

Free entry into Garden Route National Park

Over 1, 500 people last year responded to the call to visit the Garden Route National Park (GRNP) for free. This year, SANParks invites all members of the public to visit various sections of the picturesque Garden Route National Park(GRNP) during SA National Parks Week from 8-12 September 2014.



The nine-year old campaign held every September encourages all members of the public, young and old to visit National Parks.

Activities of interest planned for this campaign will include an art and pictures exhibition in the Storms River Rest Camp. On 10 September, the business fraternity and all small, micro and medium businesses (SMMEs) are encouraged to attend a business workshop organised by the SANParks. This event starts at 10am.

Members of the public are invited to 'bring their picnic basket to the Park'. This day will be celebrated through music and dance by local artists and bands including the battle of popular local DJs. This event scheduled for Friday, 12 September 2014 will start at 5:30pm- until late, Storms River Rest camp, Tsitsikamma. Braai stands are available and rangers will be on stand- by to assist when necessary.

In the Knysna section, the public is invited to take a 30-minute stroll in the Garden of Eden guided by rangers between 9am and 2pm daily during the campaign week. Those interested in seahorses, can visit the SANParks Office on Thesen Island from Monday to Friday (from 10am until 12noon). Visitors can access the Forest Legends museum in Diepwalle, Knysna forest, for free from Monday-Wednesday between 11am - 2pm).

The focus in Wilderness is on the young at heart as they explore the Park's various activities such as canoeing through indigenous forests on the Touw River.

Free entry into the Park excludes costs for accommodation and activities.

For more, go to www.sanparks.org/parks/garden_route.