

# IMPORTANT NOTES FOR VISITORS

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### GETTING THERE & VEHICLES

1. Buffelskloof is situated in the countryside in an area of extensive forestry. Access roads from all directions are gravel/dirt, and are often rocky and/or rutted or very muddy when wet.
2. It is strongly advised that visitors arrive in a high-clearance SUV or bakkie (pick-up), or a 4x4 vehicle.
3. Travel times to Buffelskloof (in the appropriate vehicle, without stops) are from:
  - Lydenburg : 45-50 minutes
  - Nelspruit : 80-100 minutes
  - Johannesburg (OR Tambo airport) : 4-4½ hours

### FOOD & CATERING

1. The accommodation at Buffelskloof Nature Reserve is all self-catering. Please note there is no restaurant available.
2. The nearest supermarkets and restaurants are in Lydenburg/Mashishing, 30 km and 45-50 minutes from Buffelskloof. The road to Lydenburg is a bad gravel road.
3. Visitors arriving from OR Tambo Airport can purchase groceries from supermarkets at the Highveld Mall just east of Witbank/Emalahleni just off the N4 at 25° 53.283'S, 29° 16.180'E.
4. All the tap water at Buffelskloof comes from a spring or a mountain stream.

### ARRIVAL

1. DO NOT arrive after dark. Frequent mists make visibility very difficult at night, increasing the probability of getting lost.
2. The Buffelskloof gates are locked.
3. The **code for the automated gate will be provided to you upon booking.**

### INDEMNITY

1. All visitors are required to complete and sign an indemnity form upon arrival and before venturing into the Reserve.

### CLIMATE

The Research Station is situated at 1 790 m and receives an average annual rainfall of 1 300 mm and it is therefore mostly mild in the summer and cool with frequent frosts at night in winter. Even at the height of summer, cool wet periods will require both warm and waterproof clothing.

### MALARIA

Buffelskloof is a malaria-free area, although you may be encounter a few annoying non-malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

### WI-FI & Phone

Wi-fi is available at the Research Centre although it may be erratic. Cellphone reception is generally available.