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The Queen Elizabeth Nature Reserve



When visiting Pietermaritzburg one is exposed to variety of experiences within short distances. The Queen Elizabeth Park offers Wildlife and nature experiences within fifteen minutes drive from Pietermaritzburg CBD.

Situated in Hilton on the northern slopes of Pietermaritzburg, the Queen Elizabeth Nature Reserve is home to many beautiful species, including impala, blesbok, zebra, bushbuck, dassies, grey and blue duiker and crowned eagles.

Queen Elizabeth Park also serves as an excellent birding destination, and visitors can expect sightings of crowned eagle, African Emerald Cuckoo, Olive Woodpecker, both Tawny-flanked Prinia and Drakensberg Prinia, four species of canaries, an assortment of weavers, Common Waxbill and Zitting Cisticola to mention a few.

The park which serves as headquarters of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife also contains numerous indigenous and exotic plants. Several cycad species

and endangered daisies can also be found occurring naturally in the grasslands.

The reserve offers visitors picnic areas with braai and ablution facilities. Within the reserve you will find a small resource centre that offers regular environmental education workshops throughout the year.

A model 'environmentally friendly' bird garden and the popular iDube trail is a circular self-guided hiking trail found within the reserve which is available to visitors.

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