

Tankwa Karoo National Park



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Situated on the southern boundary of the Northern Cape, with the Roggeveld Escarpment in the east, Cederberg in the west and Klein Roggeveld Mountains in the south, a four hour drive from Cape Town brings you to this truly spectacular National Park. Situated within the Succulent Karoo Biome, the unique features of the vegetation are combined with mind-blowing landscapes – from the sheer cliffs of the Roggeveld Escarpment to the moonscapes of the Tankwa Desert.

Tankwa Karoo National Park came into being in 1986 with the proclamation of approximately 27 000ha of state-lands to National Park. This is the area that can still be seen demarcated on most commercial maps. Since 1996 additional portions of land have been bought and Tankwa Karoo National Park's size currently stands at approximately 143 600ha.

Tankwa Karoo National Park has a multitude of small



mammal species including duiker, steenbok, porcupine and black-backed jackal. Leopards also naturally roam the area and large game species such as Cape mountain zebra, red hartebeest, gemsbok, eland and springbok, that were historically found within the area, have been reintroduced to join the existing kudu. Tankwa is the ideal destination for those seeking the *brightest stars* in Africa, a once in a lifetime glimpse of a rare endemic bird or, perhaps, nothing more than a silence that reaches deep into the soul.



TANKWA KAROO

ELANDSBERG

TANKWA KAROO WILDERNESS CAMP

NUMBER OF CHALETS 5

MAXIMUM PEOPLE PER COTTAGE 4x 4 people, 1x 6 people

POWER SOURCE Gas appliances and **paraffin lamps**

OTHER FACILITIES Superb uninterrupted views

These fully equipped cottages come complete with fireplace in the lounge, covered braai area, individual splash pools and are comparable to upmarket private game lodges. The buildings blend superbly into the surrounding landscape, being constructed on the contour of the hillside and positioned in such a way that they are not directly visible from one another. Built using traditional methods and materials of unbaked bricks and clay plastering. The large picture windows afford wonderful views of the Roggeveld Escarpment.



THE FARM COTTAGES

VARSCHFONTEIN PAULSHOEK DEZYFER

NUMBER OF FARM COTTAGES 3

MAX PEOPLE PER FARM Varschfontein 9, Paulshoek 6, DeZyfer 6

POWER SOURCE Gas appliances and **paraffin lamps**

The **VARSCHFONTEIN COTTAGE** is an old farmstead 45km from the Park offices within the dry westerly section of Tankwa. The desolate beauty of the area is breathtaking and there is a reservoir in which you can swim. The **PAULSHOEK COTTAGE**, 5km from reception, with its old-worldly furnishings, has beautiful views of the Roggeveld Escarpment. **DEZYFER COTTAGE**, the latest renovated cottage, has a 'stoep' - ideal to sit and enjoy the silence, and watch the endemic birds. *All of the farmsteads are self-catering, fully equipped including braai facilities, but do not have electricity.*



TANKWA GUESTHOUSE

COMPLEX

NUMBER OF UNITS 4

MAX PEOPLE PER UNIT 2x 4 people, 1x 2 people,
1x 8 people

POWER SOURCE Gas appliances and 220V lighting



CAMPING

There are two formal campsites and six other designated spots where fully self-sufficient campers are allowed to camp.

PRIVATE LODGE

Gannaga Lodge is situated within the Park, and offers full catering, a conference venue and accommodation for up to 20 guests.

Conveniently situated on the southern boundary of the Tankwa National Park and a stone's throw from the Oudebaaskraal Dam. The complex offers a range of accommodation and is ideally suited for groups of up to 18 guests. With its construction reminiscent of a desert fort, it has played host to weddings, team building exercises as well as film and commercial shoots. A 900m landing strip situated next to the main building, also allows for fly-ins by guests.



GETTING THERE

Tankwa is the closest of the Arid Parks to Cape Town and is an ideal first stop for Capetonians when doing a tour of the other Arid Parks. Its close proximity to the Cape also makes it ideal for weekend getaways. The easiest route from Cape Town is via Ceres. From here, you head north on the R46 for 40km and then take the R355 towards Calvinia. After approximately 70km, turn right on the P2250 towards Middelpos and continue for a further 75km to reach the Park Offices at Roodewerf. If touring from the north, the R355 turn-off is just west of Calvinia. Continue for 50km, turn left onto the P2267 and continue for a further 55km to reach Roodewerf. The R355, P2250 and P2267 are gravel roads, as are all the roads in the Park. However, most are navigable with a two-wheel drive vehicle. Diesel is available at the Roodewerf Office. Last stops for petrol are Ceres (180km), Calvinia (110km), Sutherland (140km – closed on Sundays) and Middelpos (50km).

ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Tankwa Karoo National Park is still in a developmental and land consolidation phase. As such, the Park offers limited visitor facilities, signage and other amenities and prospective visitors are urged to confirm availability of accommodation and other relevant information with the Park Office. Tankwa is a place of solitude and vast horizons. The nights are profoundly quiet with a lavish display of stars. It is a priceless addition to our National Parks system, in a world that is becoming ever more congested, noisy and threatening.

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