



29 December 2020

PROTECTED AREAS NOTICE IN TERMS OF "REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF NATURE RESERVES, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT 57 OF 2003" (GAZETTE NO. 35021; 2012):

Please be advised that, as the Management Authority for Zandvlei Nature Reserve and according to **R6(1)(d)** and **R20(2)(a)(iii)** of the Regulations for the Proper Administration of Nature Reserves (GNR 99 of 8 February 2012), we shall be **CLOSING ALL NON-GATED SECTIONS OF THE NATURE RESERVE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT** for all purposes, to all members of the public until further notice- subject to the exclusions cited below.

The **closure shall apply to both terrestrial and aquatic sections of Zandvlei Nature Reserve** except those sections referenced below. The purpose of this closure is as is to give effect to the National Disaster Management Act and the implementation of the "Adjusted Level 3" Regulations, which came into effect on 29/12/2020. These regulations state that:

"R84(9) All beaches, dams, lakes and rivers, inclusive of all recreational facilities at these places, are closed to the public."

and

"R36(12)(a) Game parks, botanical gardens, aquariums and zoos where access control measures and entry limitations are already in place will remain open to the public."

Unfortunately, this is not the case at most of the sections of Zandvlei Nature Reserve as we are largely an open access Reserve. Our gated sections: **Park Island and the Bird Sanctuary shall remain open to the public**, under the following conditions:

- Entry is limited to **100 people** at any given time
- Entrants will be required to **sanitise** their hands upon entry (this shall be provided)
- Entrants will be required to **wear a mask** at all times, unless performing 'vigorous' exercise- please note that the only exceptions granted here will be to runners and cyclists
- **Social distancing** is to be strictly adhered to at all times
- These sections will be **open between 09:00 and 16:00**. The regulations allow for closure up until 18:00, however the Reserve does not have the resources to man these sections after office hours
- **No organised gatherings** will be permitted

Unfortunately, **the Regulations do not allow for fishing activities** to take place (beaches are the only waterside area cited) and as such, these are prohibited until further notice. Please see the below regulation for reference.

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“R36(10)(b) The closure of beaches and restrictions on times of operation do not apply to fishermen for fishing purposes, who are in possession of a permit or exemption granted in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998).”

Please find a map overleaf, which identifies the extent of the Nature Reserve boundaries (indicated in green). Please do note that certain adjacent sections to the Reserve are Public Open Space (such as the Zandvlei Braai Area) and subject to the National Disaster Management Act Regulations, even if not directly referenced in this Notice.

Adherence to the above is mandatory for all citizens and has been promulgated in response to the surge in COVID19 infections currently being experienced in South Africa. The City of Cape Town has been determined as a ‘hotspot’. It is everyone’s responsibility to abide by the Regulations, in order to keep each other safe.

This Notice shall be in effect until further announcements from National Government regarding relaxations of National Disaster Management Act Regulations and confirmation by way of Protected Area Notice.

Kind regards,



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Figure 1: Map of Zandvlei Nature Reserve (Green)

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