

RULES OF THE PARK

The rules of the Barbespan Bird Sanctuary are there for the protection of its visitors as well as the animals and the environment.



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The Barbespan Bird Sanctuary is a huge 2000 ha body of water located between Delareyville and Sannieshof. The Reserve is a pioneer in ornithological research and Bird Life South Africa has declared it an important national birding site.

Barbespan is also a RAMSAR-Convention accredited wetland of international importance for migratory birds and waterfowl.



GENERAL

The pans, which are fed intermittently by the Harts River, are an important drought refuge for waterfowl which arrive in numbers from the surrounding pans to wait out the dry season.

Barberspan and the adjacent Leeupan, connected by a shallow channel, are over 4 000 ha in extent comprising shallow alkaline waters ideally suited to the many species which favour such conditions. The area around Barberspan is undulating grassland and agricultural land, leaving the pans largely undisturbed.

Certain areas on the pans are designated for anglers to enjoy excellent fishing opportunities for carp, barbel and yellowfish.

A new hiking trail around the pan has just been opened providing wonderful opportunities for bird watching along the trail.

Boating opportunities are offered and a number of photographers hides are available.



WHERE TO STAY

Accommodation is rustic and on a self-catering basis in one of two houses sleeping six and eight people, respectively. Each house is equipped with a bathroom and separate toilets, electricity, a fridge, stove, furniture, beds with mattresses, and an outdoor braai facility. Bring own bedding, pots, crockery and cutlery.

Weavers Nest is a large house with three and a half bathrooms, sleeping 16-20 people, equipped with a stove, table, chairs, beds and mattresses. There is an outdoor lapa for braais. Wood is available, bring own bedding.

Camping sites along the angling shore and a camp site on the northern side of the reserve are also available.

GATE TIMES

Summer (October - April)

Opens: 06h00

Closes: 19h00

Summer School Holiday

Opens: 05h00

Closes: 21h00

A CHECKLIST OF SOME OF THE BIRDS YOU WILL FIND

- 1 Ostrich
- 6 Great Crested Grebe
- 8 Dabchick
- 55 Whitebreasted Cormorant
- 58 Reed Cormorant
- 60 Darter
- 62 Grey Heron
- 63 Blackheaded Heron
- 64 Goliath Heron
- 65 Purple Heron
- 66 Great White Egret
- 67 Little Egret
- 68 Yellowbilled Egret
- 69 Black Egret
- 71 Cattle Egret
- 72 Squacco Heron
- 74 Greenbacked Heron
- 76 Blackcrowned Night Heron
- 77 Whitebacked Night Heron
- 78 Little Bittern
- 81 Hamerkop
- 83 White Stork
- 84 Black Stork
- 85 Abdims Stork
- 89 Maribou Stork
- 90 Yellowbilled Stork
- 91 Sacred Ibis
- 93 Glossy Ibis
- 94 Hadeda Ibis
- 95 African Spoonbill
- 96 Greater Flamingo
- 97 Lesser Flamingo
- 99 Whitefaced Duck
- 101 Whitebacked Duck
- 102 Egyptian Goose
- 103 South African Shelduck
- 104 Yellowbilled Duck
- 105 African Black Duck
- 108 Redbilled Teal
- 113 Southern Pochard
- 115 Knob-billed Duck
- 116 Spurwinged Goose
- 118 Secretary Bird
- 122 Cape Vulture
- 123 Whitebacked Vulture
- 124 Lappetfaced Vulture
- 125 Black Kite
- 126 Yellowbilled Kite
- 127 Blackshouldered Kite
- 130 Honey Buzzard
- 131 Black Eagle
- 132 Tawny Eagle
- 133 Steppe Eagle
- 135 Wahlbergs Eagle
- 136 Booted Eagle
- 137 Afrian Hawk Eagle
- 140 Martial Eagle
- 142 Brown Snake Eagle
- 143 Blackbreasted Snake Eagle
- 146 Bateleur
- 148 African Fish Eagle
- 149 Steppe Buzzard
- 152 Jackal Buzzard
- 156 Ovambo Sparrowhawk
- 157 Little Sparrowhawk
- 158 Black Sparrowhawk
- 159 Little Banded Goshawk
- 161 Gabar Goshawk
- 162 Pale Chanting Goshawk
- 165 Afrian Marsh Harrier
- 169 Gymnogone
- 170 Osprey
- 171 Peregrine Falcon
- 172 Lanner Falcon
- 173 Hobby Falcon
- 174 African Hobby Falcon
- 181 Rock Kestrel
- 182 Greater Kestrel
- 188 Coqui Francolin
- 189 Crested Francolin
- 191 Shelleys Francolin
- 196 Natal Francolin
- 199 Swainsons Francolin
- 200 Common Quail

