

SOETDORING 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

Soetdoring Nature Reserve (including water surface of the Krugersdrift Dam and Modder River) comprises a total surface area of 7500 ha and is only 45 km from Bloemfontein, which makes it the ideal place to enjoy a family picnic under a canopy of sweet thorn trees. Angling along the banks of the Modder River is a tranquil and relaxing experience. The reserve also houses a predator park with a separate lion and cheetah camp.

Gemsbok, eland, springbok, blesbok, black wildebeest, zebra and red hartebeest roam the open plains of the reserve. Kudu, waterbuck, common reedbuck and impala find sanctuary in the bush along the riverbanks. Among the reptiles and smaller mammals, leguan, Cape clawless otter, water mongoose, small spotted genets and African wild cat are other inhabitants of the riverbanks, and tortoises of the grassy plains. The Krugersdrift Dam attracts many water birds, white martial, and fish eagles breed in the tall trees near the shore.

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

What facilities are available?

- Madinokge Train Camp - sleeps up to 72 people, with ablution facilities, a kitchen and lapa (This camp is under renovations currently)
- 13 angling sites / picnic spots.
- A lapa with barbecue facilities is available.
- A very rustic bushcamp with 10 chalets & hall is available

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

Recreational activities

- Eco-tourism activities include game drives, bird watching, angling, picnicking, hunting, camping, wind surfing and booked predator feed among other activities
- 13 angling sites / picnic spots.
- 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.
- Thirty kilometers of tourist roads allow visitors ample opportunity for game viewing.

Who do I contact?

The Tourism Officer
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What, where, when?

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

- East gate: Bloemfontein – R700 Bultfontein road (Reserve and Resort offices situated on this side)
- West gate: Bloemfontein – R64 Kimberley road

