**Operating Times**

Gate Times / Office Hours

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Check-in: 12:00  Check-out: 09:00

**Things to do**

- **Game viewing** - from your own vehicle along a circular route (dirt roads) which includes three viewing points with stunning views of the Breede River, the Old River mouth and surrounding countryside. All the roads are well maintained and the distance covered will be approximately 20km.

- **Hiking** - there are three trails which start near the rest camp:
  - The Acacia trail: 1.6km
  - The River trail: 2.2km
  - The Bushbuck trail: 3.4km

- **Swimming** - overnight visitors are able to enjoy the activity from the rest camp while day visitors can access the Breede River from Die Stroum. Guests swim at own risk.

- **Angling in the Breede River** - subject to the possession of a valid angling licence (available from reception).

- **Canoeing/Kayaking** (own equipment)

- **Mountain biking**

**Birding in Bontebock**

Bontebock National Park is a ‘birders’ delight. The park is noteworthy as an excellent place to see Dullens (& Stanley’s) Bustard. Other large and visible species include Blue Crane, Spur-winged Goose, Secretarybird and Southern Black Korhaan.

**Useful information**

Firewood, snacks and condiments can be purchased from the shop at the park’s reception area. Fresh produce and fuel are available in Swellendam (18 km drive away).

**Picnic by the Breede River**

Picnic sites with ablution and braai facilities are available along the Breede River and may be used by day visitors. Visitors will need to provide their own grills. Firewood can be purchased at the Park Shop.

**Die Stroum Function and Braai Facility**

Situated in beautiful surroundings on the banks of the Breede River, this function facility is ideal for team building, birthdays and special events. ‘Die Stroum’ is equipped to cater for 50 people, has a spacious covered wooden deck overlooking the river, built-in braai area, kitchen and ablution.

**Malachite and Southern Boubou**

Double Collared Sunbird are often seen at the reception building, while the Rest Camp area attracts a number of species. Prominent amongst these are Fiscal Flycatcher, Klaas’s Cuckoo (summer), AcaciaPod Barkis and Red-faced Mousebird. Pearl-breasted Swallow are regularly seen.

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**Take a break and unwind on the banks of the Breede River**

With magnificent views, tranquil surroundings and excellent overnight facilities, Bontebock National Park is an ideal getaway.

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**YOUR NATURAL HERITAGE**
Bontebok National Park, just outside the historic town of Swellendam, lies at the foot of the majestic Langeberg Mountains and is bordered by the winding Breede River. The Park is home to the once-threatened Bontebok now counting over 200, with a total world population of approximately 2000. Many other animals such as the Red Hartebeest and Grey Rhinoceros as well as several smaller mammals and reptiles can also be seen here.

Over 200 bird species can be found, including South Africa’s national bird, the Blue Crane, African Fish Eagles, Secretary birds, Malachite Sunbirds, Stanley’s Bustard (now known as Duchmian’s Bustard) and Yellow billed duks.

Although the smallest of South Africa’s 22 National Parks, Bontebok National Park is by no means less diverse. Part of the Cape Floral Kingdom, now heralded as a world heritage site, it is one of the largest remaining "fynbos" islands" with several endemic plant species. Intensive agricultural practices in the area have destroyed most of this indigenous vegetation leaving the park as a key refuge for rare plant species. Fynbos flourish in the temperate climate with winter rainfall and in spring the veld is covered with flowers.

Lang Elia's Kriel Restcamp ★★★

Situated on the banks of the Breede River, Lang Elia’s Kriel Restcamp is named after a female Khoi Chief who lived in the area between 1784 and 1800. Guests can enjoy bird watching from the comfort of their deck and go for walks along the river. It is not unusual to find a tortoise at your doorstep and Bontebok grazing at the over banks.

The fully equipped chalets comprise an open plan room with kitchenette, sleeper couch and double bed/ twin beds; bathroom with shower; and an outside deck with braai area and outdoor furniture. Each of the 10 self-catering chalets can accommodate up to four people - 2 adults and 2 small children, or 3 adults - and are equipped with a fridge, microwave, two plate stove, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. Units are serviced daily. Linen, towels and soap are provided.

Camping/Caravan ★★★

This restcamp has caravans and campsites with or without power, all of which have communal ablution facilities. A maximum of six persons will be permitted per site. A fee will be charged for additional vehicles. The popular River-side Campsite, open between November and April, also allows a maximum of 8 persons per site. No caravans are allowed at these sites.

Hiking Trails

Heading east, the Aloe Hill trail passes a viewpoint from which you can enjoy stunning scenery of the Breede River and Langeberg Mountains.

The Bushbuck trail is for visitors who want to spend more time enjoying the natural beauty of this park. The trail follows the river upstream, passing a viewing deck and ending at Die Strom, a popular swimming and picnic spot.

The shorter Acacia trail is perfectly suited to the more relaxed river, heads inland and offers a great opportunity for game viewing.

Farther inland, the Blue Crane trail passes the Skhidam Dam - Bontebok, Red Hartebeest, as well as other animals are a regular sight around this potential water hole.

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