

TUSSEN DIE RIVIERE NATURE RESERVE

What climatic conditions can be expected?

Tussen die Riviere Nature Reserve has a climate that is transitional between that of the Karoo and Highveld. Summers are hot and dry with an average annual rainfall of 400 mm. The winters are cold and ideal for hunting.

The landscape, plants and animals

The reserve covers an area of approximately 22 000ha.

Situated in the southern most region of the Free State Province, the Caledon and Orange Rivers cradle wild, open plains which are home to large herds of blesbok, black wildebeest, and springbok. Other game include eland, mountain reedbuck, gemsbok, reedbuck, impala, kudu, red hartebeest, warthog, zebra and white rhino, while buffalo and black rhino take shelter along the bushy riverbanks.

Sour karee, wild olive trees and blue guarri are scattered over the koppies. Cape and weeping willow trees, white stinkwood, star apple, karee and common taaibos fringe the two rivers.

Fish eagles and black eagles enjoy the endless blue sky, while secretary birds stalk their prey in the grasslands.

What facilities are available?

- Fully equipped chalets with carport and braai area:
 - Three 2-bed chalets – two single beds (one room)
 - Three 4-bed chalets – double + bunker bed (one room)
 - Three luxury 4-bed chalets – double + two single bed (two rooms)
- Hall with a bar, kitchen and large braai area. The hall can be used as a Conference facility for small groups.
- Rustic Hunters' camp consisting of 5 single shelters with braai area, and a communal ablution block.
- Camping facilities.
- No shops are available and visitors must bring their own provisions.

Recreational activities

- Game & bird viewing.
- A 4x4 route, which passes unusual rock formations (the "Klipstapels")

Who do I contact?

The Tourism Officer
Tussen Die Riviere Nature Reserve
P.O. Box 16

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What, where, when?

- ❖ Hours: Gate: 07h00 – 18h00 (Fridays till 21h00)
Office: 07h30 – 16h00

The entrance gate to the Reserve is situated on the road between Bethulie and Smithfield (R701) in the southern Free State. This reserve lies in the southern Free State 65 km east of the N1 and 15 km from Bethulie on the R701.

