ACCOMMODATION

Chalets. There are 10 semi detached chalets that can accommodate 2 to 4 people per chalet. They are self contained and have electricity, a kitchenette, ablutions, and single beds with linen. Situated near the reserve entrance, they make an ideal stopover site. The Zebra are regular visitors to your verandahs.

Cottages. Situated 5km on a dirt road from the office, they over-look the spectacular Umgeni Valley. They have no electricity, but have gas appliances and solar lighting. They are an ideal getaway with convenient access to walking trails.

There are three cottages:

• **Mhlangeni Cottage** - is a secluded 2 room cottage with 4 single beds, nestled between two streams. It looks across the escarpment onto the Dwarf’s Dawdle trail where Zebra and Blesbuck are common. There are two separate bedrooms with a bathroom and toilet and kitchenette. A braai area is available.

• **Hepburn Cottage** - is a family cottage with large living room and fireplace. It has three bedrooms, sleeping 6 people in total. A shower, toilet and kitchenette are provided. The cottage is perched on the edge of the cliff line looking east over the Umgeni River towards Albert Falls Dam. In the summer, the sunrise is a sight to see, and in the winter the fireplace is most welcome. A braai area is available.

• **Anniversary Cottage** - is a small comfortable double bed cottage situated close to the Hepburn Cottage. This cottage boasts a wonderful view.

Its proximity to Hepburn Cottage allows larger family groups to flow over into Anniversary Cottage, whilst retaining its privacy.

All cottages are provided with:

* Gas stove
* Gas fridge with small freezer compartment
* Solar lighting - candles for dull days
* Crockery and cutlery
* Linen and towels
* Outside braai area - own firewood required.

Cottages are not serviced during one’s stay. Cottages must be vacated by 10 am on the last day and are available from 2 pm on the day of arrival.

In addition to the Chalets and the Cottages above, Umgeni Valley can offer guests two self-catering units, namely:

**The Baumann Cottage** - a double bed thatch cottage situated fairly close to the Main Office.

**The Garden Cottage** - a two bedroom family unit situated adjacent to the Chalets and Goldfields Centre. The main bedroom has a double bed and the second bedroom has two single beds. Excited visiting school children and Zebra are often close-by.
**GOLDFIELDS CENTRE** is an affordable education/conference facility near the office with dormitory accommodation sleeping 56 people. It is essential to bring your own sleeping bags/blankets. There is a dining room where wholesome meals are provided and are good value for money. A hall and small meeting room are also available.

The Chalets are close to the Education Centre and are suitable for occupation by teachers and facilitators.

**THE BUSH CAMPS** are suitable for:
- a) Large groups of school children
- b) Church groups and
- c) Families

There is a large camp housing 60 people (Indulo) and a smaller camp for 30 people (Cycad).

There is no vehicular access to either of the camps; parking is provided at the top of the hill. Enjoy the steep downhill walk to the camps with all your camping equipment and food.

All camps have wooden bungalows raised off the ground, with no doors or windows. Hiking mattresses, a gas stove, showers and flushing toilets are provided.

**Indulo Camp** is nestled on the side of the valley slope at the end of a steep road. The position of its bungalows lends itself to being used by two separate family groups without any imposition. Dombeya trees dot the wooded slopes above the camp. Sunrise Rock which is situated below the camp, is an ideal spot from which to greet the mornings. This camp is centrally placed allowing easy access to five trails.

**Cycad Camp** is a small camp sleeping a maximum of 30 people. It has communal showers and toilets and a basic kitchen. A walk of about 3 km past Indulo Camp and eastwards toward the grasslands gets you to Cycad Camp where Antelope and Giraffe may be seen. Large boulders covered by sprawling Fig trees surround the camp, and numerous old Cycads can be found at the back of the buildings.

Visitors are required to bring the following:
- * sleeping bags and blankets
- * pots, pans and crockery
- * gas lamps candles and matches,
- * rubbish bags and toilet paper
- * collect hiking mattresses at the office

Back-packers accommodation consists of 4 single rooms in a Swiss-style cabin with communal kitchen and toilets in close proximity. Bedding and towels are provided.