

Crocodile Bridge Camp, Kruger National Park

Access for Guests with Mobility challenges

Crocodile Bridge Rest Camp and Entrance Gate is in on the northern bank of the Crocodile River on the park's southern boundary. It can be accessed from the N4 via the town of Komatipoort or from the park's interior from the direction of Lower Sabie (tar) or Malelane (gravel). The area around the camp offers excellent game viewing and hence the camp is very popular. The area is particularly good for cheetah, hyena, lion, rhino, giraffe, warthog, wildebeest and zebra.



With its situation on a completely flat piece of ground, Crocodile Bridge can lay claim to being among the most accessible of all the camps in the park. With its small size (only 28 units and 18 camping berths) it also has the highest percentage of adapted accessible units in the park. The camp also serves as an entrance gate and although the toilets at the reception are not equipped with accessible facilities, there is an accessible ablution facility a few metres away in the campsite. There is no allocated wheelchair parking at the reception, but there is usually sufficient space on hand. There is a pathway and ramped access into the reception.



ACCOMMODATION: Two of the camp's bungalows (17 & 18) are equipped with access ramps and roll-in-showers and contain 3 single beds. Parking at the units is very suitable offering a wide, firm and flat area to do so. The units' braai (barbecue) facilities have been paved to accommodate use by wheelchair users.





The units' kitchenettes do have ample clearance underneath the hotplates for cooking, but there is a cupboard underneath the sink which will mean a wheelchair user must park sideways to use this facility. The cupboard above the sink is also out of reach. The dining table on the unit's veranda has good clearance to accommodate wheelchair users.

The units' **ablutions** are fairly well provided. The toilets have grab rails in the appropriate place and the basins (equipped with lever taps) can be reached from the toilets. The roll-in-showers have fold-down seats and detachable shower sets on a height adjustable sliding poles. The one flaw is that the bungalow have round outer walls, and the showers and the shower seats are further apart than is ideal - meaning it is difficult to reach the shower if one wishes to detach the shower from its bracket, if like many mobility impaired people one is limited to the shower seat. Ideally the shower's poles should be remounted on the adjacent walls and not the opposite walls.



The camp also has one of its **safari tents** (# 2) equipped with a ramp to accommodate guests in wheelchairs. These tents only have 2 beds inside, so there is ample space to accommodate a wheelchair. The safari tents make use of a communal ablution block that also services the campsite. There is a separate unisex accessible ablution that is equipped with an access ramp, roll-in-shower, toilet with grab rails and basin with lever taps. This ablution facility is about 20 metres from the accessible safari tent.



Accessible Activities and facilities close to Crocodile Bridge: While most people elect to self drive, like all camps in Kruger, guests can go on park-run guided game drives, but at present their vehicles have no accessible enhancements. Nthandanyathi Hide is 21 km from camp and is well designed for wheelchair users. For other accessible tea-rooms, picnic sites, hides and attractions view the profiles of nearby camps like Lower Sabie, Berg-en-Dal and Skukuza.