

MARIA MOROKA NATURE RESERVE

What climatic conditions can be expected?

The summers are sunny and warm and ideal for outdoor activities. The winters are cold, though the days are usually sunny.

The landscape, plants and animals

Situated at the foot of the Thaba 'Nchu Mountain, the Moutloatse Setlogelo Dam is surrounded by the Maria Moroka National Park. The undulating grassy plains embraced by wooded hills, with the mountain standing guard in the north, is our own Serengeti.

The clear night sky with millions of stars so close you may touch them, earned this area the name of "BIG SKY COUNTRY"

Well-known wildlife species such as zebra, black wildebeest, red hartebeest and white rhino are found here. More than a hundred species of birds, including a variety of aquatic species, have been recorded in the Park, and large flocks of blue crane can, from time to time, be seen.

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

What facilities are available?

The day visitor to the Park will find a well designed picnic area with braai facilities and an ablution block for his convenience.

A hall is available for conferences and functions at this site.

Luxurious accommodation, as well as a variety of activities such as tennis, mini golf, gambling and cabaret shows are available at the Thaba 'Nchu Sun Hotel.

For more information contact the: Thaba 'Nchu Sun Liaison Officer

Tel: 051 – 8714200

The Thaba Lodge accommodates ten people in five chalets and has a central kitchen and living area. Solar panel lights and a big friendly fireplace will keep the cold winter nights at bay. This well-equipped, self catering facility is hidden away in a beautiful valley with a panoramic view of the Thaba 'Nchu Mountain and surrounding plains. This camp is under renovations and will be opened to the public in 2013.

Recreational activities

- The Park offers an eight km hiking trail to the Thaba 'Nchu Mountain, where the hiker will learn more about Tswana culture and history.
- The Moutloatse Setlogelo Dam is a popular angling area.
- Day and night wildlife sightseeing tours
- Functions in a traditional Tswana stone lapa are arranged by the Thaba 'Nchu Sun Hotel.

Who do I contact?

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What, where, when?

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

The Park is located approximately 70km east of Bloemfontein alongside the popular Thaba 'Nchu Protea Hotel.

