

RUSTFONTEIN DAM NATURE RESERVE

What climatic conditions can be expected?

The summers are sunny and hot and ideal for water sports. The winters are cold through the days are usually sunny.

The landscape, plants and animals

The nature reserve, with an area of approximately 6 243 ha, lies in the dry grassveld region of the Free State. The Rustfontein Dam covers an area of approximately 1 163 ha, when full and is situated at the confluence of the Kromspruit and the Modder River.

Wild olive, karee and sweet thorn trees grow along the ridges, while the open veld consists of grass interspersed with Karoo bushes.

Animals like black wildebeest, blesbok, springbok, red hartebeest, mountain reedbeek, steenbok, 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?

Braai and ablution facilities are located along the shoreline.

Slipways and boathouses 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.
- Twenty kilometers of tourist roads allow visitors ample opportunity for game viewing.

Who do I contact?

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What, where, when?

- ❖ Hours: Gate: 07h30 – 19h00
Office: 07h30 – 16h00

The Rustfontein Dam Nature Reserve is 50km east of Bloemfontein just off the Bloemfontein/Thaba 'Nchu road (N8).

