



3 February 2023

**To: Whom it may concern**

**Ref: Operating times and use of Kanjedza Airstrip, Matusadona National Park**

I am pleased to announce that Kanjedza Airstrip is open for business in the Matusadona National Park.

With the increase of tourism to the Matusadona National Park and the supporting investment, we have built the Kanjedza Airstrip to service the existing lodges and the many houseboats that visit our shores on a daily basis.

**Location:**

Locstat of centre point is: S16°47'15" E28°37'04" or for those using DD: -16.787500° 28.617778°



*Figure 1. Site of Kanjedza Airstrip in comparison to existing tourism sites nearby.*

**Approval Letters**

- Please contact [chrispenc@africanparks.org](mailto:chrispenc@africanparks.org) or +263 77 354 1138 on whatsapp for a letter of authorization to land there.
- Strictly no planes are allowed to land there without this authorization.

**Facilities**

- There are no ablution or shelter facilities yet, however, we will be building a toilet and a small thatched lapa for guests in 2023.
- Again, please ensure the pick-up vehicle from the lodge or park has been notified of your arrival so you are not left standing without a ride.

### **Aircraft Joining and departure Procedure**

- All aircraft are to join overhead the airstrip at a minimum of 1,000 feet AGL and then commence normal unmanned airstrip procedures.
- On take-off please don't fly over the existing tourism lodges in the park and be aware of the circuit at Fothergill which is 9km to the North East.
- The airstrip is in a National Park so please respect the legal height (aside from take-off and landing) of 1,000ft AGL required to fly above a National Park.
- Almost 99% of the time you should be landing on 05.

### **Runway Surface**

- The runway has been graded and tyre dragged.
- Soil material is a sandy mix with gravel and soil with some clay. Drainage is in place. The parking area is the same material. Advisable not to land after extremely heavy rain and just allow a few hours of drying.

### **Aircraft Parking**

- Parking area is situated approximately 700m up from 05 threshold on the eastern side.
- There are currently no concrete tie downs however these will be put in place by the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for your use. Please bring your own straps.
- There is no run up pad at the parking area – there is one on either end of the runway at the thresholds.

### **Aerodrome Logbook**

- There is a logbook located near the windsock in a small box (unlocked).
- Please ensure that you fill it all the details in without fail as per instruction from CAAZ.
- If there are no paper forms, please let us know so that we restock it.

### **Operating Times**

- Open from 10 minutes before sunset to 10 minutes after sunset.

### **Vehicle Transfers**

We have game viewers that are available to assist with transfers from the airstrip to houseboats close to this side of the park – the drop off/pick up points will be in Palm Bay directly to the East of the airstrip near Kanjedza mouth or Gordans Bay area. Please contact Chris as well on this.

### **Risk**

- Owners and operators use this runway at their own risk and we accept no liability for any damage whatsoever incurred in landing or leaving an aircraft there.
- The runway is unfenced and being in a National Park has the potential to have various game species on it so ensure that if you are landing here you have arranged the pick-up vehicle to be there ahead of your landing time to ensure there are no animals on the strip.

Yours Sincerely

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