



VISITOR INFORMATION

IONA NATIONAL PARK

Your **safety** and **enjoyment** in Iona National Park are very important to us. To ensure a **pleasant and fruitful visit**, it is essential that you adhere to the rules intended for your protection and enjoyment, as stated in paragraph 1 of art. 8 of Law 8/20 of April 16 - Law of Environmental Conservation Areas, hereinafter LACA, combined with art. 3 paragraph d) of Presidential Decree No. 257/18 of November 13 - Organic Statute of the Service for the Management of the Iona National Park, hereinafter EOSGPNI

- Entry permits are required by all visitors, in accordance with art. 41st al. g) LACA.
 - Entrance fees are due before entering the Park, in the terms of art. 9th nr. 2 al. e) EOSGPNI.
 - Visitors enter the park at their own risk.
 - The Park is an area affected by malaria. We advise all visitors to follow their doctor's instructions.
 - Driving between sunset and sunrise is strictly prohibited, without prior authorization from the park management. Opening and closing times of the access gates reflect the travelling time to the nearest locations where overnighting is permitted.
 - Entries and exits are only allowed via the manned control posts at Ponta Albina, Salondjamba and Pediva. Access from the east across Erola and Monte Negro is allowed, but permits and relevant fees must be handled at the Park's facilities in Espinheira.
 - Transit will only be allowed as follows:
 - Pta Albina: Entry 06:00 – 17:00; Exit 07:00 – 18:00.
 - Salondjamba: Entry 06:00 – 17:00; Exit 09:00 – 18:00.
 - Pediva: Entry 06.00hrs – 15:30; Exit 09:00 – 18:00.
 - Camping is only allowed at four designated sites in the communal zones of the Park at:

◦ Etamba:	16.6851°S	12.8416°E
◦ Mukutu:	16.8230°S	12.5614°E
◦ Cambeno:	16.9755°S	12.5850°E
◦ Tchinhungua:	17.2130°S	12.4352°E
- And also, eight additional sites located as follows:
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| ◦ Ponta Albina: | 15.8902°S | 11.7320°E |
| ◦ Vanessa: | 15.9529°S | 11.7685°E (within 500m of the shipwreck) |
| ◦ Oasis: | 16.2725°S | 11.8178°E |
| ◦ The Pole: | 16.2629°S | 11.8083°E (no fishing is allowed South of this point) |
| ◦ Foz do Cunene: | 17.2690°S | 11.7957°E |
| ◦ Cunene: | 17.1607°S | 12.0191°E |
| ◦ Lion's Cave: | 16.8169°S | 12.3406°E |
| ◦ Garota Nova: | 17.1505°S | 12.7297°E |

- Epupa – anywhere along the Cunene River bank east of 16.9966°S 13.2482°E
- Visitors should ensure that they arrive at the entry points with ample time for onward travel to where they intend to camp.
- Note there are no supporting facilities at any of these locations.
- Fishing is only permitted along the ocean beach area to the North of “The Pole “situated at 16.2629°S 11.8083°E by those in possession of a valid recreational permit issued by MINPESCMAR. Only those in possession of valid fishing permits may carry fishing equipment into the park.
- Only suitably equipped 4 x 4 vehicles with experienced drivers should enter the Park. Ensure your vehicle is in excellent all-round condition and equipped to endure all eventualities prior to your venue. Visits to the Park with only one vehicle are not recommended.
- Speed limit of 50km/h to be strictly adhered to at all times.
- Please use the main roads only.
- Without prejudice to the provisions of art. 41st of the LACA, the following activities and objects are prohibited inside the Park:
 - Unauthorized motorcycles, quad bikes or any other type of all-terrain vehicles;
 - Vehicles with GVM exceeding 4 tons and/or 20 passenger seats;
 - Transporting people on the back of an open vehicle;
 - Off road driving of any sort, including to get closer to animals;
 - Removing or collecting flowers, plants, rocks, wood, fauna, reptiles, birds, eggs, insects, fish, skeletal remains or any another natural item;
 - Swimming in the Cunene River (due to the presence of crocodiles);
 - Bringing or carrying firearms, air guns, catapults, bows and arrows, fireworks or any kind of explosive devices;
 - Interacting with and/or feeding the animals;
 - Bringing pets or any domestic or exotic animal into the Park, art. 40th al. b) LACA;
 - Camping and starting fires outside of designated areas;
 - Hunting;
 - Film/video recording for commercial purposes without prior authorization from park management;
 - Walking more than 100 meters away from their vehicles or accommodation/camp sites without an authorized guide;
 - Attempting to cross rivers that are in flood;
 - Use of private generators.
- In addition to the main roads along which visitors are permitted to travel, there are secondary roads and paths that are for the use of Park staff only. Unauthorized use of any of these roads is strictly prohibited and may result in prosecution, arrest and/or impoundment of the vehicle, art. 41st al. g) LACA.
- There are no vehicle repair or fuel facilities within the Park. Any assistance rendered to a visitor/s by the Park authorities will be for the account of the visitor.

- Ensure you have adequate fuel, water, and food to sustain you and your passengers for the duration of your stay.
- There is no fuel or drinking water for sale inside the Park.
- There is no cell phone signal in the Park.
- Visitors moving around on foot do so at their own risk. The Park contains snakes, scorpions, crocodiles and other potentially dangerous animals, and has a very harsh climate.
- Do not disturb animals or their environments, they are wild animals and have unpredictable reactions, please keep your distance.
- Swimming in the ocean is not advised and is done so totally at your own risk.
- Please maintain a high degree of respect for the local population, respect for their cultures and traditional way of life. Permission should be sought from the locals before taking pictures of them, their livestock, homes and possessions.
- Visitors are requested to cooperate with any inspections of themselves, vehicles and campsites, before, during and upon departure, if requested by a Park official, under penalty of being denied access to the Park and/or triggering the necessary legal mechanisms.
- Visitors acting in contravention of the Park's rules and regulations will be held responsible under current law art. 42nd nrs 1 and 2 of the LACA, and escorted to the appropriate authorities.
- All visitors assume full responsibility and liability for their conduct and safety while in the Park. They expressly waive and renounce any claims against the Angolan Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Environment, African Parks and/or the Park Administration with respect to any loss, damage or injury whatsoever sustained while within the Park.
- Failure to comply with any of the above constitutes an offence, according to art. 41st of LACA.
- Iona National Park/African Parks reserve the right to alter any of the above at their discretion without prior notice.

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