



Autum in the bush is a delight as the colours change from green to a mix of browns oranges and reds.

The Mopani trees are a show of colour... a last burst before they lose their leaves altogether and lay dormant for the winter. The Majestic Baobab have dropped their fruit and all but lost their leaves, the grass is long and

shimmers a shiny creamy colour, almost silky. The air crisp and clear and the **stars shine brightly** in the night sky.

Pafuri River Camp has had a busy summer season with guests from all over SA and the world enjoying their share of bush life for a brief period in time, and hopefully rekindling their soul and **recharging their batteries**. The high rainfall this season resulted in a spectacular bush that transformed the camp. The Mutale river was in full flow, washing away the fence bordering KNP. The strong flow opened great

tubing and canoeing opportunities and **proved great fun** as my son Sean and his friend Kelsey, both kayaking sportsmen, found out, when they decided, tongue in cheek, to take an old canoe down river.

Winter is of course a superb season at Pafuri. The winter sun is **warm and comforting**, game drives in the Kruger National Park offer fruitful sightings as the bush is more open, and birdlife is as abundant as ever. This is a good time for walking trails and we are in the process of re marking the large variety of trees along our trails. Sybrand has spotted a new nest of the Pel's Fishing Owl 15 km's up the Mutale River at Wya Wya. Could this be a new breeding pair? The Emerald-spotted Doves are as chirpy as ever, a wonderful bush wake up call.

Our resident lapa bushbabies have had little ones, so Pat's troubles are now quadrupled as the whole family raid her kitchen, open the sugar and coffee jars and generally run a mock! They are so cute, but oh so naughty!

Pafuri River Camp as a destination will not disappoint you; there is always **lots to do** apart from the Game Drives, Walking Trails and Birding. Take a guided walk on the wild



side to the Mutale River Potholes and experience nature at it's best. Depending on the rainfall, a shower under the waterfall is **effervescent!** Or sit on a rock overlooking the gorge, taking in the splendour of it all. For the 4x4 enthusiasts, Venda has every kind of terrain to test your skills and simply have some fun. Experience the Venda Culture, hospitality and way of life. Pop into a shebeen or have your picnic

under a baobab tree. Speaking of which, you simply have to visit **THE SAGOLE BIG TREE** the biggest baobab in the Southern Hemisphere and over 3000 years old, breathtaking! Bring along your passport and pop into Mozambique for the day, or visit Crooks Corner - if only trees could talk!

Sybrand is in the process of building a chapel. Judging from his plans its going to be just **beautiful**, a rustic chapel in the bush! So, if you are planning a wedding, christening, want to renew your vows or simply give thanks, this will be the ideal venue. Another venue to take advantage of is the river beach – ideal for a braai, picnic or sundowner, pack a coolerbox, deck chairs, sunglasses and enjoy!



Our friendly staff are always ready to welcome you and ensure that your stay is comfortable and relaxing, and **Robert** our resident chef conjures up some stunning bush meals, for those wishing to tempt their tastebuds.



Well, as mentioned before, the bush is alive with activity, yet one can totally switch off, **relax and enjoy** the fresh air and bush noises. So, should life get you down or you need food for your soul, remember... you can always **COME LIVE IN THE BUSH FOR A WHILE!**

Until we meet again,

Sandy, Sybrand, Pat and the Team

at Pafuri River Camp.

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