



HIPPO HOLLOW
COUNTRY ESTATE

The Legend of the Hippo

A LEGEND BROUGHT ALIVE THROUGH MANTIS
AND TOLD FOR CENTURIES BY THE XCU BUSHMEN:

*When Mantis created the Animal Kingdom
Every animal received a name, a credibility
And a space on this beautiful earth. But,
Alas, Hippo was the last in the queue.*

Now where should hippo be placed?

*Hippo begged to live in water – ‘No, No’
Shouted all the fellow animals, ‘what will
Happen to our water creatures? You will eat
Us all with your big mouth
And surely you will eat a lot to sustain
Such a large body!!’*

*‘Please’ Hippo begged, ‘my skin is so soft,
I need moisture to keep me alive, I
Promise to live in your water in daytime*

*And at night I will graze on land, on
Grass only. Every morning as the sun rises,
I promise to scatter my dung on the waters
Edge for all of you to see what I have eaten
- no fish, no water creatures, only grass.’*

*Mantis was happy with this decision and
Hippo today is still allowed to live in water.*

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