





GAMKABERG NATURE RESERVE







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 mout 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, Cape Nature offers a range of comfortable accommodation, as well as gentle hikes and rambles.



FROM CALITZDORP: Take the Andries Pretorius turn off in a south 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 then about 200m later is the Gamkaberg turn off to the right, now also indicated with the Zebra chevron. We also pasted yellow reflective tape stripes on the Old Gamkaberg sign and the tape is all that is visible at night. Follow the dirt road for another 5,9km to the inference.

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. Apper 18 km later cross a bridge with white concrete railings. The 400m later is the Gamkaberg turn off to the left, now also indicated with the Zebra chevron. We have appeared yellow reflective tape stripes on the Old Gamkaberg signal of the tape is all that is visible at night. Follow the dirt road for another 5,9km to the in Eentre.

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

safari style tents pitched on decks

I GROUP BOOKING AT A TIME

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







1 DOUBLE TENT 2



CAPACITY 8

2 SINGLE TENT 3



2 SINGLE



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









BEDDING+ TOWELS





[at lapa]





WITH GRID



Nº 4 POTJIE



KITCHEN











KETTLE



SHOWER [Solar pow



OUTDOOR SHOWER



FLUSH TOILETS



SWEET THORN

safari style tents pitched on decks

I GROUP BOOKING AT A TIME

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



1 DOUBLE TENT I



CAPACITY

2 SINGLE



6.2

2 SINGLE



LAPA



The Lapa comprises a kitchen/dining room and living area.

Enjoy the sunset from the Gazebo equipped with benches and hammocks.





SOLAR POWER



SOLAR LANTERNS



BEDDING + TOWELS



SHADED DECK



[at lapa]



SPLASH



BRAAI With Grid







COOKWARE











SELF-CATERING ECO-LODGES



FOSSIL RIDGE

safari style tents pitched on decks

I GROUP BOOKING AT A TIME

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



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

CAPACITY







1 DOUBLE TENT 2









LANTERNS



BEDDING+ TOWELS



DECK



SPLASH POOL



WITH GRID



POWER













SHOWER [Solar power]



OUTDOOR SHOWER





XAMI

PRIVATE GETAWAY - IDEAL FOR COUPLES





1 KING SIZE

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!



ACCESS



PRIVACY



SOLAR POWER



SPLASH POOL



SHADED DECK





BEDDING + TOWELS



















RUSTIC SELF-CATERING & CAMPING



THE TABLES CAPACITY 8 1





NO BEDDING OR TOWELS

I 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.



















[Enamel crockery]

COMMUNAL



CAMPING 4 CAMPSITES

Max. per site



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.



PORTABLE BRAAL



COMMUNAL



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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 2

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).



'ENVIRO LOO' [waterless toilet + basin]



[rain water] **USE SPARINGLY**



NO SHOWER



WITH GRID





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



ROCK CLIMPING



BIRD WATCHING





HIKING & WALKING



WILDLIFE WATCHING



4x4 ROUTE



PICNICKING

CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING



BOOKING CONFIRMATION

This is your entry permit





FOOD + DRINKS
There are no series or restaurants nearby



SUN HAT



WALKING SHOES



SUNSCREEN



WARM JACKET/
RAINCOAT (Winter)



BEACH TOWEL



SWIMMING COSTUME



TORCH



BINOCULARS



BOTTLE



INSECT REPELLANT



SLEEPING BAG + PILLOW

THE STABLES & OUKRAAL GUESTS AND CAMPERS





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.

FIRE | OOD

Firewood 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



THE VELD





THIS IS YOUR ENTRY PERMIT



RETURN ALL KEYS TO THE OFFICE ON DEPARTURE

ARRIVAL: 14h00 - 16h00

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



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