lower Sabie	Lower Sabie 17km	The ablutions are not accessible but the viewing platform and cooking location are concreted and accessible and provide a great view of the dam



Sundowners - Mathekanyane Hill Top



Nkuhlu Tea Room Accessible Toilet



Sweni Hide

18. Mooiplaas Picnic Site	Mopani	Mopani 7km	The ablutions are not wheelchair friendly, but mobility around the rest of the site is good. There are cemented platform areas where people cook their meals and at the viewing platform over the Tsendze River
19. Muzandzeni Picnic Site	Talamati/Satara	Satara 33km	Site flat and earth compact, so movement in chair is easy – toilets not accessible
20. Nhlangueni Picnic Site	Talamati/Orpen/Satara	Tshokwane 26km	There is a bit of a slope, but wheelchair can move around the site OK– toilets not accessible
21. Nkuhlu Tea Room and Picnic Site	Skukuza/Lower Sabie	Accessible Ablutions present	There is a long ramp down to the water's edge where hippo can be viewed at close quarters. The shop and upper level are also ramped.
22. Nkumbe Lookout	Lower Sabie	Tshokwane Tea Room 8km	Parking lot is accessible and view good from there, but actual lookout is over boulders and wall and inaccessible
23. Nwamanzi Lookout	Olifants	Olifants 9km	The lookout is a tarred area where cars can park and people can leave their vehicles within a designated area. Very accessible.
24. Nthandanyathi Hide	Lower Sabie/Crocodile Bridge	Lower Sabie 15km	Very Accessible – gentle gradient over short distance
25. Nwanetsi Picnic Site and Lookout Platform	Satara	Accessible Ablutions at site	viewing platform – pathway very steep otherwise access good once up and on the concrete cooking platform.
26. Nyawutsi Hide	Shingwedzi	Shingwedzi 38km	Accessible – ramp steep – some will require assistance

27. Orpen Dam	Satara/Lower Sabie/Skukuza	Tshokwane 7km	Viewing Platform Concrete and accessible. Path there steep and assistance may be required.
28. Pafuri Picnic Site	Punda Maria	One ablution on site has a ramp and can be entered, but no grab rails or turning space	Compacted earth and paved cooking area mean a wheelchair user can move around easily
29. Pioneer Dam Hide	Mopani	Mopani 7km	Very accessible
30. Punda Maria Day Centre	Punda Maria	Accessible Ablutions on site	Good Access
31. Ratel Pan Hide	Satara/Olifants	Timbavati Picnic Site 2km	Very accessible
32. Sable Dam Hide	Phalaborwa Gate/Letaba	Toilet at site. Fully accessible ablutions at Phalaborwa Gate 8km	Accessible – ramp steep
33. Shipandani Hide	Mopani	At Site the ablutions are ramped. Fully accessible ablutions at Mopani 8km	Very Accessible Reservable Sleepover Hide at night
34. Skukuza Day Visitor Centre	Skukuza	Accessible Ablutions at site	Concrete pathways to shop and swimming pool and compacted earth pathway to picnic tables.
35. Stevenson-Hamilton Memorial Tablets	Skukuza	Skukuza 14km	Not accessible – narrow path and boulder hopping
36. Sweni Hide	Satara	Nwanetsi Picnic Site	Very accessible
37. Tshanga Lookout	Bateleur	Shingwedzi 38km	Inaccessible Up a koppie
38. Tshokwane Tea Room and Picnic Site	Satara/Lower Sabie/Skukuza	Accessible Ablutions at site	Shop, Cafeteria and cooking platform paved. Rest is compacted earth with patches of soft sand. Southern Ablution Block is where accessible toilet is.



Pioneer Dam Hide



Nyawutsi Hide



Sable Dam Hide

NB. There are hides and lookout points in many of the camps and many of these offer good access (see individual camp profiles)