



NamibRand Hideout Campsite - Guest Information Sheet

GPS co-ordinates: Orion - 25°17'23.90"S 16° 3'28.49"E - Venus - 25°17'22.80"S 16° 3'11.07"E

1. Suggested Items To Take Along:

- ❖ All food and beverages (small shop at Betta about 60 km south on the C27).
- ❖ Camping equipment, bedding, pillows and towels.
- ❖ Firewood and/or charcoal for barbecues
- ❖ Hats, sunscreen, walking shoes, water bottle
- ❖ Torch, fire-lighters, first-aid kit
- ❖ Spade, tyre pump for 4x4 drivers
- ❖ Camera, binoculars, video camera
- ❖ Jerseys, jackets, long trousers

2. Our winter (June through August) can be very cold - extra blankets and hot water bottles are advisable.

N.B. NO firewood is available either for sale or for collection on the Reserve.

3. **Arrival: please see that you arrive between 14:00 and nightfall** (about 17:30 in winter, 19:30 in summer). When you arrive, please do not stop at Tok Tokkie Trails or at the Family Hideout, but drive directly past, following the signs to the campsite. Campsite Orion is the first turn-off to your right, Campsite Venus the second. Please note that the facilities at Tok Tokkie Trails and the Family Hideout are for the use of their guests only, and you are requested please to respect this.

4. **Water:** Fresh water is pumped daily from deep below the desert by a Grundfos® solar water pump into the water tank, and is very drinkable. Sufficient water should be in the water tank for your daily requirements. We trust that you will nevertheless still be mindful of keeping your water usage to a minimum.

5. **Ablution and cooking facilities:** an ablution block with a shower, a flush toilet, hand wash basins and dish-washing facilities are provided close to your camping area for your sole use. Water is heated by a Solahart® solar geyser. A barbecue area with a grid, a preparation and serving table and a water tap are provided within your shaded camping area.

6. **Energy and waste:** solar lights are provided in the ablution block. No 220V electricity is provided. Please **separate your waste** using the 4 bins provided into compost/biodegradables, metal, paper/plastics and glass. Please rinse out your tin cans, glass and plastic bottles before discarding. No used batteries, acid or engine oil may be left on the Reserve, please.

7. **Activities: hiking possibilities from the campsite** are endless, with dunes right on your door step. Relax while game-viewing and bird-watching at the **water hole (Orion) or bird bath (Venus)**. **Dune drives and longer drives into the west of the Reserve** in the Hideout vehicle can be arranged, preferably in advance. If ordered, **dune-boards** will be left for you at the campsite. Visits to **NaDEET education centre** can be arranged with our staff. **The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, drones or quadcopters without special permission is not permitted.** **N.B. to parents of toddlers/babies:** please be aware that there is an open (shallow) water-hole in front of the campsite. **Please insist on an invoice for activities.**

8. Rules For Self-Driving

- ❖ Unaccompanied 4x4 driving is permitted on the demarcated route and only if a self-drive permit is purchased in advance.
- ❖ Please read and sign the Rules of the NamibRand Nature Reserve undertaking form.
- ❖ **NO VEHICLES MAY BE DRIVEN OFF THE DESIGNATED ROADS OR TRACKS.** Guests of the Family Hideout are **ONLY** permitted to drive on the demarcated 4x4 self-drive trail. Please use the radio if you experience problems.
- ❖ **Maximum speed is 40 km/h. Always drive in 4x4 as THICK SAND. Tyres must please be deflated to a maximum of 120 kpa** and take along the radio provided, drinking water and a spade. Feel free to ask our staff to assist with re-inflation.
- ❖ We reserve the right to charge you for any rescue operation - maximum charge N\$1000. Driving on the Reserve is entirely at your own risk and neither the Reserve nor the Hideout accepts any responsibility for any injuries to persons or damages to vehicles for any reasons.

9. **Emergencies:** contact our staff in the event of any problem, such as water stoppage, or any other emergency (use radio esp. in case of **FIRE**). Tok Tokkie's phone number: +264 63 693011. Note that there is **no cell phone coverage** in the vicinity.

10. **Departure: Please vacate the premises by 10:00. Please take away with you as much of your waste (esp. bottles) as possible! !** We would really appreciate it if you would fill out and return the "Were you satisfied?" evaluation form or write a **TripAdvisor review**.
