INTRODUCTION
Ndumo Game Reserve is situated in Maputaland near Tembe Elephant Park on the Mozambique border. The Usuthu River forms its northern boundary and the Pongola River flows through the reserve to its confluence with the Usuthu River. The reserve is 10 117 ha in extent.

Ndumo is perhaps best known for its magnificent bird life with the highest bird count in South Africa, some 430 species.

Ndumo has many beautiful pans set about with yellow fever trees and extensive wetlands and reedbeds as well as acacia savannah and sand forest.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL
On arrival all visitors, whether day or overnighting, must check in to the reception office where an entrance fee is levied. Reception office hours are 08:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 16:00 daily. Visitors taking up reservations must check in at the reception office by 15:30 on the day of arrival.

Due to the distance involved, visitors wishing to stay overnight in the reserve are advised to obtain confirmed reservations for accommodation, as the nearest hotel is at Mkuze 110 km away.

ACCOMMODATION - RESORT
The resort consists of seven 2-bedded squaredavels, each equipped with a hand basin with hot and cold water and a refrigerator. Bedding, cutlery and crockery are provided. The resort is served by a communal kitchen and ablution block with hot and cold water. The resort is equipped with Eskom electricity. Meals are prepared in communal kitchens by experienced cooks.

Check in time for the rest huts is 14:00 on the day of arrival and check out time 10:00 on the day of departure.

ACCOMMODATION - CAMPSITE
There is a campsite comprising 14 shaded campsites, each equipped with electric power points and barbeque stands. The campsite caters for both caravans and tents and is situated in a beautiful setting under the trees near the resort. Cold water is available from three taps distributed within the campsite. Campers can make use of communal ablutions used by guests in hutted accommodation.

WHAT TO BRING
Visitor must provide their own food and beverages. Beers, wine, ice cream and cold drinks are on sale in the curio shop. No provisions of any kind can be purchased in the reserve, but basic foods, petrol and oil are obtainable from a store 2 km from the entrance to the game reserve. Hats and torches are also advisable.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES
Whilst the reserve is best known for its magnificent bird life, game viewing can be most rewarding. Species such as hippo, crocodile, nyala, bushbuck, impala, grey duiker, red duiker, black and white rhino, giraffe and suni can be seen. If you are lucky, you may also see buffalo. These are confined mainly to the swampy flood plain areas.

The bird life in the reserve is prolific and many tropical East African forms are found here at the southern limit of their range. There is also a wealth of aquatic bird life on the many pans within the reserve. Noteworthy examples of the birds to be seen here are black egret, pygmy geese, white-faced ducks, crested guineafowl, jacanas and peli's fishing owls. Fish eagles are ubiquitous and their call accompanies visitors on their game and bird viewing drives. The large population of crocodiles is a particular feature of this reserve and the area is one of unusual interest to entomologists.

Visitors may drive through certain areas of the reserve in their own vehicles, or participate in landrover tours to interesting areas in the company of a tour guide. Depending on the demand, morning and afternoon tours are conducted. Arrangements can be made at the reception office.

For the more energetic, day walks in the reserve may be taken in the company of a guide and here too, arrangements to participate in these walks should be made at the reception office the day before the intended walk.

GENERAL
• Ndumo falls within the endemic malaria area and visitors are urged to take the necessary precautions.

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