Kgaswane Nature Reserve
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At a Glance

Climate
Generally mild to hot but can be cold in winter especially at night.

Facts About the Game Reserve
- Reserve Area: 5 300ha
- Currency: South African Rand
- The principal vlei which traverses the central portion of the reserve is the largest of its kind in the Magaliesberg and is an important catchment area at the headwaters of the Hex River.
- The reserve hosts a population of over 800 antelope, including klipspringer, grey duiker, bushbuck, kudu, oribi, mountain reedbuck, impala, red hartebeest, zebra, springbok, steenbok, sable antelope and waterbuck.
- Nearby airports: OR Thambo, Lanseria Airport
- Nearest city: Rustenburg
- There is no cellphone reception at the campsites, but there is reception on the plateau.

Accommodation
The Kgaswane Mountain Reserve offers accommodation in a fully equipped cottage, a group camp and camping sites. There are two overnight huts for hikers. There are 22 camp sites which overlook the vlei area running through the reserve. Eleven sites are arranged around each of the two ablution blocks under shady trees. Each stand is equipped with a picnic table and benches, monkey-proof waste drum, and a key-shaped fireplace with a braai grid and place for an open fire. There are no taps at the stands but the ablation blocks have hot and cold water showers and baths (bring own bath plug), flush toilets and wash basins. There is a scullery with sinks and a large electric chest freezer. There are no power points at the stands.

Birds and antelope abound around the campsite areas.

Rules and Regulations

The rules of the Kgaswane Nature Reserve are there for the protection of its visitors as well as the animals and the environment.

1. Visitors must remain in the designated areas.
2. Stick to the speed limit! All general rules of the road apply within the Kgaswane Nature Reserve. The speed limit is 40 km/h.
3. No picking up of firewood in the veld.
4. No music allowed!
5. Look at the gate times on your entry permit. You must be out of the gate before these times. No traveling before or after these times is allowed. Gate times must be strictly adhered to and late comers may be subject to a fine.
6. No driving at night.
7. You are not allowed to drive “off-road” on roads with a “no entry” sign.
8. The feeding or disturbing of animals is a serious offence. Remember, animals see litter as food.
9. No day visitors allowed in the campsite.
10. Rules and regulations are enforced under the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act no. 57 of 2003) and transgression can result in a fine.
11. To report any violations please call: +27 (0)14 533 0950

Key Attractions
The reserve caters for a wide range of interests and is famous as a hiking destination. Two trails are open to the public.

These overnight trails are extremely popular and early booking is essential. The Summit Route is 25.3km and, for the first time, includes the Natural Pools in which swimming is permitted. The Baworkane Route is 19.2km and includes the Waterfall View and the Garden of Remembrance. The trails have amenities to accommodate 12 hikers.

The Peglar Trail is a day excursion of approximately 5.3km over fairly steep and rocky terrain. The shorter Vlei Ramble, just 2km, takes visitors to a viewing hut on the vlei – a favourite spot for the many birders who enjoy the reserve.
**Animal List:**
- Burchell's Zebra
- Common Reedbuck
- Springbok
- Black Wildebeest
- Kudu
- White Rhino
- Gemsbok
- Black-backed Jackal
- Red Hartebeest
- Eland
- Impala
- Ostrich
- Common Duiker
- Blesbok
- Buffalo
- Waterbuck
- Giraffe
- Warthog
- Mountain Reedbuck
- Brown Hyena

**Bird List:**
- Ostrich
- Great Crested Grebe
- Dabchick
- Whitebreasted Cormorant
- Reed Cormorant
- Darter
- Grey Heron
- Blackheaded Heron
- Goliath Heron
- Purple Heron
- Great Egret
- Little Egret
- Yellowbilled Egret
- Black Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Squacco Heron
- Greenbacked Heron
- Blackcrowned Night Heron
- Whitebacked Night Heron
- Little Bittern
- Hamerkop
- White Stork
- Black Stork
- Abdim's Stork
- Maribou Stork
- Yellowbilled Stork
- Sacred Ibis
- Glossy Ibis
- Hadeda Ibis
- African Spoonbill
- Greater Flamingo
- Lesser Flamingo
- Whitefaced Duck
- Egyptian Goose
- South African Shelduck
- Yellowbilled Duck
- African Black Duck
- Redbilled Tad
- Southern Postband
- Cape Vulture
- Whitebacked Vulture
- Lappetfaced Vulture
- Black Kite