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Majete Reserve attracts tourists

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AFRICAN Parks Majete(APM) Wildlife Reserve Friday invited guests to the park to sample their facility and brief them on new developments since the management took over in 2003.

APM Tourism and Education Coordinator Amy Franken took guests, who included travel agents, to a new campsite and game spots among other interesting areas.

She said the community would be allowed to sell their art and crafts to tourists.

"The campsite will be run by the community. We will train them on how to manage it," Franken said.

During the open day, the guests were taken for a wildlife tour and a walk in the park.

Majete is an area of 70,000 ha situated in the Lower Shire Valley, about 70km southwest of Blantyre.

Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) in 2003 entered into an agreement with APM to become involved in the rehabilitation, management and development of the park.

The new managers have fenced a 14,000 ha of the park, and with the help of the DNPW, reintroduced more than 800 animals from other national parks.

APM organised the tour ahead of the World Tourism Day, which falls on September 27 every year.

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