

Kalkfontein Dam Nature Reserve, Fauresmith, Western Free State

Kalkfontein Dam, on the Riet River, is an aquatic reserve for the vulnerable largemouth yellowfish. Other popular angling species include smallmouth yellowfish, mudfish, barbel and carp. You may be lucky and see Smith's red rabbits on rocky outcrops in the early morning or evening.

Birds such as South African shellduck, Caspian terns, greater and lesser flamingos (depending on the water level) and osprey are regularly seen in summer. Layard's babbler, rufous-eared warbler and Karoo robin are often recorded in the reserve.

Karoo sunsets transform the stark landscape of koppies and ridges into spectacular hue of brown, red and gold.

Features include:

- Braai facilities
- Slipway for boats
- Ablution facilities
- Caravan park
- Angling and fishing
- Camping (no electricity)
- Birding

Rainfall is low (360-mm per annum). Winters are cold but the days are warm and pleasant. Summers are hot.

On the Petrusburg-Fauresmith road (S136), 50-km south of Petrusburg, which is on the R48 west of Bloemfontein, which is at the intersection of the N1 with the N6 and the N8. Alternatively, travel southeast on the R706 from Ritchie on the N12 or northwest on the R704 from Trompsburg. AAKalkfontein

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