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Advisory on Access Roads to kruger National Park

Television viewers who watched SABC's news bulletins last night, Tuesday 18 April 2000, may have got the erroneous impression that the Kruger National Park is still closed and inaccessible to visitors because of the bad conditions of the roads that lead to it.

The South African National Parks (SANP) wishes to correct any such perception by pointing out to the public that Kruger Park has, in fact, bounced back from the flood damages and is fully operational. All the restcamps, except Shimuwini and Jakkalsbessie, are open and overnight accommodation for the forthcoming Easter weekend is already fully booked. Only day visitors can still be accommodated.

Roads leading to the Park are in good condition. However there are two roads that motorists should be cautioned about. They are R536, which leads to Paul Kruger Gate from Hazyview and R538, which leads to Numbi gate from White River. These roads have some rather challenging, but negotiable potholes here and there.

In the Park itself, a few of the gravel roads are still closed due to repair work but most of them are open and accessible.

Visitors should also be reminded that due to damage to the low-water bridge, the Crocodile Bridge Gate is still closed even though the restcamp itself is open.

The SANP wishes visitors a Happy Easter Holiday in a rejuvenated Kruger National Park and reminds them to take precautions against mosquito bites.

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