

KALKFONTEIN DAM NATURE RESERVE

What climatic conditions can be expected?

The rainfall is mainly restricted to the hot summer months. The nights are cold during the winter, but the days are usually sunny and pleasant.

The landscape, plants and animals

The nature reserve, with an area of approximately 260 ha, lies in the south western region of the Free State. The Kalkfontein Dam covers an area of approximately 4 500 ha, when full and is situated in the Riet River.

Wild olive and especially karee grows along the ridges, while the open veld consists of grass interspersed with karoo bushes.

Animals like mountain reedbuck, steenbok and Burchell's zebra can be seen.

A variety of terrestrial birds, waterfowl and raptors such as the fish eagle, inhabit the reserve.

Fish species include carp, barbel, yellow fish and mudfish.

What facilities are available?

Along the shoreline there are more camping sites (without power). No barbeque equipment is provided.

An ablution facility is available with warm water and toilets.

A lapa is available for groups.

Slipways are available for the boating enthusiast.

No shops are available and visitors must bring their own provisions.

Recreational activities

- All types of aquatic sport can be enjoyed.
- The dam offers the serious angler a big challenge and hours of relaxation to the rest of the family.
- Visitors are welcome to walk through the reserve and enjoy the nature.
- Six kilometers of tourist roads allow visitors ample opportunity for game viewing.

Who do I contact?

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What, where, when?

❖ Hours: Gate: 06h00 – 18h00
Office: 07h30 – 16h00

This reserve in the south-western part of the Free State, lies 35 km to the north of Fauresmith on the Petrusburg / Fauresmith road (S136)

