

FACILITIES AT EZEMVELO

- Short and long trails up to three-day hikes
- Guided walks to archaeological sites
- Horseback safaris
- Day visits
- Game drives
- Night game drives
- Bird watching
- Mountain biking
- Shop
- Putt-putt
- Sparking swimming pool
- Foofie slide
- Volleyball court
- Ideal for family getaways
- Weddings
- Conferences
- Student and youth camps
- Game viewing in your own vehicle

ACCOMMODATION (All self catering)

- **Legae** - 8 units, sleeps 4 - serviced and close to facilities
- **Rhino House** - sleeps 6 - serviced and close to facilities
- **Family huts** - 3 units, sleeps 6
- **Hikers huts** - 2 units, sleeps 16
- **Eland lapa** - accommodates 70 children
- **Impala lapa group camp** - sleeps 16
- **Caravan and camping sites** - (60), all with electricity

HORSEBACK SAFARIS

Amidst the rapid urbanisation it is rare for the general public to have access to a major nature reserve only one hour's drive from the Gauteng economic hub, also offering horseback safaris.

The horses are bred to be appropriate for the terrain and are very well schooled for adventure tourism activities.

From Ezemvelo's stable yard guests have the opportunity to explore the reserve and move between the game in an eco-friendly manner:

Ezemvelo Horseback Safaris offer:

- 1 Hour rides
- 2 Day safaris
- 3 Hour safaris
- Teambuilding on horseback

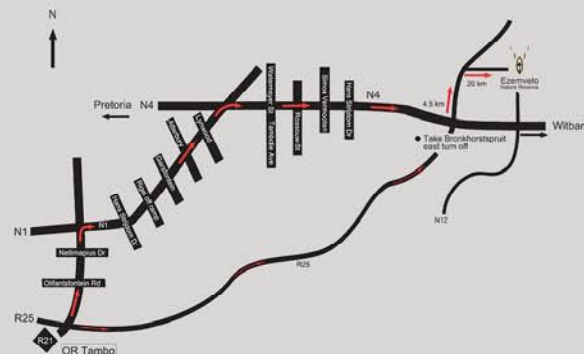


HIKING TRAILS

Self guided hikes of 4km, 6km, 14km and 23km through open grassland (and the rocky outcrops for the energetic). The shorter trails overlook and go through the picturesque Wilge River Valley.

Available on request:

- Environmental awareness and educational programmes
- Horseback safaris
- Team building and leadership camps



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EZEMVELO NATURE RESERVE



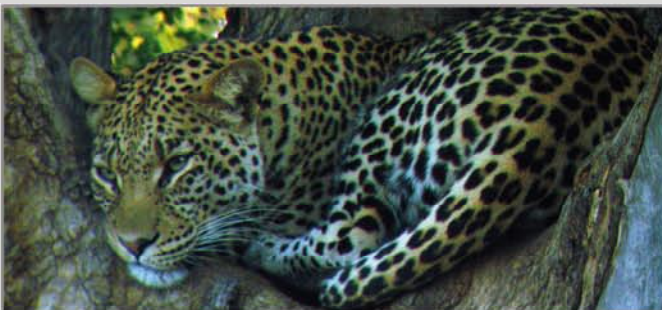
HABITAT

Ezemvelo Nature Reserve is situated on the Bankenveld, which is the transition ecotone between the grassland and savanna biomes. Ecologically this is very valuable as elements of both biomes occur within the reserve, creating a very rich biological diversity.



The 4 000 hectare reserve is naturally divided into well preserved grasslands and associated rocky outcrops and wetlands. The clear waters of the Wilge River is the boundary and forms beautiful gorges and valleys of colourful Wilge River sandstones.

The bushy river valleys are home to extensive animal and birdlife. The savanna area of 1 000 hectares has many tree species.



The lovely open vistas of the grassland plains teeming with game are a reminder of times gone by. The wetlands and rocky areas are home to many specialised bird and insect species and predators.

The hikes and trails have been developed in these areas to acquaint the visitor with the best opportunity to observe nature closely.

BIO-DIVERSITY

Naturally occurring species include:

- black wildebeest
- mountain reedbuck
- white rhino
- grey duiker
- vervet monkey
- oribi
- kudu
- waterbuck
- eland
- giraffe
- aardvark
- blesbuck
- zebra
- steenbok
- baboons
- aardwolf

The predators are:

- brown hyena
- civet
- leopard
- caracal

Introduced game includes:

- red hartebeest
- blue wildebeest
- gemsbok
- springbok



268 bird species have been identified and the list is growing.

- Blue and crowned crane, Denham's (Stanley's) bustard, Barrow's (white bellied) korhaan are regulars in the grassland wetlands.
- Grassland specialists include the melodious lark and six other lark species, five francolin species and African grass owl, grey hornbill. Black, marshall and fish eagle are seen in the savanna and Wilge River Valley.

Insect diversity is particularly impressive. Research into the exact numbers and species richness is still underway, with a completely new species already found.

Plant diversity is just as extraordinary, with springtime being especially beautiful with an explosion of colour when many wild flowers are in bloom and the trees budding.

RESEARCH

A wide variety of research projects are underway on the reserve, including studies on the insect diversity of the reserve, leopard behaviour, small mammal surveys, veld condition analysis, bird surveys, honey bee conservation, reptile studies, various antelope research projects, fish habitat, diversity studies and a study on the unique geological formations on the reserve.



FRIENDS OF EZEMVELO

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