BABOON DRILL at HAWEQUAS

We have taken advice from a group called “Baboon Matters” on how we should go about camping when baboons are around.

Baboons are afraid of all humans but are very inquisitive by nature, so will come inside a tent if no one is around. They are also very playful, so using a tent as a slide is great fun for them.

If you hear the baboons coming to settle down for the night at the campfire circle, one of their favourite sleeping places, go down and chase them away.

We need to make life on Hawequas uncomfortable for them – they will eventually stop visiting.

WHAT CAN WE DO

- The moment you see baboons, run towards them and make a lot of noise, if possible keep chasing them till they cross the river – if we keep doing this they will leave

- Under no circumstances leave any rubbish in your tents or leave bins outside the buildings

- Under no circumstances leave any food in your tents

- Always have a guard at your campsite – never leave the sites un-attended

- Keep the toilets closed

- Close the houses if you are not there

- Be aware of where the baboons are

Enjoy the experience of dealing with real wild animals, we are privileged to share nature together.

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Hawequas Warden