



## INKULULEKO WILD BUSHCAMP RULES & REGULATIONS

Inkululeko Bush Camp is a 'wild camping experience', i.e. it is situated in an unfenced and off-grid Big Five Private Game Reserve. Your enjoyment and well-being as a visitor to the Inkululeko Wild Bushcamp on the Mkuze Valley Wilderness Reserve is of utmost importance to our directors, shareholders and staff. Please familiarise yourself and your accompanying family/dependents/guests with these Rules and Regulations.

You are required to sign the Mkuze Valley Wilderness Indemnity on your arrival. By signing the Indemnity, you will be deemed to have read and understood all these rules and regulations. No-one will be allowed on game drives, or to remain in the Reserve unless the indemnities have been signed.

### GENERAL

1. Please always follow the instructions and requests of the Lodge Manager and the Reserve Manager. *(Your safety and comfort are our priority)* All campers will be given a brief orientation upon arrival to inform them of any potential hazards and to provide tips for staying safe while camping in this environment.
2. The Inkululeko Wild Bushcamp is situated in a high-density wildlife zone. Be constantly aware of the possibility of encountering a dangerous animal, especially at night. Lion, Leopard, Hyena, Rhino Hippos, Elephant and Buffalo inhabit the riverine environment and can come within close proximity of the Inkululeko Wild Bushcamp. This area is unfenced from the free roaming wildlife. All children are to be accompanied and supervised at all times by their adult or lawful guardian when staying in the Inkululeko Bushcamp.
3. Campers should stay within the designated camping area and not venture into areas where dangerous animals may be present
4. Food and trash should be stored in designated areas, such as lockable containers in the kitchen or vehicles, to avoid attracting animals to the campsite. Do not leave any food and drinks unattended where they might be accessible to wildlife. Keep the dustbin locked at all times after use.
5. The feeding of birds and animals is strictly prohibited in terms of the Mkuze Valley Wilderness Reserve Rules.
6. Campers should use a headlamp/flashlight when moving around the campsite at night for visibility and safety, to prevent injury from tripping and falling, as well as to avoid startling animals
7. Campers should stay inside their tents/caravans after dark, and once everyone has gone to bed, as dangerous animals may be more active during the night
8. Campers should not approach or disturb wildlife, as this can lead to dangerous encounters
9. Campers should keep a safe distance from animals and avoid getting too close to them, especially if they have young or if they appear agitated
10. Do not walk with bare feet, particularly at night, anywhere around Inkululeko Wild Bushcamp. It is advisable to wear closed shoes after dark and make use of a hands-free headlamp *(Venomous Scorpions, Spiders, Centipedes and Snakes may be encountered. The most dangerous snakes in the precinct of the Inkululeko Wild Bushcamp include Black Mamba, Mozambique Spitting Cobra, Boomslang and Puff Adder)*
11. Keep your accommodation closed when sleeping, or when not inside, in order to prevent wild animal entry.
12. In consideration for the neighbours and the wildlife, reduce noise levels after 22h00.
13. **Check In** is from 1pm to 5pm : **Check Out** is until 10 am
14. **Early morning Game drive, (05h30-Summer; 06h30-Winter)** *the earlier we get out, the better your chance of seeing something really great.* Break for tea/coffee and rusks deep in the African bushveld, then back to the campsite.
15. **Afternoon Game drive, (16h00-Summer; 15h00-Winter)** with a sundowner at one of our amazing viewpoints. Talk to your Guide, we will always try to cater to your needs

16. If **Smoking** at the Inkululeko Wild Bushcamp please ensure your cigarettes, etc are properly extinguished. Please don't leave cigarette butts in the bushveld. (*While cigarette filters can take up to 10years to completely degrade, the chemicals they release can remain in the environment for many more years beyond the life of the butt itself. Should wildlife consume cigarette butts it may result in illness or death*). Mkuze Valley Wilderness Reserve is pristine and beautiful, please bin your butts.
17. **Water conservation** – Please keep your water usage within reason and please ensure that taps are properly turned off.
18. **Fires** – Exercise extreme caution when making a fire in the fire pit. Large bonfires are not allowed. Make sure you know where the nearest water source is located. (Open boma fires are hazardous. It just requires one spark to ignite a blaze). Do not leave open fires unattended. Please use the braai for cooking. Extinguish all open fires in the fire pit and coals in the braai, prior to going to bed.
19. **Firewood** - One large stack of complimentary bushveld firewood will be provided on arrival. Extra wood is available for purchase from the Lodge. Please note there is no collection of firewood from the surrounding area due to the impact this would have on the environment and your safety.

#### **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:**

Encountering a potentially dangerous animal during the day or night can be a scary experience, but it's important to stay calm and know what to do to stay safe. Here are some guidelines on what to do when confronted with a potentially dangerous animal:

##### **During the Day:**

1. If you encounter a potentially dangerous animal during the day, please follow these instructions;  
STOP, DO NOT RUN, STAY CALM AND ASSESS THE SITUATION
2. Avoid making direct eye contact with the animal, as this can be perceived as a threat.
3. Slowly back away to the area you just came from, while maintaining a visual of the animal.
4. Inform the other campers to be aware of the potentially dangerous animal in the campsite.
5. If the animal charges you, hold your ground and shout loudly at the animal.
6. Wait for the animal to move away from the campsite before continuing with what you were doing.

##### **During the Night:**

1. If you encounter a potentially dangerous animal during the night, please follow these instructions;  
STOP, DO NOT RUN, STAY CALM AND ASSESS THE SITUATION
2. Shine your headlamp/flashlight on the animal.
3. Slowly back away to the area you just came from, while maintaining a visual of the animal.
4. Inform the other campers to be aware of the potentially dangerous animal in the campsite.
5. If the animal charges you, hold your ground and shout loudly at the animal.
6. Wait for the animal to move away from the campsite before continuing what you were doing.
7. Should you need to scare the animal away from the campsite, use the whistle or air horn to make noise.
8. If you are in a tent/caravan or vehicle, stay inside and do not get out. Shine your headlamp/flashlight on the animal.
9. If the animal does not move away, wait for daylight to assess the situation and call for help if necessary.

In both situations, it's important to know the behaviour and habits of the animals in the area and to follow any guidelines or instructions provided by Managers and Guides.

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

LODGE MANAGER:	BRETT DREW	+27 60 858 8383
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Do not hesitate to contact the Manager in an emergency; he is available 24/7

DO NOT panic. THINK LOGICALLY

IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AT THE INKULULEKO WILD BUSHCAMP.

RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCED UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (Act No.57 of 2003, revised 2004) AND TRANSGRESSIONS CAN RESULT IN A FINE. See our [PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE](#).

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve on our service, please be free to inform us. We wish you a pleasant stay!

