



BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK

Kwando Core Area



At a Glance

Fact File

Proclamation date: 1966 formerly Caprivi Game Park, re-proclaimed 2007

Size: approximately 1,280 km²

Permanent river: Kwando

Dry Season: April–October

Rainy Season: November–March

Rainfall: 550–600 mm per year

Average monthly temperature: 30°C

Hottest months: October to December

Best game viewing times: Early am /late pm

Pans: Mukwanyati, Malombe, Guesha (see map)

Health: The park is located within a high-risk malaria area. Precautions are essential.

Park visitor facilities: Susuwe Park Headquarters, Nambwa Campsite, Mashi Crafts Trading Post, Mashambo Craft Centre, Kongola service station and shop, Mafwe Traditional Village, Susuwe Island Lodge, Mazambala Island Lodge, Namushasha River Lodge.

Natural features

The Kwando river system with its floodplains, associated grasslands and riparian forests. Deciduous woodlands found on low, vegetated sand dunes with old drainage lines (omiramba) in between. Old dunes and interdune valleys inhabited by combretum and acacia species.

Vegetation

Broad-leafed Kalahari woodland with trees such as the Zambezi teak and false mopane in the sandy areas, Camel-thorn and Leadwood in the omiramba and reeds and papyrus on the floodplains, which are lined with trees such as the Jackal-berry, Mangosteen, Knob-thorn and Fan palm.

Wildlife

Large concentrations of elephant and buffalo; also sable and roan antelope, waterbuck, impala, kudu, giraffe and wildebeest. Main predators are lion, leopard, cheetah and hyena. One of the last refuges of the African wild dog in Namibia. Common reedbuck, red lechwe, sitatunga and hippo are seen along the river. Birds include Wattled Crane, Western banded Snake Eagle, Wood Owl, Narina Trogon, Cape Parrot, and both Red-billed and Yellow-billed Oxpecker.

Five things to do

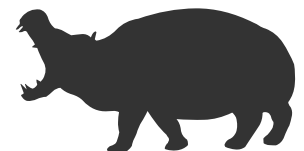
- Find red lechwe, sitatunga and reedbuck on the flood plains 5km south of the park entrance
- Enjoy the mature Kalahari woodland set between the omiramba that diagonally cross the strip. Nearly two hundred kinds of flora, shrubs, trees and fruits, complement the wildlife and beautiful landscapes, and rare antelope species such as roan, sable and tsessebe.
- Tick the rare Narina Trogon, Racket-tailed Rollers, Coppery Sunbird, Emerald Cuckoo, Wattled Cranes, Long-toed Lapwing, African Crakes and African Hobby off your bird list
- Rest and relax on the wooden platform at Nambwa campsite and listen to the varied calls from the nearly 600 species of birds and abundant wildlife including lion, leopard, wild dog, hyaena, lechwe and sitatunga living there.
- Take a leisurely drive to Horseshoe oxbow lake and other lagoons formed on the Kwando River for sundowners and wait for the elephants to come down to drink.



Tips for your comfort and safety

- Engage 4x4 all the time off-road to reduce the formation of corrugations
- Be aware of deep sections of sand on the road to Nambwa Campsite especially if towing a trailer
- Before you enter the park, make sure you have sufficient petrol, water and other supplies.
- There are no goods and services available in the park.

Bwabwata forms a crucial transboundary link for wildlife migration between Angola, Botswana, Namibia and Zambia and for seasonal dispersal to and from the rivers





Visitor Information



Name: _____ Address: _____

Vehicle Reg No: _____ Vehicle Type: _____

Vehicle Colour: _____ Caravan/Trailer Reg No: _____

Date of Entry: _____ Time: _____ Date of Exit: _____

No. of Persons over 16: _____ No. of Persons under 16: _____

Namibians: _____ SADC: _____

Other (specify country of origin): _____ No. of Firearms: _____

Gate Officer: _____

Please read conditions carefully and sign to acknowledge you have read and understand the contents

Visitors assume full responsibility and liability for their safety and conduct and by entering this National Park, visitors expressly and irrevocably waive and renounce all claims against the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the Government of Namibia for loss, damage or injury however sustained to a visitor whilst such visitor is in the Park

Regulations

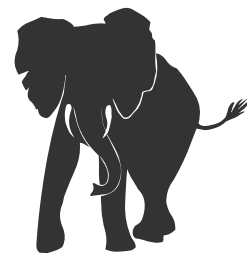
Wildlife is dangerous, can carry disease and can attack humans causing injury or death. For these reasons, it is vital that you respect all wildlife and strictly adhere to a few basic rules in terms of Section 18, 19, 20, 83 & 84 of the Nature Conservation Ordinance 4 of 1975, as amended:

- On arrival in the park, report to the officer in charge or his/her representative;
- Every permit holder shall strictly observe the conditions upon which the permit is issued to him/her and shall comply with any lawful instruction issued by the officer in charge of the game park or his/her representative;
- Every visitor to the park shall, at all times, take reasonable and proper care to the satisfaction of the officer in charge in the use of Government property;
- Visitors are only permitted to overnight in designated campsites or accommodation;
- Visitors may not travel in the park or cross the boundaries of the park after sunset or before sunrise;
- Keep to the marked tourist roads. Do not drive on roads indicated as closed or for staff only;
- Do not drive off the designated roads and tracks;
- Don't drive faster than the general speed limit of 50km/hr;
- Fishing and boating are prohibited in the park;
- Drive considerately and be mindful of others using the park;
- No pets are permitted in the park. No person shall be in possession of a wild animal, or any other animal whatsoever in the park;
- Please keep a respectful distance particularly from elephants grazing or resting between the road and the river. They have right of way;
- Return to the campsite or accommodation within the daylight hours. No night driving is permitted;
- Do not remove any plant or animal from the park. Leave all natural items of botanical, zoological, geological or archaeological interest where you found them. They are part of a unique ecosystem and all have a place in the chain of life;
- Please do not litter or leave toilet paper around. Take your rubbish out of the park with you;
- All firearms must be sealed, and weapons such as catapults, bows and arrows, sling-shots or airguns are not permitted;
- Excessive noise in camps and in the park is not permitted. Radios or sound systems can only be played at the campsites or accommodation;
- Please do not throw away any burning or smouldering objects or leave them at a place where they can possibly ignite or cause ignition;
- Please do not kill, injure or unnecessarily disturb any wild animal in the park;
- Do not roll or throw objects from any height;
- Fires for cooking and warming may only be made at designated campsites or accommodation;
- Please do not contaminate water or tamper with water installations;
- Public entertainment, charging the public any money, holding meetings or disturbing written materials without permission of the game park is not permitted;
- Do not create disturbances for any other people or wildlife;
- Be aware that you enter the park at your own risk.

I declare that I fully understand the conditions of this notice and I undertake to bring them to the attention of all members of my party and will abide by the rules and regulations on this permit.

Signature

Date



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