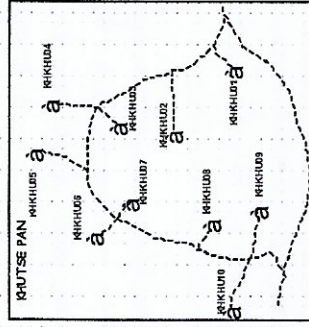


Khutse Game Reserve

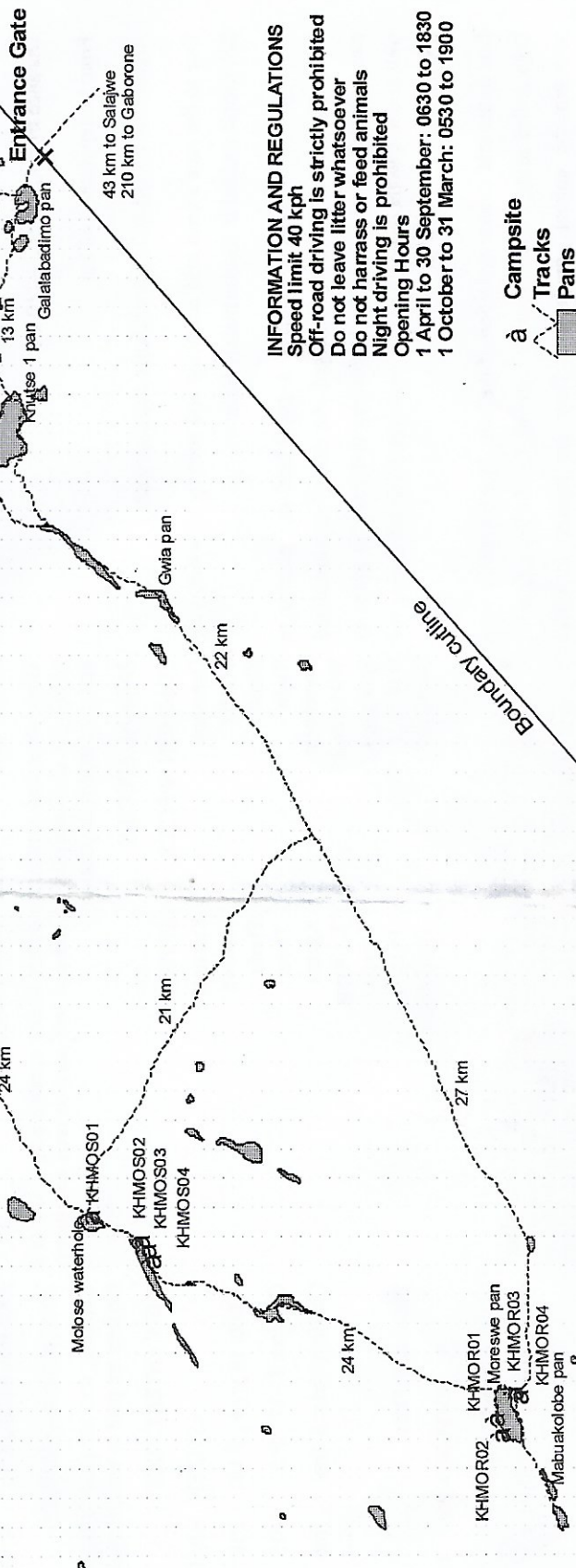
To Xade (approx. 220km) and Matsieng (approx. 420km through Xade)



87 km to Gope

Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Khutse Game Reserve



INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS
 Speed limit 40 kph
 Off-road driving is strictly prohibited
 Do not leave litter whatsoever
 Do not harass or feed animals
 Night driving is prohibited
 Opening Hours
 1 April to 30 September: 0630 to 1830
 1 October to 31 March: 0530 to 1900

a Campsite
 — Tracks
 Pans
 Game Reserve

INTRODUCTION

In 1961, 52 800km² was set aside at the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) making this the largest game reserve in the world. The reserve was established to protect fauna (wildlife) and avifauna (birds) unique to the Kalahari area, and also to provide land for the Basarwa to continue their hunter/gatherer lifestyle.

In 1971 the lower part of CKGR was cut to establish Khutse Game Reserve on Bakwena tribal land west of Kweneng district making it now the second largest reserve in the world after Yellow Stone in the United States of America.

Area : 2590km²

Distance from Gaborone—210 km

From Molepolole- 160 km

Adjacent to CKGR at 22 from Khutse entrance gate.

Due to the area's semi arid condition and scarcity of water, very few people resided in Khutse mainly Basarwa.

Wildlife was therefore considered a good land use alternative hence Khutse Game Reserve emerged. An extensive mineralized pan system is good habitat for herbivores that come to graze as well as drink water during the rainy season and lick salt during the dry season.

Due to the arid climate condition of the area, four boreholes have been drilled strategically to provide water during the dry season to maintain the animal populations. They are located at Galabadimo (1.3km), Khutse 1 13 km) Molose (56 km) and Moreswe (80km) pans respectively from the entrance gate.

The construction of fence along the boundary was to diminish human/wildlife conflicts in adjacent areas.

Checklist

Vegetation

Dominated by dry Kalahari bush savanna

TREES AND BUSHES

COMMON NAME	SETSWANA NAME
Kalahari apple leaf	Mkhatla
Silver terminalia	Mogonono
Shepherd tree	Moflopi
Black thorn	Mongana
Camel thorn	Mogotho
Sickle bush	Moselesele
Brandy bush	Moret'wa/Moisotsojane

These trees and shrubs are desert loving species adapted to arid conditions characterized by reduced leaf surface area and thorns that minimize transpiration.

ANIMAL SPECIES

COMMON SPECIES

COMMON SPECIES	SETSWANA
Gemsbok	Kukama
Giraffe	Thutlwa
Eland	Phofu
Kudu	Tholo
Hartebeest	Kgama
Wildebeest	Kgokong
Springbok	Tshepe
Duiker	Phuti
Steenbok	Phuduhudu

Most animals found in the reserve are water independent. Some feed on melons and tubers during the dry season for their water requirements. They have different adaptations to arid conditions. E.g. Gemsbok has a white belly that reflects the ground heat, can raise temperature above the atmospheric temperature up to 40 degrees Celsius.

Main predators include lions, wild dog, leopard and cheetah.

Scavenging mammals include brown hyena and black backed jackal.

Birds common in the area are ostrich, Kori bustard, vultures and other small ones.

Snakes commonly found are African rock python, black mamba, cape cobra and mole snake.

Camp sites

25 camping sites and are located adjacent to the pans in the reserve. Each has one pit latrine and rustic shower (water obtainable at the entrance gate).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Khutse Game Reserve public camp grounds (Khutse, Mahurushela, Khankhe, Molose and Moreswe) are under the management and operation of Bigfoot Tours Safaris (PTY) LTD.

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Camping fees are paid to Bigfoot Tours while entrance and vehicle fees are paid to wildlife and National Parks.

PARK ENTRY FEES

CITIZEN RESIDENT NON CITIZEN

Adults 18 yrs +	P 10	P30	P 120
Children 8-17	P 5	P15	P60
Children under 8	free	free	free

VEHICLES FEES

BOTSWANA REG FOREIGN REG

Under 3 500kg	P10/day	P50/day
3500-7000kg	P500/day	P1000/day