

NATIONAL PARK · SOUTH AFRICA · EASTERN CAPE

Addo Elephant

at a glance

Founded in 1931 for the last eleven elephants, home to more than 600 today – and a park you drive through in your own car, a little over an hour from the airport.

1931

FOUNDED

11

ELEPHANTS IN 1931

114

CULLED 1919–1920

1954

ARMSTRONG FENCE
2,270 ha

BEFORE YOU GO



South Africa's third-largest park

SANParks calls Addo the third-largest national park in the country today.



Founded for eleven elephants

The park was proclaimed in 1931 to protect the eleven remaining Addo elephants; in 1919 and 1920 a hunter acting for the government had ...



Gqeberha airport, 75 kilometres

According to SANParks, the nearest airport is in Gqeberha, 75 kilometres (47 mi) from the park, with car hire companies; international ...



The game area has its own gates

The gates to the game area open and close according to the season; reception at Addo or Matyholweni gives the current times.



Stay in your car

In the game area you stay in your vehicle. You may only get out at the designated lookout points, at your own risk.



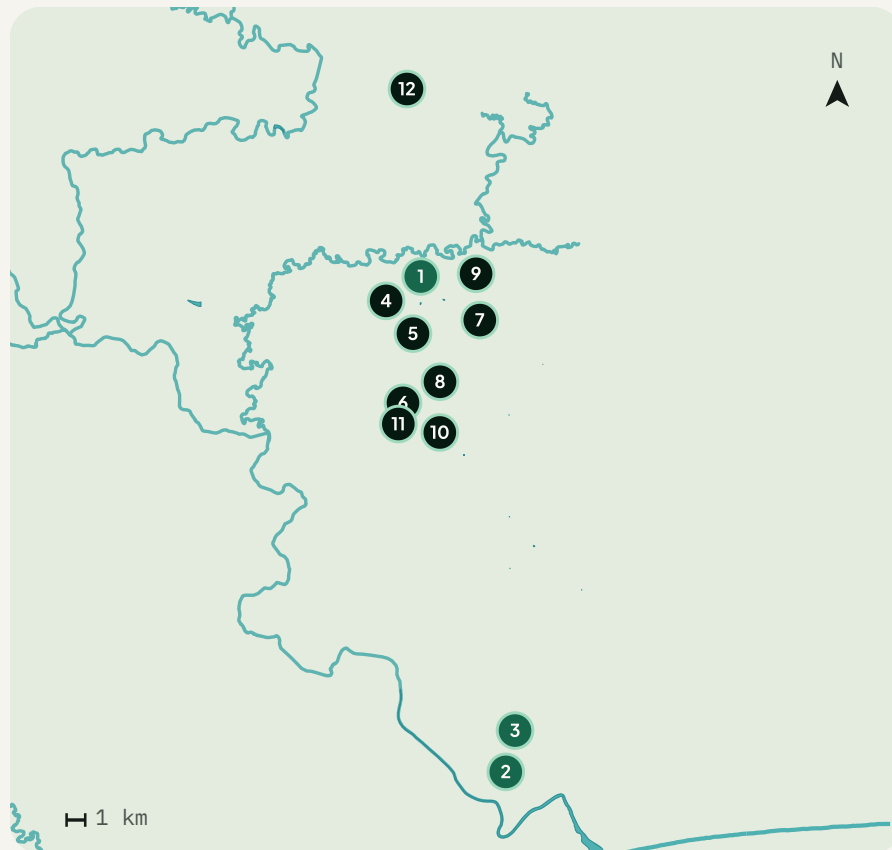
Speed limit 40

The speed limit is 40 km/h; SANParks recommends 20 to 30 km/h to see wildlife. After the gates close you may not drive in the game area.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date: nationalparksatlas.com/en/south-africa/addo-elephant



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| 1 Game area gate | 7 Zuurkop |
| 2 Matyholweni Gate | 8 Kadouw |
| 3 Matyholweni Rest Camp | 9 Domkrag Dam |
| 4 Addo Main Camp | 10 Jack's Picnic Site |
| 5 Main Camp waterhole | 11 Spekboom Tented Camp |
| 6 Hapoor Dam | 12 Zuurberg Office |

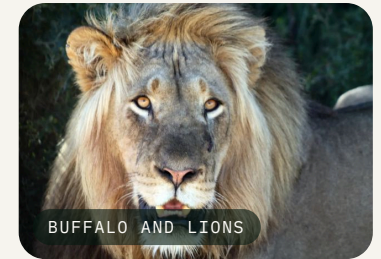
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MAIN CAMP



THE ELEPHANTS



BUFFALO AND LIONS

THINGS TO DO

Hop-on guide in your own car

Trained guides from the neighbouring communities join you in your own car for two hours: since 1 March 2026 ...

Alexandria Hiking Trail

A 36-kilometre (22 mi) circular trail over two days through coastal forest, dunes and beach in the Woody Cape ...

More than 600 elephants

According to SANParks, Addo offers some of the best elephant viewing in the world.

"Big 7" with the sea

SANParks speaks of the "Big 7": off the coast, the great white shark and southern right whale join the big ...

[More on the park page](#)

Hiking in the Zuurberg

The Cycad Trail is 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) long (about one hour), the Doringnek Trail 8 kilometres (5 mi) ...

Bedrogfontein 4x4 Trail

45 kilometres (28 mi) from Kabouga to Darlington, only with four-wheel drive and low range, one way only ...

Buffalo, lions, hyenas

More than 400 Cape buffalo, one of the largest disease-free herds in South Africa.

Islands in Algoa Bay

Cape gannets and African penguins breed on the park's coastal islands; at the mouth of the Sundays River ...

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DAY • 9 HOURS
**Addo Elephant Park: full-
day safari with pick-up in
Gqeberha**
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Addo: half-day guided safari from Addo village
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