Home of the Pilanesberg Game Reserve

Interactive Map of the Pilanesberg Game Reserve and the Sun City Resort Complex,

North West Province, South Africa

Use our Clickable Search Maps to locate Pilanesberg
Bush Lodges & Accommodation in Pilanesberg and at the

Sun
City Resort Hotels.

Move your cursor over the name of the property to view an image and the
* rating of the property.

Click on the lodge names to view the property’s
website.

{mosaddphp:pilanesbergmap.html}

Map of the Pilanesberg Game Reserve, South Africa

Pilanesberg National Park - in an ancient volcanic crater

"The Volcano that gave birth to a game reserve"

The crater of a long extinct volcano is the setting of Pilanesberg National Park - a fascinating alkaline complex produced by volcanic eruptions some 1300 million years ago. Pilanesberg is one of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world. Its rare rock types and structure make it a unique geological feature.

The area is fringed by three concentric ridges or rings of hills - the formation rises from the surrounding plains like a bubble. The structure of the park is termed the "Pilanesberg National Park Alkaline Ring Complex".

Ancient,

even by geological time scales, this extinct volcano is the most perfect example of an alkaline ring complex. A number of rare (but not necessarily economically important) minerals occur in the park. Pilanesberg National Park rates high amongst the world's outstanding geological phenomena.

Pilanesberg has survived
ages of erosion and stands high above the surrounding bushveld plains. The early presence of man can be seen in the numerous Stone and Iron Age sites that are scattered throughout the park.

The park exists within the transition
zone between the dry Kalahari and wetter Lowveld vegetation, commonly referred to as "Bushveld". Unlike any
other large park, unique overlaps of mammals, birds and vegetation occur because of this transition zone.

Springbok, brown hyena, the red eyed bulbul, and camel
thorn trees usually found in arid areas are found cohabitation with moist-area-limited impala, black eyed bulbul and Cape chestnut trees.

The colourful hues, varied
habitats and panoramas will delight and entertain photographers and visitors.

The
very topography makes the area a feast for the eye. Here are syenite koppies, thickly forested ravines, typical bushveld and also rolling grasslands and lightly wooded areas.

Off the centre of the park is Thabayadiotso, "the
Proud Mountain".
The Park ranks among the largest of the national parks in South Africa (it is in fact the fourth largest park) and covers an area of 55 000 hectare.

The
beauty of Pilanesberg is reflected in a large central lake, the Mankwe Dam.

Over time, wind and water have carved a spectacular landscape with rocky outcrops, open grasslands, wooded valleys and thickets.

The creation of the Pilanesberg
National Park is considered one of the most ambitious programmes of its kind to be undertaken anywhere in the world. The Operation Genesis, which involved the game-fencing of the reserve and the reintroduction of long-vanished species, began during the late 70's.

Today, Pilanesberg National Park accommodates virtually every mammal of southern Africa. Also home to the Big Five.

PILANESBERG TARIFFS - as of 1 February 2009

Adults - R45.00 pp

Juveniles - R20.00 pp

Pensioners - R20.00 pp

Plus

Vehicles to 16 seats: R20

Bus 17-25 seats: R60.00

Bus 26-50 seats: R80.00

Bus 50+ seats: R170.00

GATE TIMES

March & April

06h00 - 18h30

May - September

06h30 - 18h00

September & October

06h00 - 18h30

November - February

05h30 - 19h00