



GAMKABERG NATURE RESERVE



RESERVATIONS 087 087 8250



087 288 0370/73 (office hours)
072 202 3438 (after hours)

NATURE RESERVE



OFFICE HOURS 07h30 - 16h00
Monday - Friday



OVERNIGHT BOOKINGS

CHECK-IN 14h00 - 16h00
CHECKOUT 10h00



DAY VISITORS

CHECK-IN 07h30
CHECKOUT 16h00



GATE TIMES 07h30 - 16h00

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 Welcome Centre, which will be closed, but not locked).



Dear Visitor

PLEASE NOTE

NO FIREWOOD IS ALLOWED

due to the current risk of infestation of our trees by the Shothole Borer Beetle.



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 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 4



COMMUNAL
LAPA

Kitchen/dining room and living area with wood stove heater, camp chairs, tables, benches, hammocks and braai area. It is recommended that visitors bring their own pool towels.



DAY HIKES
NEARBY



SOLAR
POWER



SOLAR
LANTERNS



BEDDING +
TOWELS



SHADED
DECK



AMENITIES
shampoo &
shower gel



HAMMOCKS
[at lapa]



ECO POOL



BRAAI
WITH GRID



Nº 4
POTJIE



EQUIPPED
KITCHEN



2 PLATE GAS STOVE

FRIDGE

COOKWARE

TABLEWARE

KETTLE

JET MASTER



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.



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. It is recommended that visitors bring their own pool towels.



DAY HIKES
NEARBY



SOLAR
POWER



SOLAR
LANTERNS



BEDDING +
TOWELS



SHADED
DECK



HAMMOCKS
[at lapa]



ECO POOL



BRAAI
WITH GRID



AMENITIES
shampoo &
shower gel



EQUIPPED
KITCHEN



2 PLATE GAS STOVE

FRIDGE

COOKWARE

TABLEWARE

KETTLE



SHOWER
[Gas]



FLUSH
TOILET



WATERLESS
TOILET

SELF-CATERING ECO-LODGES (CONT.)



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.



COMMUNAL
LAPA

Kitchen/dining room and living area with camp chairs, tables, benches and braai area. It is recommended that visitors bring their own pool towels.



SOLAR
POWER



SOLAR
LANTERNS



BEDDING +
TOWELS



SHADED
DECK



ECO POOL



BRAAI
WITH GRID



EQUIPPED
KITCHEN



2 PLATE GAS STOVE



FRIDGE



COOKWARE



TABLEWARE



KETTLE



SHOWER
[Gas]



FLUSH
TOILET

+



WATERLESS
TOILET



DAY HIKES
NEARBY



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. It is recommended that visitors bring their own pool towels. Come and soak up the peace and quiet!



UNIVERSAL
ACCESS



PRIVACY



SOLAR
POWER



ECO POOL



SHADED
DECK



CERAMIC
BRAAI



BEDDING +
TOWELS



EQUIPPED
KITCHEN



2 PLATE GAS STOVE



FRIDGE



COOKWARE



TABLEWARE



KETTLE



SHOWER
[Gas]



FLUSH
TOILET



1 KING SIZE

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



ELECTRICAL FRIDGE



2 PLATE
GAS STOVE



TABLEWARE
stainless steel
crockery



2 WATERLESS
TOILETS



COMMUNAL
ABLUTIONS



BRAAI AREA



PORTABLE
BRAAI



COMMUNAL



CAMPING

3

CAMPSITES

CAMPSITE 1 & 2



4 Max. per site

CAMPSITE 3

(Roof Top tent vehicles & Off road Trailers)



Max. per site

6 Pax for 2 vehicles.

Gamkaberg provides three campsites. The first two sites come equipped with sheltered areas where you can pitch your tent. The recently built third campsite is specifically designed to accommodate guests with vehicles equipped with rooftop tents and off-road trailers. Eco-friendly waterless toilets with additional two cold outdoor showers are just a few steps away from the Campsite. NB: Guests need to bring their own camping chairs.



POWER POINTS



FIRE PIT



COLD OUTDOOR
SHOWERS



COMMUNAL



COMMUNAL
SCULLERY



WATERLESS
TOILETS



WATER POINT

The campsites and The Stables share a warm-water ablution facility and an outdoor work surface and sink about 50m from the site. Camping sites and stable rooms are equipped with eco toilets and a cold outdoor showers.



PLEASE REPORT TO THE WELCOME CENTRE BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE SITE

OUKRAAL

4 HUTS

CAPACITY

8



Ou Kraal is on top of the Gamkaberg Plateau, 6-hour hike via Tierkloof Trail and 1.5 hours' drive by 4x4. The 4x4 track double up as an alternative hiking trail. 4 Herder's Huts sleep 2 each, equipped with two single beds, 1 pillow per person, and bins for storage. The original rock shelter is used as a kitchen, fully equipped with crockery/cutlery, 2 plate gas hob, gas fridge freezer and braai area.

A new lapa with a firepit will enable you to experience a night in the Karoo like no other.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bedding and towels
- Lighting and eco-logs
- Warm clothes (temperatures may drop rapidly)
- Flashlight



Eco-logs & fire lighters provided for HIKERS ONLY, ON REQUEST.

4X4 drivers need to purchase their eco-logs from the office.



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



STAINLESS STEEL
KETTLE & TRIPOD



GAS FRIDGE
FREEZER

ACTIVITIES



**BIRD
WATCHING**



SWIMMING



**HIKING &
WALKING**



**WILDLIFE
WATCHING**



4x4 ROUTE



PICNICKING



GAMES

[A variety of board and card games available at Reception.]

CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING



BOOKING CONFIRMATION

This is your entry permit



FOOD + DRINKS

There are no shops or restaurants nearby



SUN HAT



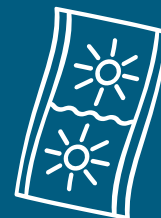
WALKING SHOES



SUNSCREEN



**WARM JACKET/
RAINCOAT (Winter)**



POOL TOWEL



**SWIMMING
COSTUME**



TORCH



BINOCULARS



**WATER
BOTTLE**



**INSECT
REPELLANT**



SLEEPING BAG + PILLOW



**THE STABLES
& OUKRAAL
GUESTS AND
CAMPER'S 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.

ECO-LOGS

Eco-logs, charcoal, briquettes and fire lighters are available for sale from the reserve office. PLEASE DON'T COLLECT FIREWOOD FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA.



GAMKABERG RULES

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



ILLICIT DRUGS OR ALCOHOL



FIREARMS OR WEAPONS

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



THIS IS YOUR ENTRY PERMIT



RETURN ALL KEYS TO THE OFFICE ON DEPARTURE

ARRIVAL:
14h00 - 16h00

On the day of departure overnight visitors must check out of their accommodation by **10h00** and campsite visitors at **12h00**, but are welcome to remain in the reserve until **16h00**.



DRIVE SAFELY

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



CapeNatureI



@capenatureI



/capenatureI



@capenature