

Statutory Instrument No. 79 of 2000

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS ACT
(No. 28 of 1992)

GEMSBOK NATIONAL PARK REGULATIONS, 2000
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SCHEDULES

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Commerce and Industry by section 92 of the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act the following Regulations are hereby made —

PART I — *Preliminary*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gemsbok National Park Regulations, 2000. Citation
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation

“Conservation Agency” means the Department of Wildlife and National Parks or body responsible for the control, management and maintenance of the South African National Parks;

“national park” means the Gemsbok National Park;

“officer-in-charge” means the most senior wildlife officer within the national park;

“weapons” means arrow, bow, spear, or any fire-arm or ammunition for a fire-arm or any other instrument by means of which a projectile can be propelled or which can be propelled or used in such a way that any animal is killed or injured or any form of object or poison which may be used to kill or maim or capture animals.

PART II — *Entry into and movement within the Gemsbok National Park*

**Requirement of
entry permit**

3. (1) No person shall enter or be within the national park unless he is in possession of a valid entry permit issued by the Conservation Agency upon payment of fees as specified in the First Schedule.

(2) Any person who enters or is within the national park without a valid entry permit issued by the Conservation Agency shall be guilty of an offence.

**Times of
entry**

4. (1) No person shall, without the special permission of the Conservation Agency enter, leave or travel in the national park at any other time than that prescribed in the Second Schedule.

(2) Admission to the national park shall not give any person the right to be outside any rest camp or designated camping site outside the times prescribed in the Second Schedule.

(3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

**Written
authority
to be shown**

5. (1) Any person in the national park shall, if requested to do so, hand over his entry permit authorising him to be within the national park to an officer-in-charge.

(2) Any person failing to comply with any request made in accordance with sub-regulation (1) shall be liable for payment of the fees in respect of admission, accommodation or any other service for which fees may be levied by the Conservation Agency, even though these may already have been paid for:

Provided that any fees thus paid shall be reclaimed on the submission of satisfactory proof that such fees have been paid.

**International
Boundary**

6. A visitor from the Republic of South Africa may enter the Botswana side of the national park and a visitor from Botswana may enter the South African side of the national park at no additional cost and without passport controls, provided that he returns to the country from which he entered and pays for any camping, accommodation or other facilities which he may use to the Conservation Authority of the country in which those facilities are situated.

PART III—*Means of travel within Gemsbok National Park*

**Means of
transport**

7. (1) No person shall, without the permission of the Conservation Agency, enter or travel within the national park by means of an aircraft, riding any animal or walking on foot.

(2) Any person who without the permission of the Conservation Agency, enters or travels within the national park by means of an aircraft, riding an animal or walking on foot shall be guilty of an offence.

8. (1) No person shall, other than an employee of the Conservation Agency with the permission of the officer-in-charge enter or travel in the national park, unless by way of a motor vehicle, caravan or any other vehicle which the Conservation Agency may prescribe:

Motor
vehicles

Provided that the dimensions of the vehicles allowed shall conform to the dimensions and other requirements prescribed by the Conservation Agency.

(2) No person shall, without the permission of the Conservation Agency, operate any vehicle or combination of vehicles on any road in the national park if any gross vehicle weight thereof exceeds 8000 kilograms :

Provided that, in respect of the wilderness trails and the Mabuasehube area, and any other area as may be specified by the officer-in-charge, the maximum gross vehicle weight shall be 3 500 kilograms.

(3) No person shall, without the permission of the Conservation Agency, drive or cause to be driven a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding the speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour.

(4) No person shall alight from a motor vehicle in the national park unless it is within a rest camp or a picnic or camp site or Wilderness Trails and Mabuasehube, or any other authorised place as may be specified by the officer-in-charge.

(5) Any person who contravenes any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

9. (1) No person shall, other than an officer or person acting on the authority of the Conservation Agency, land or take off in the national park in any aircraft or helicopter, unless on a landing field designated by the Conservation Agency and on such conditions as the Conservation Agency may determine.

Aircraft

(2) No person shall, other than an officer or person acting on the authority of the Conservation Agency, fly over the national park at an altitude of less than 1 500 feet above the ground, unless it is for the purpose of lawfully landing therein or lawfully taking off therefrom.

(3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

PART IV — *General conduct within Gemsbok National Park*

10. A person shall, within the national park, comply with all lawful instructions issued by the Conservation Agency.

Complying with
lawful
instructions

11. (1) No person shall, other than an employee of the Conservation Agency with the permission of the officer-in-charge collect firewood in the national park:

Firewood

Provided that the officer-in-charge may authorise persons to collect firewood for their reasonable needs in such areas and under such conditions as may be specified.

2) A person who wishes to bring wood into the national park shall bring cut and packaged wood declared at the entry point.

(3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

12. (1) No person shall, other than an authorised employee of the Conservation Agency, convey any weapon into the national park unless the weapon, of whatever nature, be handed in at the first checkpoint, whether such checkpoint be an entrance gate, a rest camp or to an officer-in-charge, as the case may be.

Arms and
ammunition,
etc

(2) The officer-in-charge to whom such weapons may be handed in under sub-regulation (1) shall seal such weapons in such a manner that the weapons cannot be used without the seal being broken.

(3) Both the visitor and the officer-in-charge shall ensure that the weapons are not loaded when being sealed.

(4) When leaving a national park, the weapons shall again be handed over for inspection to the officer-in-charge of the rest camp or gate, as the case may be, and if any seals should be found to be broken a satisfactory explanation shall be furnished to the officer-in-charge.

(5) Any person who contravenes any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

PART V – Miscellaneous

Nuisance or misbehaviour

13. (1) If any person in the national park commits any offence or is under the influence of any alcohol or intoxicating liquor or substance, or has acted in an improper manner which gives substantial offence to other persons in the national park, any officer may request such person to leave the national park without refunding such person, and the said person shall thereupon leave the national park within a time specified by the officer and by the shortest route open to the public.

(2) If any such person as defined in sub-regulation (1) is the holder of any entry permit authorising him to enter the park, he shall, on demand, hand over the said document to the officer who shall cancel the same by means of an endorsement thereon, stating the place and the date of such cancellation.

(3) Any person ordered to leave the national park as aforesaid shall not re-enter the national park during the 12 months following the date of cancellation, except where the Conservation Agency cancels the order in question or specially authorises the person concerned to re-enter the national park.

Offences and Penalties

14. Any person guilty of an offence under these Regulations for which no penalty is provided shall be liable to a fine not exceeding P10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or to both.

FIRST SCHEDULE

These entry fees apply to day and overnight visitors and to Citizens, Residents and Non-Residents.

CATEGORY	Pula Rate	Rand Rate
Adults (over 15 years old) - per person per day	20.00	25.00
Children (2 to 15 years old) - per person per day	10.00	12.00
Children under two years - per person per day	free	free
Vehicles - per car per day	4.00	5.00

SECOND SCHEDULE

Opening and closing hours of Gemsbok National Park

January and February	06.00 – 19.30
March	06.30 – 19.00
April	07.00 – 18.30
May	07.00 – 18.00
June and July	07.30 – 18.00
August	07.00 – 18.30
September	06.30 – 18.30
October	06.00 – 19.00
November and December	05.30 – 19.30

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*Minister of Commerce
and Industry.*

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