

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND TIPS WHEN STAYING AT DE AAP FARM LODGE



WEATHER

Please note that the weather in which the greater Swartberg Area is situated is unpredictable and can vary in its extremes.

There are many beautiful sunny Karoo days where you can sit on the quiet verandah or walk the lovely mountain trails. However always be prepared for a change in the weather in the spectacular Swartberg Mountain Range.



Summer

The 16m lap pool is used in the summer months to cool off and also for a bit of exercise. Do not forget your swimming costumes!

The heat of the summer day dissipates at night in the thin mountain air.

Bring comfortable loose-fitting clothing and walking boots and do not forget a hat or two. For the more serious mountaineers make sure you bring with the right gear.



Winter

Come prepared for cold spells in the midst of winter with the mountains covered in snow.

Rather sit around the big indoor log fire or stay in your vehicle when the gusty cold winds come howling through the mountain passes.

Bring warm jackets and scarves.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Bring your cameras, lenses, tripods, flood lamps, filters and sensitometers to capture the picturesque beauty unrivaled anywhere else in the world. If you have a telescope or good pair of binoculars for stargazing please bring it with.



FOOD & BEVERAGES

Please note that the Lodge is rented out on a self-catering basis and therefore you will have to stock up in neighboring towns such as Prince Albert, De Rust or Oudtshoorn. De Aap Farm Lodge boasts a modern kitchen where you can prepare food to your heart's content. Firewood is available at the Lodge.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

There are quite a few spectacular mountain biking trails in this area. Whether you are an amateur or professional bike rider there will be a route suited to your level of expertise (and stamina). There are also beginner trails for the not so fit adults or children, which will provide lots of fun and make everyone enjoy the fresh mountain air.

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BIRD WATCHING

More than 60 percent of the endemic and range-restricted birds found in Southern Africa occur in or are confined to the Karoo. Please bring your field guides, walking boots and binoculars with. De Aap Farm Lodge is a great birding spot where you will find a range of birds from the massive Kori Bustard to the tiny Kittlit'z Plover.



TOURISM

De Aap Farm Lodge work closely with various tourist operators in the region to provide a seamless service to visitors.

Trips to various tourist destinations such as “Die Hell” in the midst of the Swartberge, Meiringspoort Waterfall and visits to ostrich farms in Oudtshoorn can be arranged. Hunting Safaris, photo workshops, cooking with top chefs, attending calligraphy courses, history tours and stargazing experiences can be arranged.

Pick ups from George Airport can also be arranged through reliable taxi operators partnering with the De Aap Farm Lodge.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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