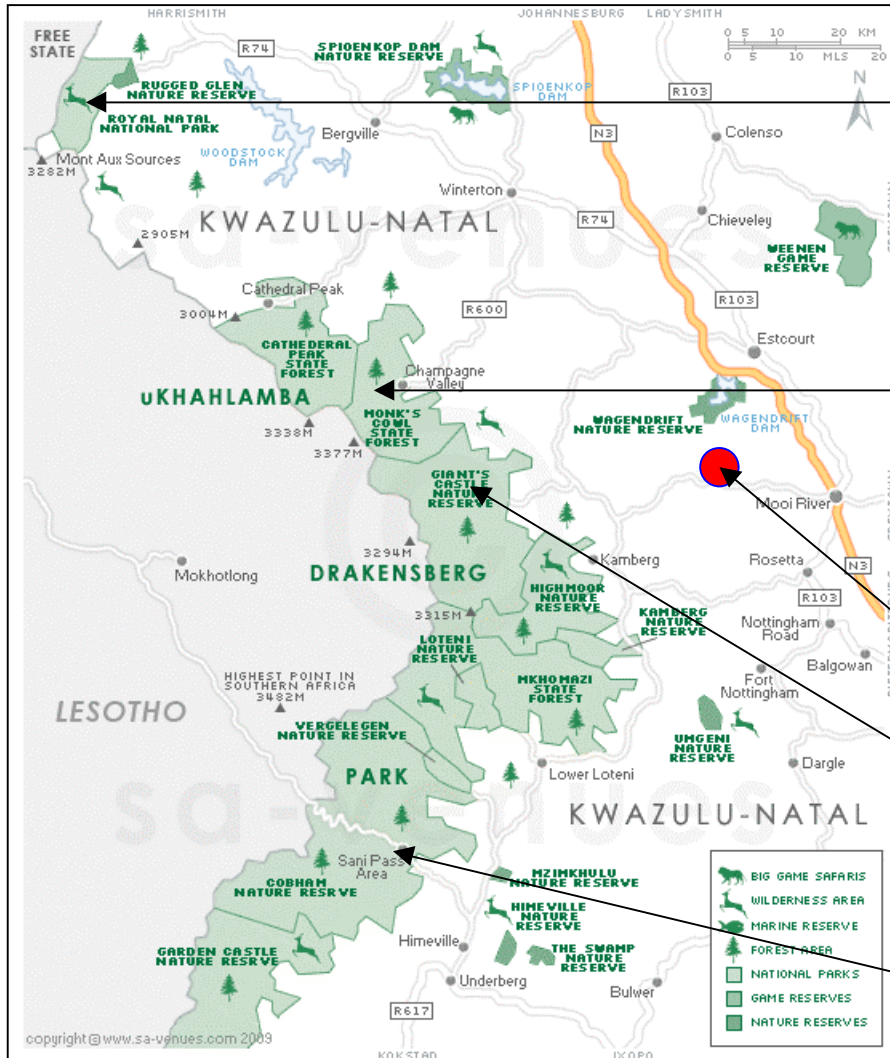


# Drakensberg Accommodation Areas

The Drakensberg Mountain Range runs North to South for most of the length of the Country. The National Parks created to preserve this pristine wilderness are **Royal Natal National Park & uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park.**



## Royal Natal National Park

Established in 1916 this 8 000 hectare park is home to the **Amphitheatre** and the **Thukela (Tugela) Falls**. Names you might have come across in your research include: the Cavern, Tendele, Alpine Heath, Mont-aux-Sources, Montusi & Little Switzerland. With the exception of Tendele (one of the many small and excellent Drakensberg self-catering camps owned and run by [Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife](#)) none of them are "in" the Royal Natal National Park.

## uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

**(North)** - This is the [World Heritage Site](#) (inscribed 2000). At 243 000 hectares it is the "Big Daddy". Most of the tourist development has been in the Cathedral Peak area and the Champagne Valley which is now fairly densely packed with resort hotels. Names you might have come across in your research, include: Cathedral Peak, Didima, Drakensberg Sun, Champagne Castle, **Drakensberg Boys' Choir**, Ardmore, the Nest, **Champagne Sports Resort** (championship golf course). Didima (again Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife) is "in" the uKhalamba Drakensberg Park. Cathedral Peak & Champagne Castle Hotels share a boundary with the National Park.

## Halls Country House

Latitude: 29° 11' 51.4" S  
Longitude: 029° 57' 05.7" E

**(Central)** - With the exception of the **Giant's Castle** Camp (also Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife) there has been no tourist development here. You'll probably have the mountains to yourselves. There is the added diversity of the **Midlands Meander Arts & Crafts Route** - at 180+ members it's the biggest in the country by far. Everything you can think of: painters, potters, weavers, glass-blowers, restaurants, accommodation ... You also have the most important **rock art site** in South Africa in the Kamberg Nature Reserve.

**(South)** - A bit more tourist development here. Names you might have come across include the Drakensberg Gardens Golf & Spa Resort, Sani Pass Hotel & Leisure Resort and the Sani Top Chalet. Sani Pass is important because it's the only road route through the Drakensberg into Lesotho. Various operators offer guided tours (daily) up the **Sani Pass**.