

#### **Bontebok Lodge Rules / Guidelines**

- Strictly no smoking within the lodge.
- The toilets are based on a soak away system. As there are bacteria at work in the sewage system, please DO NOT flush any sanitary towels, or any other foreign matter (other than toilet paper).
- Please conserve Energy. Due to our use of Solar energy, the use of hairdryers is STRICTLY forbidden (and failure to comply will seriously compromise the system's invertor).
- There is no Wi-Fi (find mobile reception at the Bontebok road turn off).

#### **Bontebok Lodge Rates**

Our rates are R2,100-00 per night for 4 adults. A supplement of R150 per person, per night is levied for additional children. We do not charge for children up to the age of 6. Bedding and towels are provided for 4 adults only.

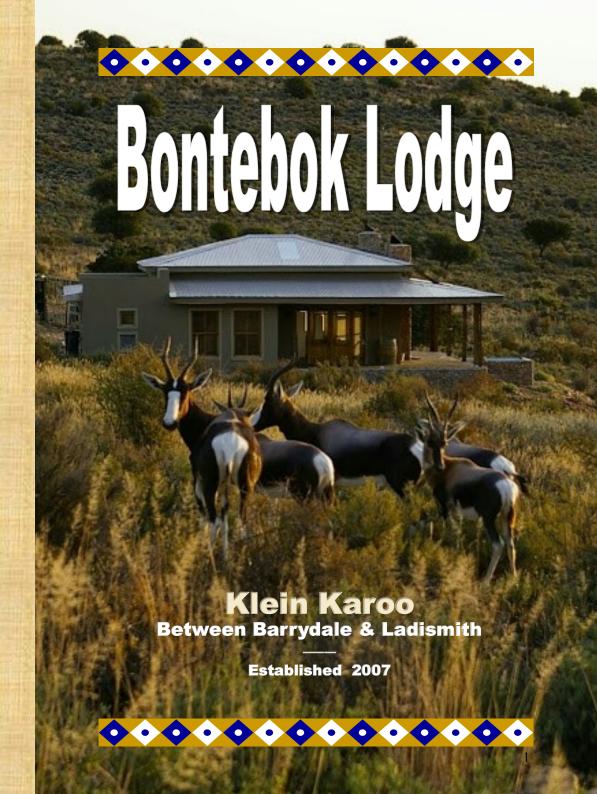








Touwsberg Private Game and Nature Reserve







# Welcome to Bontebok Lodge



Bontebok Lodge is located on the Touwsberg Private Game and Nature Reserve, in the stark and beautiful Klein Karoo, approximately 290 km from Cape Town (off famous Route 62, between Barrydale and Ladismith in the Western Cape).

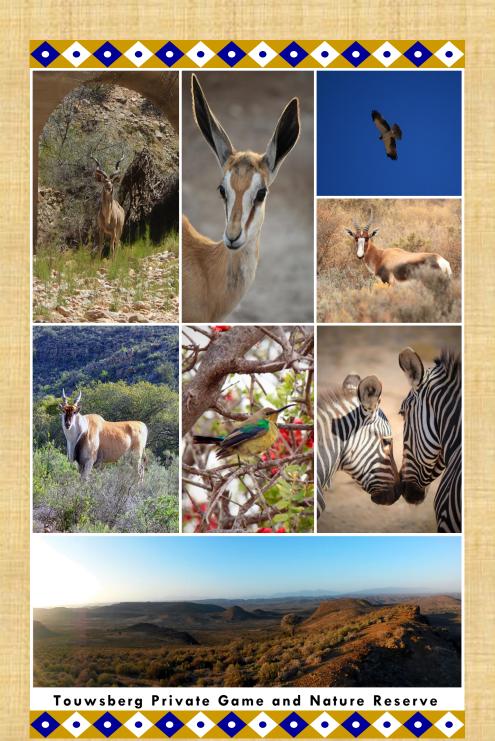
Situated on the side of a hill surrounded by amazing nature, free roaming game and mountain ranges; Bontebok Lodge is built to blend in with the surroundings; offering a unique opportunity to experience the great outdoors in peace and tranquility, free from the busy world of everyday life.

Our two bedroom lodge is self-catering, and boasts a large open plan lounge/dining room/kitchen area (all well equipped). With two bedrooms, each with Queen size beds and on-suite bathrooms, the accommodation sleeps a Max of 4 Adults, and can accommodate up to 4 additional Children on a sleeper couch and mattress (with additional supplement for children over the age of 6 - see Rates, pg 5). Bedding is NOT supplied for additional guests. Cooking facilities include a gas hob, and outside braai area (no oven or microwave, due to the solar nature of the energy supply). The lodge has a 240V supply for electric lights, radios, and for charging mobile phones and laptop computers (no internet).

Situated in this wonderland, Bontebok Lodge offers the perfect hideaway over a weekend, or for a quick (or long) break from the city. So please relax and enjoy the BIG Karoo Sky at our little Piece of Heaven, safe and secure on a private Game and Nature Reserve.

Refer to <u>Rules and Guidelines</u> applicable to Touwsberg Nature and Game Reserve; and Bontebok Lodge (pg 5/6).







## **Touwsberg Private Game and Nature Reserve**

The Reserve is situated on the southern slopes of the Touwsberg range, offering a unique lifestyle with spectacular panoramas and vast Little Karoo landscapes, all combined with security and privacy. With its own underground water supply providing crystal-clear drinking water (sadly threatened during times of drought), the flora and wildlife have self-contained biological and geological eco-systems, the natural habitat for smaller game and a host of natural predators. This sub-region also forms part of the Cape Floral Kingdom, one of the Earth's six designated plant kingdoms, with one of the richest concentrations of succulent plants in the world (and a predominance of dwarf shrubs).

#### Game on the Reserve

Relax and enjoy the Klein Karroo on a private Nature and Game Reserve (malaria free zone). View a wide range of game from your patio, and identify over 160 species of birds. The game you could encounter include Kudu, Eland, Springbok, Gemsbok, Bontebok, Cape Mountain Zebra, Black Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Giraffe, Black Backed Jackal, Bat Eared Fox, Aardvark, Caracal (Rooikat), and Leopard (in their natural habitat).

## History of Game on Bontebok Ridge

Bontebok Ridge lies on the Southern end of the Nature Reserve. Since the release of game in 2007, the initial herd of five Bontebok (4 adults and one calf) adopted this ridge as their new home. The calf was named Dale, with the dominant male called Barry, the two of them aptly known as Barry 'n Dale. Since their introduction into the reserve, the herd has had six calves, and Barry abandoned the initial herd (which split into two groups), and roamed with three male calves born on the reserve. Unfortunately, as a result of a three year long drought, the Bontebok herd has now been reduced to a solitary male. On the upside, the endangered Cape Mountain Zebra herd has flourished, with our herd having grown to well over thirty. The Zebra, found in small herds of up to eight, often frequent the watering hole just below the lodge.

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## Game Viewing Guide

The best time to view game is in the early mornings and late afternoons (the animals seek shelter during the heat of the day). Take a break in between, as most of the diurnal game are having a siesta. Look up to the sky often, as there are various species of birds of prey to view. Visit the dam and watering holes regularly, as the animals drink throughout the day.

Please drive slowly (speed limit – 40km/hr), and avoid driving over, or through animal dung (as many insects utilise it as a food source). Look out for the smaller game, the larger game will show themselves (keep your eyes open for duikers, black backed jackal, aardvarks, and the bat eared fox). Do not attempt to kill any snakes, they fulfil an important ecological role in our ecosystem. And when driving on the Eastern 4x4 track (Eland Kloof), stop and listen for the sound of animals walking. Most of all, relax and enjoy nature!

### **Touwsberg Game and Nature Reserve Rules / Guidelines**

As with all Nature Reserves, it is important for guests to appreciate the delicate balance required for animals and humans to co-exist. The following rules of the Touwsberg Game and Nature Reserve are included here to ensure we enjoy, and maintain, a symbiotic relationship:

- Guests are limited to the number as booked.
- Speed limit is 40km per hour.
- · Picking flowers, or collecting seeds, is strictly prohibited.
- Picnics, swimming, and fires allowed only in designated areas.
- No pets, or firearms allowed.
- Quad bikes, and motorized watercraft are prohibited.
- Do NOT chase, or try to touch any animals on the Reserve.
- Night drives are only allowed under supervision of a Touwsberg guide.
- Only use 4x4 Routes, as indicated on the map (see Information Brochure).

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