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Sanparks Amends Availability Of Pensioners' Discount And Booking Deposits pensioners' Discount

South African National Parks (SANParks), the country's premier conservation agency and top tourism destination, is delighted to announce that the 40% discount on normal tariffs it grants to senior citizens aged 60 or older is now applicable to the following parks:

Golden Gate Highlands National Park:	All camping and accommodation
Mountain Zebra National Park:	All camping and family cottages (Doornhoek excluded)
Augrabies Falls National Park:	All camping and bungalows
Karoo National Park:	All camping and bungalows
Vaalbos National Park:	All accommodation
Tsitsikamma National Park	
* Storms River Mouth:	Camping and <u>certain</u> one-bedroom cottages
* De Vasselot Restcamp:	Camping and forest huts
Wilderness National Park:	Camping and forest huts <u>without bathroom</u>
Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park:	Camping only
Bontebok National Park:	Camping only
Addo National Park:	Camping only
Kruger National Park:	All camping, two, three and four bed bungalows (with shower and toilet), four, five and six bed units at Bushveld camps and Mopani.

The policy on senior citizens discount is subject to the following terms and conditions which may change without prior notice: (The policy is available on the internet at www.parks-sa.co.za)

1. On arrival at a park, proof of identification or proof of pension category must be given. No claims resulting from failure to produce the necessary documentation will be paid out at a later stage. No discount is offered on admission to a park. (Social pensioners are those receiving old age, family and disability allowances as well as blind persons.)
2. Married couples are entitled to one unit per visit. The discount will apply to the unit tariff. In the case of additional persons, the full bed tariff will be applicable if that person does not qualify for the concession.
3. The discount in respect of camping, applies to the basic tariff as well as the per person tariff for those who qualify.

4. Meals are not subject to this concession.

5. Any group of senior citizens must apply to the Director: Commercial Development & Tourism, PO Box 787, Pretoria, 0001, beforehand in order to qualify for the 40% concession. Failure to do so will render the full amount payable.

6. Concessions are granted in the **Kruger National Park** during the following dates (inclusive)

- 15 January to 19 March
- 03 May to 14 June
- 20 August to 20 September
- 10 October to 1 December

Concessions in the Kruger National Park are not granted on Friday and Saturday nights and any long weekend. If a public holiday falls on a Thursday/Friday/Monday or Tuesday it will be recognised as a long weekend and not qualify for discount. This will also include the Sunday of that particular weekend.

7. Concessions are granted in **all other parks** during the following dates (inclusive):

- 15 January to 19 March
- 03 May to 14 June
- 20 August to 20 September
- 10 October to 1 December

In all of the other parks concessions are not granted during any provincial school holiday or any long weekend. If a public holiday falls on a Thursday/Friday/Monday or Tuesday it will be recognized as a long weekend and not qualify for discount. This will also include the Sunday of that particular weekend.

DEPOSITS FOR BOOKINGS

The policy on booking cancellation or modifications has also been amended. While the old policy imposed a R50,00 fee for making amendments or cancelling an existing booking, the new policy approved by the Board of Trustees allows for a non-refundable R5,00 Transaction Fee to be levied on all bookings and any amendments or cancellations thereof. The new policy takes effect immediately.

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