



WildExpeditions

MUDDY TEAK

Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe



Camp Info Sheet





AT A GLANCE

Country:	Zimbabwe
Region:	Hwange National Park
Season:	7 months (May to Nov)
Coordinates:	18°49'40.00"S 26°20'19.00"E
Concession type:	private
Type of camp:	tented
No. of rooms:	3 standard, 1 family
En-suite:	shower & flush toilet
Power:	solar
Plugs:	Type D (South Africa), Type G (UK)
Water:	filtered & treated borehole water
Max guests:	8 adults + 2 children



Tent,
standard – 3



Tent,
family – 1



Mosquito
net



Ceiling fan



In-room safe



Swimming
pool



No gym



Limited
laundry



Limited wifi



No credit
card
facilities



Game drive
– day



Game drive
– night



Guided
walks



Logpile
hides

OVERVIEW

With just 4 guest rooms and only available for private-use, Muddy Teak is in some senses the most exclusive camp in Hwange. The homely lounge and dining area, as well as each beautifully appointed tent, look directly onto the natural waterhole after which the camp takes its somewhat eccentric name.

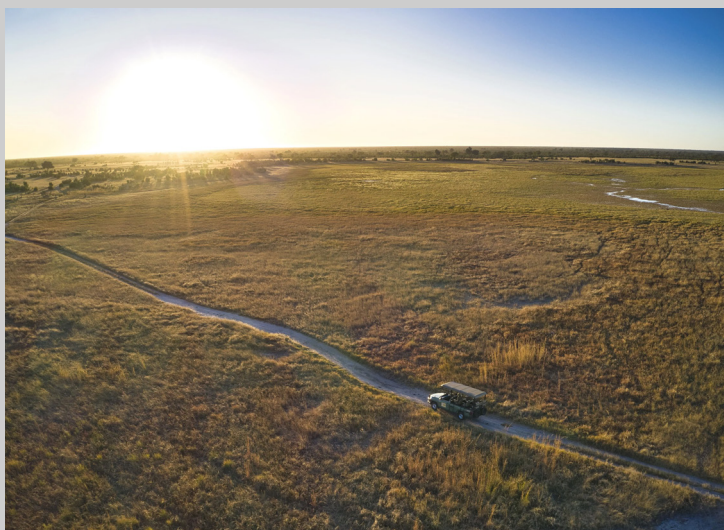
Set back in the shade of overhanging teak and ordeal trees, the main area offers a cooling retreat during the day and an intimate gathering space for meals. It flows out onto expansive decking looking out over the dry season processions of wildlife to the waterhole: large herds of elephant, elegant sable, impala, giraffe and the resident lion pride are the regulars.

Each group of guests has the camp to themselves with flexible and unfettered access to the incredible Camp Hwange concession with their own private guide and vehicle.

PURPOSE

Ecotourism, or sustainable safari tourism, has positive conservation and community impacts at its heart and raison d'être. Wild Expeditions Africa is no different and every camp has a very clear reason for being or purpose. All use ecotourism to effect positive conservation and community outcomes with these impacts often identified even before a camp is built and operated. In other words, we identify conservation or community priorities first and then build ecotourism business models to support these, rather than the other way around. At Muddy Teak & Camp Hwange our primary foundational purpose is in using high quality ecotourism to generate revenue for the conservation of Zimbabwe's premier national park (see more detail under 'Our Positive Impact' below). Beyond this we are determined to help address Human-Wildlife Conflict mitigation on the edges of Africa's protected areas, and to reveal these challenges to our guests, and have partnered with Lesedi Schools and Clinic outside Victoria Falls in order to achieve this in two ways: i) the members of the Lesedi school environmental clubs visit Camp Hwange for two adventure and learning camps each year that expose the kids to conservation and tourism learnings and career paths, and ii) our guests are able to visit what is effectively an inspirational model education and health project outside Victoria Falls as part of their itinerary. A third part of our core purpose is the training and mentoring of a new generation of Zimbabwean guides, ambassadors for conservation and standard bearers for a vocation of which all Zimbabweans are justifiably proud.





ACCESS

Scheduled air access

Seat rates on daily scheduled light aircraft transfers from Victoria Falls into our own airstrip – Shumba – just 10 minutes from camp.

Flying time between Victoria Falls & Shumba Airstrip when direct: approximately 25 minutes.

Coordinates: 18°50'54.00"S 26°21'56.00"E

Road access

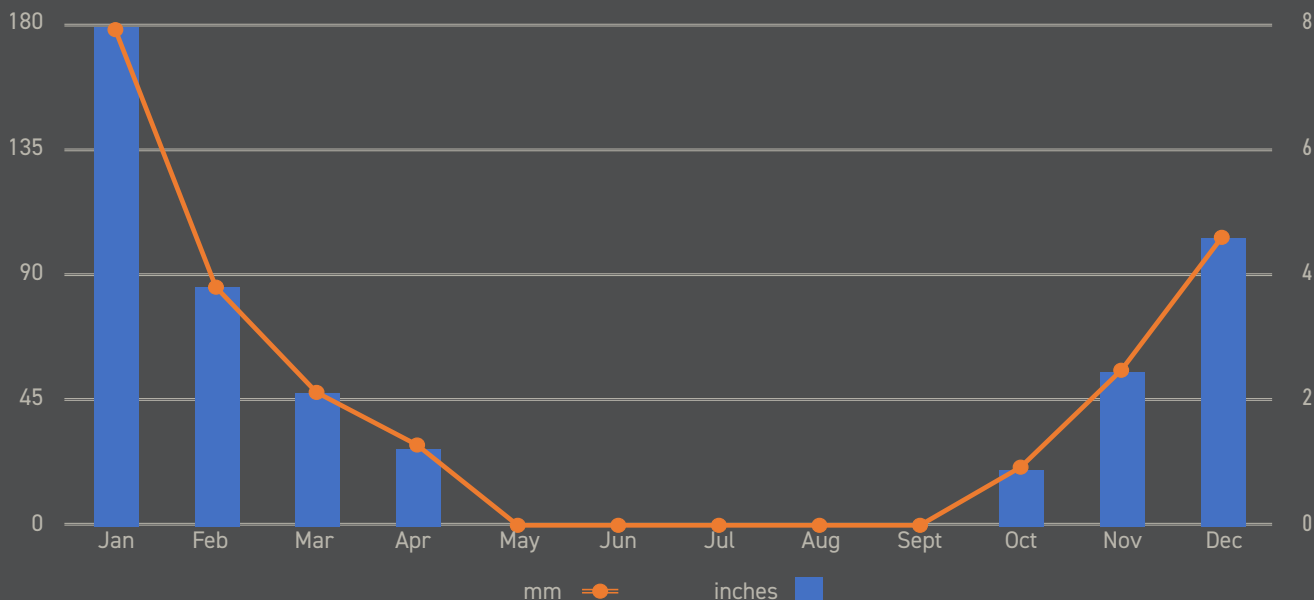
Road transfers from Victoria Falls, or from other camps within Hwange, are possible. Preferred routings depend on current road conditions. Timings are typically 2.5-3 hours from Victoria Falls to the relevant park gate and then a further 3-5 hours to camp.

CLIMATE

Safari seasonality is often simplistically separated into a wet and dry season, but it is far more nuanced than that and seasonality at Muddy can be understood as falling into four seasons: 'cool & dry' (April, May), 'cold and dry' (June, July), 'warm & dry' (August to October) and 'warm & wet' (November to March). In general, the drier months are a time of water- and forage-scarcity for herbivores, resulting in concentrations of species like elephant and zebra around remaining resources. Predators thrive over this time. The months that receive reasonable rainfall by contrast are a time of plenty for herbivores with abundant water and forage coinciding with seasonal antelope births and migratory birds. The landscape is beautifully luxuriant and scenic. Rain typically falls in afternoon thunderstorms and only on a third to half of the days in the month.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temp - high (Celsius)	27.6	27.4	27.4	26.5	25.4	23.2	23.2	26.9	30.8	32.6	30.6	28.1
Temp - low (Celsius)	19.2	18.9	18.4	16.4	13.4	11.0	10.2	12.8	16.3	18.9	19.5	19.3
Temp - high (Fahrenheit)	81.8	81.3	81.2	79.7	77.7	73.8	73.8	80.4	87.4	90.7	87.1	82.6
Temp - low (Fahrenheit)	66.5	66.1	65.1	61.5	56.1	51.8	50.3	55.1	61.4	66.1	67.2	66.8
Rainfall (mm)	179	86	48	29	0	0	0	0	0	21	56	104
Rainfall (inches)	7.1	3.4	1.9	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	2.2	4.1
Ave days with rain	15	12	10	4	1	0	0	0	1	3	10	14

MUDDY TEAK: average monthly rainfall (mm and inches)





CHARISMATIC SPECIES

Mammals

- Savannah elephant
- Cape buffalo
- Africa lion
- Giraffe
- Serval
- Plains zebra

Birds

- Ostrich
- Kori bustard
- Ground hornbill
- Martial eagle
- Racket-tailed roller
- Spur-winged goose



CURRENCY

The US Dollar is the most commonly used form of local currency. We recommend you bring sufficient cash for any unpaid or unforeseen expenses at the lodge such as gratuities and curio purchases.

GRATUITIES / TIPPING

Guides and specialist guides: \$15- \$20 per guest per day

Lodge staff: \$5 - \$10 per guest per day

OUR POSITIVE IMPACT

National Park Funding

The successful continued operation of any national park and its positive conservation impacts hinges on sustainable funding. In Africa, ecotourism operations inside national parks are a critical part of this sustainable funding and Camp Hwange is no different. Not only does the permanent presence of a camp like Camp Hwange discourage illicit activity in its area, it also pays an annual lease fee for its exclusive traversing area and an entry and conservation fee for each guest to the protected area authority. These monies go directly into conservation costs in Hwange. Approximately 3% of every bednight is paid to the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority.

Lesedi Schools & Clinic

In our partnership with Lesedi Schools and Clinic outside Victoria Falls our guests are encouraged to visit Lesedi while staying in Victoria Falls and to see how rural African people live and what challenges they face, and in reciprocation each year two groups of schoolchildren participate in adventure and learning camps at Camp Hwange where they are exposed to the positive impacts of conservation and tourism and can consider the costs of living with wildlife in rural areas differently. Around 1.5% of every bednight is dedicated to this partnership.

Guide training & development

A core part of our founding principles is the training and mentoring of a new generation of Zimbabwean guides, ambassadors for conservation and standard bearers for a vocation of which all Zimbabweans are justifiably proud. We employ between 3 and 4 learner guides every year and dedicate considerable resources towards their training and mentorship and attempt to guide them to their eventual professional guide's licence.

Other efforts

We also work with conservation partners like PWMA and NGOs on a variety of conservation aspects inside the park, whether this be fire break and road maintenance, contributions in kind for emergency de-snaring and other efforts.