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## The Mana Pools Code of Conduct:

The easiest way to help conserve Mana is to abide by the code of conduct developed to help preserve this place and limit human impact upon the environment and each other. Please read these carefully prior to your trip and ensure all members of your group are familiar with the regulations and guidelines. The overriding principal is RESPECT, for the wild and other visitors. Consider what impact your actions will have on the environment, the wildlife and other visitors, when in doubt, ask at reception.

### Official Code of conduct for Mana Pools National Park:

- **DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS OR LEAVE ANY FOOD IN YOUR CAMP (LOCK IT IN THE CAR)**- Animals habituated to associating food with humans become problem animals and end up having to be shot. Remember, you are not doing them a favour by feeding them, you are signing their death warrant. If Zimparks catch you feeding any animals at Mana, **YOU WILL BE BANNED FOR LIFE**.
- **NO FRESH FRUIT/CITRUS/VEGGIES - BRING CANS** - problem elephants smell fresh fruit a mile off and end up raiding camps, these too have to be put down, it will be your fault!
- **NO DRIVING OFF ROAD** vehicle tracks can last for years and compacted surfaces damage the ecology
- **NO DRIVING AFTER DARK**
- **BURN ALL TOILET PAPER** – do not just bury it as animals will dig it up
- **CARRY OUT** all trash
- **BURY ALL ASH** leave the campsite as you would like to find it. Most Mana campsites have braai places it is unlawful to light fires away from these points.
- **CAMPsites** use only the official campsites. Camping elsewhere is illegal and will incur a fine and possible banning from the park
- **WALKING** visitors are allowed to walk unguided at Mana and Chitake at their own risk, however, you will require a permit for this. Permits are available from reception. You may also hire an armed game scout to guide you. Please be careful not to disturb animals or unduly spoil the wilderness experience of others

### Additional Code of Conduct for Chitake Springs:

Please remember the following basic Zimparks regulations for Chitake Springs. PLEASE do your best to follow them, this is a sensitive area, let's protect it.

- **DO NOT BATHE IN THE SPRING** or add any detergents to the water, it is the lifeblood of animals and should not be tainted by private ablutions.
- **SPRING FLOW** do not alter the natural flow of the spring by creating baths/pools etc.
- **NO DRIVING OFF ROAD** and it is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN to drive in the river bed!
- **CAMPsites** use only the official campsites. Camping elsewhere is illegal and will incur a fine and possible banning from the park
- **NUMBER OF PEOPLE** Do not exceed the maximum of 12 campers allowed by Zimparks
- **NO CAMPING IS ALLOWED UNDER THE FIG TREE** above the source of the spring
- **CARRY OUT** all trash
- **BURY ALL ASH** leave the campsite as you would like to find it
- **BURN ALL TOILET PAPER** do not just bury it as animals will dig it up
- **RESPECT** the right of game to drink peacefully. Be discreet. RESPECT other peoples' right to enjoy Chitake without undue disturbance

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