

GAME DRIVE GUIDELINES

- 1 Guides / Drivers should never be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 2 A maximum speed limit of 40km/h is to be adhered to at all times. For optimum game viewing a driving speed of between 10 and 15kph is recommended.
- 3 Do not trespass on properties if you have no permission from the owner to be on their land.
- 4 **NO OFF ROAD DRIVING AT ALL.**
- 5 The following maximum number of vehicles per sighting are to be adhered to:
 - 5.1. Lion, Elephant, Buffalo and all general wildlife: 3 Vehicles
 - 5.2. Leopard, Cheetah, Wild dog and Rhinoceros: 2 Vehicles
 - 5.3. If this number of vehicles is already at the sighting PLEASE wait your turn until a vehicle departs and then take your turn.
- 6 Use common sense when viewing game at close distances. IF ANY DOUBT a safe distance of 15-20 meters is recommended; this can increase depending on circumstances. DO NOT APPROACH TOO CLOSE TO DANGEROUS GAME, UNLESS YOU HAVE THE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANIMAL, AND THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES IF THINGS GO AWRY.
- 7 No one is permitted to stand up in the vehicle at a sighting.
- 8 No drinking, eating or smoking is permitted at a sighting or in the vicinity of other vehicles.
- 9 No littering in the bush. All cigarette butts and toilet paper to be taken back to camp in appropriate containers.
- 10 No one is permitted to exit a vehicle and approach any animal anywhere.
- 11 PICK UP ANY LITTER YOU SEE IN THE BUSH (provided it is safe to do so).
- 12 Noise levels in or out the vehicle are to be controlled.
- 13 Guests to remain fully clothed at all times. Shirts may not be removed.
- 14 Respect all wildlife. Do not put pressure or cause animals to feel threatened. Maintain the recommended safety distances. USE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND COMMON SENSE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST ANIMALS BE SUBJECT TO DOOR BANGING, HOOTING, WHISTLING OR THE LIKE IN AN EFFORT TO GET SOME REACTION FROM THE ANIMAL.
- 15 Take note of the time spent at a sighting showing consideration to your fellow viewers who also wish to visit the sighting. Use your discretion. However as a guideline if other vehicles are on standby for the same sighting a 15 minute viewing period per vehicle should be sufficient.
- 16 Never drive between another vehicle and the sighting blocking off the view of that vehicle. Obtain permission if you need to move. Be considerate.
- 17 Always enter a sighting at low revs. This will lower the engine noise. Once in the sighting switch off your engine.
- 18 Assess the situation when arriving at a sighting. i.e. Escape routes (for the animals and yourselves), off road terrain, animals behaviour, etc.
- 19 Do not block the path or direction of an animal's movement. No chasing of nervous animals is permitted.
- 20 If someone is viewing game, and you do not wish to stop, PROCEED SLOWLY. Do not spoil the other party's viewing and do not frighten the game.
- 21 Where possible pull to the side of the road in a sighting so that other vehicles can pass you without you needing to start up and move to make space.
- 22 Be courteous to other drivers and greet them as they pass you and if you have any information about interesting sightings pass this on so they too can enjoy a possible sighting.
- 23 If a sighting is being mismanaged, the Reserve Manager has the right to take control of a sighting permanently and his authority should be respected.

- 24 Members of the committee and reserve staff are specifically empowered to advise drivers when they are transgressing these guidelines
- 25 If you are using a spotlight after dark, NEVER shine across or into a homestead or camp. Do not shine into oncoming vehicles. Do not shine directly into the eyes of the animals. If you have a spot that has lower settings of brightness, drop to this at closer ranges.
- 26 When driving at dark dip your lights to oncoming vehicles; if possible ride on park lights until you pass him/her. Remember your lights blind the driver and if he is viewing e.g. Elephants, he is unable to see what they are doing or where they move to whilst your lights are blinding him. You put him and his guests at risk.
- 27 Open vehicles/bakkies must be properly equipped for game drives. Passengers sitting on unsecured chairs or in the load bay of a bakkie is unacceptable for game drives. (Contractors who are not game viewing will travel like this)
- 26 Be considerate of other people if they have stopped to enjoy a sundowners somewhere. Afford them their privacy and allow them to enjoy their little piece of Africa.