

WILDLIFE in ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Etosha National Park covers an area of 22,937 km², is the most popular tourist destination in Namibia, and is considered one of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in the world. It contains 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptiles, and 16 amphibians. The best time to visit the park is during the dry season, when animals are concentrated at waterholes that provide an amazing wildlife sighting experience. This map provides information about the different wildlife species that can potentially be seen at different water holes in the park.



The Etosha Pan is an enormous flat saline geomorphological feature that is visible even from space and covers about 23% of the park. It was a deep lake formed 16000 years ago, when the Kunene River in Angola flowed all the way to Etosha. However, due to tectonic plate movement, the river would eventually shift course and head for the Atlantic, gradually drying out the lake and leaving the salt pan behind.

