

# SHINGWEDZI RESEARCH CAMP



**A. Accommodation:** Four different types of accommodation are available at the Shingwedzi research camp. These are described below. All bedrooms have single beds, candles (in case of power failures), ceiling fans & air-conditioners. We ask that guests please wash their own dishes daily. Sponges, dish cloths & dishwashing liquid are provided.

1. **Research House (sleeps 14):** Three bedrooms (sleep 7) & one dormitory (sleeps 7 on bunk beds); separate shower, toilet & bathroom; large lounge/dining area – a good place to relax after a day in the field. Fully equipped kitchen including gas stove & oven, microwave oven, two fridge/freezer combo units & a small chest freezer.
2. **Guest House (sleeps 4):** Two bedrooms, each sleeping two people; Bathroom with bath & shower; separate toilet; cozy lounge/dining area - perfect for small private meetings. Fully equipped kitchen including a mini oven, microwave oven & fridge/freezer unit.
3. **Flat (sleeps 2):** One bedroom with en suite bathroom (toilet & shower); small lounge area; fully-equipped kitchen, including microwave oven & fridge/freezer unit.
4. **Permanent Tents (sleep 14):** Four tents sleep three people each and one tent sleeps two people. All tents have electricity, but in case of power failures, candles are also provided. Good quality standing fans are provided. The ablution comprises 4 bathrooms, each with a toilet, basin & shower. Guests staying in tents have access to the lapa kitchen which is fully-equipped with a gas stove & oven, microwave oven, fridge/freezer combo & a large chest freezer.

**B. Office Facility (for researchers ONLY):** A small analytical laboratory & office is available to researchers. Satellite internet is available & researchers can plug their laptops at four different connection points in the office. There is also a telephone & fax machine available. If you would like to use this facility, please ask Jacob (game guard & camp assistant) for a pin code in order to make calls. Please record all calls made on the sheet provided. You will be billed accordingly at the Telkom rate. Cellphone reception is available at the research camp. There is also a public telephone at the Shingwedzi Rest Camp.

- C. General:**
- Mosquito nets are fitted to all windows in the research house, guest house & flat. Mosquito nets are provided in the tents.
  - Linen & towels are provided & changed every Wednesday. If you require additional or clean towels before this time please ask Lucy (hut attendant) or Jacob.
  - Laundry facilities are available, but please supply your own automatic washing powder. There is a top-loader coin-operated washing machine & a coin-operated tumble dryer.
  - Braai facilities are available throughout the camp. Please supply your own charcoal/wood. There is a shop in the Rest Camp which carries curios & essential supplies. In addition limited fresh produce, charcoal, lighters & matches are available. There is also a restaurant at the Rest Camp, open daily from 07h00-21h00. They serve breakfast, lunch & dinner. If you would like to eat at the restaurant in the evenings please inform Jacob beforehand so that he can inform the security guard at the gate that you will be going to the rest camp after gate closing.

**D. Making a Reservation:** Please contact your project coordinator or Thembi Khoza via email or telephone to make a reservation ([thembi@sanparks.org](mailto:thembi@sanparks.org) or 0137354254). Alternatively you can contact the camp manager directly, Sharon Thompson ([sharont@sanparks.org](mailto:sharont@sanparks.org) or 0137353545). Please supply the following information when making a reservation:

- i. Client code or your full ID or passport number
- ii. Contact telephone number or email address
- iii. Date of arrival & departure
- iv. Number of guests

**E. Cost:** Guest house & Flat: R100 p.p.p.n; Research House & Permanent Tents: R80 p.p.p.n. Conservation fees are not charged for research accomm.

**F. On arrival:** Please report to the Shingwedzi rest camp reception with your booking confirmation letter to check in & pay. The receptionist will then give you the keys. A map to the research camp is provided below.

**G. Game guards (for researchers ONLY):** Should you require the services of our game guard please contact Sharon Thompson well in advance ([sharont@sanparks.org](mailto:sharont@sanparks.org) or 0137353545). Further details are provided in the 'KNP Protocols for Researchers', which can be found at the following link:

[http://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/conservation/scientific/research/researcher\\_information.pdf](http://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/conservation/scientific/research/researcher_information.pdf).

**Gate Times:**

Gate Times	Nov-Jan	Feb	Mar & Oct	Apr	May-Jul	Aug-Sep
Park Gates Open	05:30	05:30	05:30	06:00	06:00	06:00
Camp Gates Open	04:30	05:30	05:30	06:00	06:00	06:00
Park & Camp Gates Close	18:30	18:30	18:00	17:30	17:30	18:00

