

Table Mountain National Park Seasonal Advisory around Mountain Safety 2018-12-10

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR WILDERNESS SEARCH AND RESCUE IS +27 (21) 937-0300 and not as in the brochure. Currently +27 (21) 948-9900 is being the-routed

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Cape Town will always be an iconic city to visit due to its unique location and the fact that the city is enveloped by amazing landscape.

The reality is that the crime figures in The City of Cape Town have increased over the last few years, and certain locations in the park are seeing crime seep into the park from the urban edge.

The park is largely an open access park, in that it has no boundary fence and hence it makes it a very difficult landscape to patrol and police.

In recent months Table Mountain National Park has successfully partnered with community policing forums in monitoring of the boundary between the city and the park.

We have also engaged in a number of joint initiatives with The South African Police Services and Metro Police in a variety of locations. Our staff patrol the mountain daily and we try to cover as much ground as we possibly can with the resources we have.

The park actively encourages all visitors to please ensure they walk in groups and to take steps to mitigate the risks like leaving their valuables at home.

There are indeed locations where we have not seen any crime occur but that does not mean that safety in that location is guaranteed.

We appreciate that some visitors have walked for years on the mountain without incident and many people continue to do so however, we would be irresponsible, not to remind all visitors that this might not be the case in all locations.

Walking on the mountain is at one's own risk and we advise everyone to do so with caution following the steps laid out in our safety advisory. (see attached). Please also alert visitors to heed the high crime alert signage across the park. Please get all visitors to upload the following emergency numbers onto their phones

Table Mountain National Park Emergency Number 086 110 6417

Wilderness Search and Rescue Number 021 948 9900

Should you have visitors to the city unfamiliar with the mountain, we suggest you engage the services of a guide to ensure they have the best possible experience. For all local visitors we suggest they consider joining one of the many groups who hike daily across the mountain and who welcome new faces to their ranks.

As a reminder Lions Head will be closed for Maintenance from the 7th of January 2019 till the 15th of February 2019 and we ask that you prepare all visitors that they will need to choose an alternate site to view the city from. Signal Hill will remain open for the duration of the work being done on Lions Head. The link below lists for suggested alternate hiking routes for visitors to the park.