



GAMKABERG NATURE RESERVE


ALL CAPENATURE RESERVES ARE "SAFE TRAVEL" DESTINATIONS IN TERMS OF COVID-19 COMPLIANCE. REFER TO OUR 4 AND 5 STEP CHECK-IN INFORMATION SHEETS.

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| | RESERVATIONS | 087 087 8250 |
| | 044 213 3367 | (office hours) |
| NATURE RESERVE | 072 202 3438 | (after hours) |
| | OFFICE HOURS | 07h30 - 16h00 |
| | | Mon - Fri |
| | CHECK-IN | CHECKOUT |
| OVERNIGHT BOOKINGS | 14h00 - 16h00 | 10h00 |
| | CHECK-IN | CHECKOUT |
| DAY VISITORS | 08h00 | 16h00 |
| | GATE TIMES | 07h30 - 18h00 |
| | If you arrive after office hours, please contact the duty officer for assistance. (Contact details for the duty officer will be on a display board in the Info Centre, which will be closed, but not locked). | |




The brooding Gamkaberg, together with the equally mysterious Rooiberg, appear to have been laid down as one over the lowlands of the Little Karoo. The Gamka is a range in isolation, lurching suddenly out of the landscape, a symbol of jealously guarded tranquillity. Its name is derived from the Khoisan “gami”, meaning lion – the place was once the hunting grounds of the now extinct Cape Lion. Although it was too late for the lion, Gamkaberg Nature Reserve has played a critical role in conserving a small, remnant herd of endangered Cape mountain zebra. The herd numbered just five in 1974, but due to dedicated conservation efforts, herd numbers have increased, and Gamkaberg remains a haven for these rare creatures.


The reserve offers unbounded challenges to delight the adventurous – from the stunning trad rock climbing at Tierkloof, to the hiking and 4x4 trails through rugged, pristine wilderness. For those who prefer a more relaxed pace, CapeNature offers a range of comfortable accommodation, as well as gentle hikes and rambles.



FROM CALITZDORP: Take the Andries Pretorius turn off in a southerly direction and keep going. This will turn into the Old Cement Road (road has now been tarred) and 24 km out of Calitzdorp you will pass Amber Lagoon Retreat indicated with a big sign on the left hand side. Just 200m after Amber Lagoon Retreat, look out for the Andrieskraal/ Rietfontein sign which is posted on the right hand side of the road opposite the turn off. Don't turn left at this point, 200m later is the Gamkaberg turn off to the right, now also indicated with the Zebra chevron. Yellow reflective tape stripes have been pasted on the Old Gamkaberg sign, also visible at night. Follow the dirt road for another 5,9km to the Info Centre.

FROM OUDTSHOORN: Take the R62 towards Calitzdorp. Then 10.3 km out of Oudtshoorn turn left at the Gamkaberg/ Warmbad turn off onto the Old Cement Road. Approximately 18 km later cross a bridge with white concrete railings. The Gamkaberg turn off is 400m further to the left, now also indicated with the Zebra chevron. Yellow reflective tape stripes have been pasted on the Old Gamkaberg sign, also visible at night. Follow the dirt road for another 5,9km to the Info Centre.

To view Gamkaberg in Google maps, go to <https://www.google.com/maps> and insert these coordinates: 33°40'17.5"S 21°53'18.4"E Then select “search” for the map to display.



SELF-CATERING ECO-LODGES



TIERKLOOF

4 safari style tents pitched on decks

CAPACITY 8 

I GROUP BOOKING AT A TIME

Situated in Sweet Thorn thicket at the foot of the Gamkaberg.



1 KING SIZE
TENT 1



1 DOUBLE
TENT 2



2 SINGLE
TENT 3



2 SINGLE
TENT 1



COMMUNAL
LAPA

Kitchen/dining room and living area with wood stove heater, camp chairs, tables, benches, hammocks and braai area.



DAY HIKES
NEARBY



SOLAR
POWER



SOLAR
LANTERNS



BEDDING +
TOWELS



SHADED
DECK



HAMMOCKS
[at lapa]



SPLASH
POOL



BRAAI
WITH GRID



Nº 4
POTJIE



EQUIPPED
KITCHEN



GAS HOB



FRIDGE



COOKWARE



TABLEWARE



KETTLE



SHOWER
[Gas]



RUSTIC
OUTDOOR SHOWER



FLUSH
TOILETS



SWEET THORN

3 safari style tents pitched on decks

CAPACITY 6 

I GROUP BOOKING AT A TIME

Situated in Sweet Thorn thicket at the foot of the Gamkaberg.



1 DOUBLE
TENT 1



2 SINGLE
TENT 2



2 SINGLE
TENT 3



COMMUNAL
LAPA

+



COMMUNAL
GAZEBO

The Lapa comprises a kitchen/dining room and living area. Enjoy the sunset from the Gazebo equipped with benches and hammocks.



DAY HIKES
NEARBY



SOLAR
POWER



SOLAR
LANTERNS



BEDDING +
TOWELS



SHADED
DECK



HAMMOCKS
[at lapa]



SPLASH
POOL



BRAAI
WITH GRID



EQUIPPED
KITCHEN



GAS HOB



FRIDGE



COOKWARE



TABLEWARE



KETTLE



SHOWER
[Gas]



FLUSH
TOILET

+



WATERLESS
TOILET

SELF-CATERING ECO-LODGES (CONTD.)



FOSSIL RIDGE

2 safari style tents pitched on decks

CAPACITY 4 

1 GROUP BOOKING AT A TIME

Situated next to the fossil-rich ridge at the foot of the Gamkaberg.



1 DOUBLE TENT 1



2 SINGLE TENT 2



COMMUNAL LAPA

Kitchen/dining room and living area with camp chairs, tables, benches and braai area.



DAY HIKES NEARBY



SOLAR POWER



SOLAR LANTERNS



BEDDING + TOWELS



SHADED DECK



SPLASH POOL



BRAAI WITH GRID



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



GAS HOB



FRIDGE



COOKWARE



TABLEWARE



KETTLE



SHOWER [Gas]



FLUSH TOILET

+



WATERLESS TOILET



XAMI

Private getaway - ideal for couples

CAPACITY 2 

This beautifully designed two-sleeper eco-lodge has a modern look and feel with universal access and offers clients ideal privacy. All facilities are constructed on one deck, including a kitchen, bathroom, stylish lounge area, a carport and ramp to deck and a beautiful bedroom overlooking the reserve. It boasts an eco-pool outside on the deck and a braai area. Come and soak up the peace and quiet!



1 KING SIZE



UNIVERSAL ACCESS



PRIVACY



SOLAR POWER



SPLASH POOL



SHADED DECK



CERAMIC BRAAI



BEDDING + TOWELS



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



GAS HOB



FRIDGE



COOKWARE



TABLEWARE



KETTLE



SHOWER [Gas]



FLUSH TOILET

RUSTIC SELF-CATERING & CAMPING



THE STABLES

CAPACITY 8 



4 DOUBLE BUNKS
[mattress only]
2 IN EACH ROOM



NO BEDDING
OR TOWELS

1 GROUP BOOKING FOR BOTH ROOMS

Situated near the Office and Info Centre.

The ideal spot if you don't want the hassle of pitching your own tent! The old horse stables have been converted into two rooms, each with its own entrance and separated by a kitchen area with a table and chairs and basic kitchen equipment. A sheltered lapa/braai area is situated just in front of The Stables.

Bring your own torch.



ELECTRICITY



WATER POINT



GAS FRIDGE



2 PLATE
GAS STOVE



TABLEWARE
Enamel crockery



2 WATERLESS
TOILETS



COMMUNAL
ABLUTIONS



BRAAI AREA



PORTABLE
BRAAI



COMMUNAL



CAMPING

4 CAMPSITES

Max. per site



4

There are two sheltered areas in which to pitch your tent. Portable braais are provided in order for you to set up your own camping area. Together with the 8 guests in The Stables, there will never be more than 16 people at a time in the area.



POWER POINTS



PORTABLE BRAAI



COMMUNAL



COMMUNAL



COMMUNAL

The campsites and The Stables share a warm-water ablution facility and an outdoor work surface and sink about 50m from the site.



PLEASE REPORT TO THE OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE SITE

OUKRAAL

4 HUTS

CAPACITY 8 

An opportunity for hikers, or those with a 4x4 to experience a night in the heart of the Gamkaberg. This very remote site at the top of the mountain plateau (1.5 hours by 4x4) offers guests four new herders' huts and an enviro-loo toilet on site.

Each hut sleeps two hikers in two single beds with mattresses, with a shelf around the interior for bags and belongings. The rock overhang can be used as a kitchen and braai area (no tableware or cookware is provided).



SINGLE BEDS
[mattress only]
2 PER HUT



'ENVIRO LOO'
[waterless
toilet + basin]



WATER TANK
[rain water]
USE SPARINGLY



NO SHOWER



BRAAI
WITH GRID



Nº 3
POTJIE



Firewood & fire lighters provided for HIKERS ONLY, ON REQUEST.

4X4 drivers need to purchase their firewood from the office.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bedding and towels
- Lighting and wood
- All cooking and eating/drinking utensils
- Warm clothes (temperatures may drop rapidly)
- Drinking water
- Flashlight

ACTIVITIES



TRAD ROCK
CLIMBING



BIRD
WATCHING



SWIMMING



HIKING &
WALKING



WILDLIFE
WATCHING



4x4 ROUTE



PICNICKING

CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING



BOOKING CONFIRMATION

This is your entry permit



FOOD + DRINKS

There are no shops or
restaurants nearby



SUN HAT



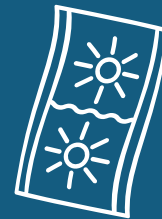
WALKING SHOES



SUNSCREEN



WARM JACKET/
RAINCOAT (Winter)



BEACH TOWEL



SWIMMING
COSTUME



TORCH



BINOCULARS



WATER
BOTTLE



INSECT
REPELLANT



SLEEPING BAG + PILLOW



THE STABLES
& OUKRAAL
GUESTS AND
CAMPER
ONLY



TOWELS



COMMUNAL FREEZER

There is a communal freezer available at the workshop for guests to store frozen foodstuff. There are also limited ice blocks available on request.

FIREWOOD

Firewood and fire lighters are available for sale from the reserve office. PLEASE DON'T COLLECT FIREWOOD FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA.



GAMKABERG RULES

Kindly note that from 20h00 – 07h00 every night there will be a watchman on duty patrolling the reserve for safety and security purposes. The watchman is based at the office and will do 2-hourly patrols throughout the night.

PLEASE REMEMBER



A reasonably high clearance vehicle is advised for Gamkaberg.



Cell phone reception is poor on the reserve. In the event of an emergency, contact the reserve office or the standby duty officer on 072 202 3438.



Visitors are liable for any loss or damage to reserve property due to negligence.



Keep the surrounds and facilities clean.



Fires may only be made in designated fireplaces.



Make sure that all fires are extinguished before you leave or go to sleep.



Look out for the small tortoises on the reserve, particularly when driving.



Stay on existing tracks – careless driving through the veld destroys plants and small creatures.



Prevent soil erosion by avoiding walking off the trails.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED



LOUD MUSIC & ROWDY BEHAVIOUR



LITTERING



PICKING PLANTS



PETS



COLLECTING FIREWOOD



FEEDING OF ANY ANIMALS



DISTURBING OF ANY WILDLIFE



TAKING FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT OR UTENSILS OUT OF THE COTTAGE



SMOKING IN UNITS



THROWING CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE VELD

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



ARRIVAL:
14h00 - 16h00

THIS IS YOUR ENTRY PERMIT



RETURN ALL KEYS TO THE OFFICE ON DEPARTURE

On the day of departure overnight visitors must check out of their accommodation by 10h00, but are welcome to remain in the reserve until the gates close.



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