

Bush etiquette is simply common courtesy and consideration towards your fellow members, the surrounding environment & safety of animals and humans.

Driving and Sightings .

- Don't speed' you miss so much going fast through the bush, you will be amazed at what you see when you go slowly.
- When approaching another vehicle it is good etiquette and manners to slow down, so as not to cover the other vehicle in your dust/mud.
- Approaching any facility or vehicle parked along our roads should be done as quietly and unobtrusively as possible so as not to disturb any game or birds that are being viewed nearby.
- If another vehicle moves over to let you pass say thank you.
- If a sighting has been called, when you near the sighting, slow down!!!! It would also be common courtesy to call the person who called the sighting before you approach, to check on the desired approach procedure. I am sure you would not like to spoil the sighting by approaching from the wrong direction, or at the wrong speed and thus spoiling the sighting for all.
- It is polite to thank the person who called the sighting when leaving.
- Be aware of engine noise and do not leave the engine running unnecessarily.
- Be aware of your headlight beams and switch them off as soon as you have parked and do not shine your spotlights on other vehicles.

Animals

- Respect the animals comfort zone at all times, ensure that they have space, you will be pleasantly surprised as to how long you will be able to view the animal, as it then does not feel threatened. This especially applies to Elephant, and the various cats.

Hides and waterholes

- Should there be more than one or two vehicles at any of these facilities you should drive on.
- Whilst viewing game at any location, especially at dams and pans, one should not get out of one's vehicle at all, and one should remain as quiet as possible.

Radio procedure

- Please do not use the radios unnecessarily. It is also not desirable that people repeatedly call asking where the animals are. Considerate members usually call in sightings. Staff are also instructed to do so if they spot anything whilst doing their rounds.
- Please bear in mind that staff monitor the radios around the clock and that late night chit chat is intrusive and keeps them awake.

Cell phones

- We all know how irritating and obtrusive these phones can be.

Please keep them off and retrieve your messages from areas such as the airstrip or a lookout point, where good signals are received and if necessary return calls can be made without disturbing fellow members.

A note of concern on the safety side!

- It is extremely dangerous to allow young children to sit on the tracker seat or bull bars, as any sudden braking will send them flying off, right into a lion or elephant, or you may very well run them over yourself.
- It is as dangerous to allow young children to drive the family game viewer on any of the roads. (This is also an infringement of Reserve rules).