

Welcome to Kamberg Valley Hideaway!

We trust that you will enjoy your stay and hope you have fun exploring all that Kamberg Valley and the surrounding area has to offer.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are recommended to limit the number of touchable services in the cottages and Welcome Books are required to be removed.

However, we would like to provide you with information about things to do and enjoy in the area, so we have included all relevant information here for you to review.

If there is any additional information you need or if you have any questions,

Please send a message, WhatsApp or give me a call:

Samantha: +27 (0) 64 821 3722

Thank you for choosing Kamberg Valley Hideaway,

We are delighted to be able to accommodate you and we wish you a lovely stay.

Warmest Wishes
Richard and Samantha



A couple of things to make your stay EVEN more comfortable and enjoyable!

<u>Internet</u> - We provide free Wi-Fi in our cottages, however, we do not have unlimited data, so we kindly request you do not stream movies, watch Netfix or download or upload large content, such as photos.

The network name is: KambergValleyHideaway

The password is: kvh2016!

Keys - In the evening we close and lock the main gate, then re-open it in the morning. There is a key to the padlock with your cottage front door key, so you are able to get in and out if the gate is locked.

<u>Septic Tank</u> – Our cottages all have septic tank systems. We therefore ask you not throw anything down the toilet other than toilet paper, please rather use the bins provided. We greatly appreciate your co-operation with this.

Electricity - We do on occasion lose power, especially if there is a thunder and lightning storm. There are rechargeable LED lights in each cottage for you to use should the power loss happen at night.

- As soon as we hear an update on the electricity situation and when it is expected to be re-stored, we will let you know. Please just bear with us and Eskom during this time.
- Load Shedding If we are aware of any scheduled load shedding, we will endeavor to advise you.
- We kindly request that when you check out of the cottage you remember to switch off any lights or lamps,
 especially the outside lights. Thank you

<u>Electric Blankets</u> - During the cooler winter months, electric blankets are provided on all the beds. To make sure your beds are toasty warm when you go to sleep, we recommend that 1-2 hours before going to bed, you switch your blankets on to "3". Then once you are in bed we suggest you either turn them off or reduce to level "1".

- We do please ask that you check the blankets are switched "off" during the day. Thank you.

<u>Laundry</u> - If you would like any laundry done during your stay with us, please let us know. There is a laundry bag in the cupboard in the main bathroom. Please put the clothes you would like washed in the basket and let us know it is ready for collection. We endeavor to have your washed, dried and ironed laundry return to you within 24 hours.

- We do charge a small fee for laundry, which is R100 per machine load.

<u>Rubbish</u> - Outside each cottage, you will find a black rubbish bin, please put any rubbish in this bin and we will collect and remove it for you.



<u>Servicing of your cottage</u> - We do not service the cottages daily, however, Zinny is more than happy to do so if you would like her to. Please arrange a time for her to come and service the cottage for you. We do not charge extra for this additional service, we just ask that you leave a "thank you" for Zinny, at the end of your stay.

<u>Consideration of other guests</u> - There are likely to be guests staying in the other cottages, so please keep noise to a minimum after 10pm. Noise travels far and easily in the valley. We thank you for your consideration.

<u>Safe</u> - If you are uneasy about leaving your valuables in your cottage when you go out for the day, we can pop those items in our safe. Please just let us know if you would like anything locked away.

<u>Smoking</u> – Smoking is not allowed inside the cottages. You are welcome to smoke outside and please dispose of your stompies (butts) responsibly in a bin, due to the potential fire risk.

<u>Mosquitos & Flies</u> - Living close to various farms does mean that we unfortunately have a fair number of flies around. There are fly swats in the cottage, so please feel free to use them. Also, to prevent mosquitos getting into your bedrooms at night, we suggest that in the evenings you keep your bedroom doors closed and the lights off. The screens on the windows should also help if you wish to have the windows open. Hopefully the Peaceful Sleep and will keep any mozzies at bay whilst you enjoy your evening outdoors.

The dam - Our dam is not fenced, all children under the age of 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

<u>Walking at Kamberg Valley Hideaway</u> - If you do take the opportunity to enjoy a stroll at Kamberg Valley Hideaway, please wear closed shoes (there are snakes around) and take care when walking. Some ground is uneven and after rain, the clay soil can be a bit slippery and muddy. Please also check yourself for ticks after walking through tall grass.

<u>Fly-fishing / Spin-fishing</u> - If you would like to enjoy a spot of fishing in the dam, please go ahead and have fun. We do not charge a permit for fishing, but we ask that you release any trout after catching it. If you are lucky enough to catch a fish that looks tasty for supper, please let us know as we charge a re-stocking fee of R100 per kg.

<u>Tips for our Staff</u> - Zinny and Henry are always busy at Kamberg Valley Hideaway making everything perfect for our guests. If you would like to leave them a small "Thank You", you are welcome to leave it in the cottage and we will make sure they receive it.



And Now on to The Fun Stuff...

Places we recommend you visit during your stay at Kamberg Valley Hideaway!

- 1. If you are looking to hike, Highmoor Nature Reserve has some beautiful self-guided hikes which are of a moderate level. On a clear day, the view of the entire Giants Castle Mountain Range is spectacular!
- 2. If you are keen to see some wonderful Bushman's Paintings, then we suggest you book the guided hike at Kamberg Nature Reserve, this hike is available at 9am and 11am daily.
- 3. Giants Castle is another area of the Drakensberg Mountains and has many short and longer hikes. There is also a restaurant there, so you can reward yourself to a scrumptious lunch after your hike.
- 4. The Midlands Meander is a great day out (especially if the weather is not ideal for hiking). There are a number of different arts and crafts shops, a couple of wineries, a brewery, a number of delicatessens and cafes and restaurants to enjoy on this route.
- 5. If you wish to enjoy some fly-fishing, you are welcome to fly-fish our dam. We do not charge a rod fee, but we do operate a catch and release policy.
- 6. There is also fly-fishing available at Highmoor Nature Reserve and Kamberg Nature Reserve. They do charge a daily rod permit fee of around R100-120 per person and booking is required at Highmoor Nature Reserve.

More information on all these recommendations are on the following pages...



Highmoor Nature Reserve

<u>How to get there!</u> - To get to Highmoor Nature Reserve, you will need to drive there. It is about 9kms and takes about 20 minutes. Return to the dirt / gravel road you turned off to enter Kamberg Valley Hideaway and turn right. Continue on this road until you reach the reception and car park at Highmoor.

The road only leads to Highmoor Nature Reserve, so you really cannot get lost! Just keep going and enjoy the incredibly scenic drive through the valley.

Entry Fee: - Once you have arrived and parked, you will need to sign in at reception. Please note that there is a daily entry fee of approximately **R50** per person to pay at reception.

I'm afraid they do not take card payments, so you will need to pay this entry fee in cash.

<u>Opening Times:</u> Office: 08h00 - 12h00 and 14h00 - 16h00

Gate: Summer: 1 October - 31 March: 05h00 - 19h00

Winter: 1 April - 30 September: 06h00 - 18h00

Fishing

Highmoor Nature Reserve has some of the best fly-fishing in South Africa. There are two very well-stocked trout dams, so if fly-fishing is your hobby, then Highmoor is a great place to visit. Only fly-fishing equipment is allowed to be used and only 6 anglers per day are permitted, so we recommend you book a fishing permit in advance.

To book, please call either of these numbers: +27 (0) 79 773 8298 or +27 87 150 3794

Closed Fishing Season

Please note that the dams at Highmoor Nature Reserve are closed for fishing twice a year, so fishing is only available during the following dates:

1 March to 31 June

1 September to 31 December



Hiking

There are several hikes that can be enjoyed at Highmoor Nature Reserve and the trails are generally quite clearly marked. The altitude at the reception level is about 2000 metres above sea level, so you may notice a difference with your breathing and fitness whilst hiking.

Highmoor reception does sell maps (for about R10) of the trails available and they should be able to give you additional information about the various trails.

The following two hikes are marked as easy to moderate hikes and, in our opinion, the hike to Aasvoëlkrans Cave is the easier of the two.

- ➤ Caracal Cave from the camp office this hike takes approximately 3-3.5 hours there and back, depending on your fitness levels it is extremely scenic and has one very steep section.
- Aasvoëlkrans Cave from the camp office this hike takes approximately 3 hours there and back, depending on your fitness levels it is less scenic, and you have to scramble down to the cave and the waterfall, so please take care!

There is also a longer hike for those interested in the San Rock Art Paintings (please note that this hike is described as difficult):

Fulton Rock - from the camp office this hike takes approximately 5-6 hours, depending on your fitness levels – we have not tried this hike, but the first section follows the same trail you take to Caracal Cave, then the path splits. This first section is very scenic, and we believe the second section has many steep parts.

Birding

If you are an avid birder, Highmoor Nature Reserve has a large variety of bird life to thrill you. Many raptors and water birds are often seen. It also has a single nesting site of the endangered Wattled Crane and the largest breeding colony of Bald Ibis in the Drakensberg.

Be Prepared!

When you visit Highmoor Nature Reserve, take plenty of water with you and keep your eye on the weather. Storms can develop very quickly in the mountains and it is not fun to be caught out in one!



Kamberg Nature Reserve

How to get there! - To get to Kamberg Nature Reserve, you will need to drive there. It is about 12kms and takes about 25 minutes. Return to the dirt / gravel road you turned off to enter Kamberg Valley Hideaway and turn left. At the T-junction, turn right on to the tar road and then take the first right. Follow the signs to Kamberg Camp and Rock Art Centre and head to reception.

Entry Fee: - Once you have arrived and parked, you will need to sign in at reception. Please note that there is a daily entry fee of approximately **R50** per person to pay at reception.

I'm afraid they do not take card payments, so you will need to pay this entry fee in cash.

Opening Times: Office: 08h00 - 12h00 and 14h00 - 16h00

Gate: Summer: 1 October - 31 March: 05h00 - 19h00

Winter: 1 April - 30 September: 06h00 - 18h00

Hiking

There are several hikes that can be enjoyed at Kamberg Nature Reserve, but the trails are not very clearly marked, so it is best to ask for advice at reception.

Guided Hike

Kamberg is well known for the Rock Art that was found in the area and one of the most popular hikes is a guided walk to Game Pass Shelter to see this Rock Art. The hike is about a 3-hour return trip and has some steep sections. The guided hikes depart at 9am and 11am daily. We recommend you leave Kamberg Valley Hideaway at least 30 mins before the hike starts.

To book on one of these guided hikes, please contact either of these numbers:

Resort Manager: +27 (0)82 765 3025

Duty Phone: +27 (0) 76 883 0616

Some additional trails recommended by KZN Wildlife:





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Waterfall Walk

The walk to the waterfall starts below the Rock Art Centre following the concrete road. At the end there is a stone sign on your right marked Waterfall. Follow that path to the waterfall and use the same path to turn back. The walk is approximately 45 minutes one way. The walk is a fairly easy walk.

Mooi River walk

The walk starts inside the fishing dams. At the end of the picnic bomas there is a rock sign marking the start of the walk. The walk walks along the river mainly in the shade and it comes out at the main gate picnic site. The walk is a fairly easy walk approximately 1hour 15 minutes round trip.

Gladstone Nose

The walk starts behind the Rock Art Centre towards the water reservoir, after the reservoir take the left-hand path towards the stone number two. Follow the same path it will be numbered along the way. When you reach number nine there is a concrete sign showing GladStone Nose on your right. Turn right and now start a steep climb. In the front you'll see high rock cliffs above you. When you reach the top there will be a stone with an arrow sign "camp" pointing to your right. Follow the arrow to the right and after about 88 meters the path splits. Carry on straight. The walk becomes fairly easy. You will reach a point where there is a steel arrow pointing down to the camp. The path becomes downhill, taking you back behind the Rock Art Centre to the main camp. The walk is approximately 3 hour, 30 minutes



Game Pass Shelter Guided Walk Only

This walk is approximately 3-hours (round trip) with a trained guide from the Rock Art Centre. The walks are done two times a day first one 9:00am, second one at 11:00am. The cost of the walk is R50 per adult and R30 per child. There is an optional video show, which is about 20 minutes long, at an additional cost of R20 per adult and R10 per child. A R40 entrance fee per adult and R20 per child is also payable at the camp office before you proceed to the Rock Art Centre.

Roman bath pools

Drive past the fishing dams to the end of the tar road and park your car and start your walk following the jeep track. At the no entry sign you will first cross the small stream. Carry on following the jeep track. It starts climbing a bit and at the top, the jeep track turns into the Y junction. Take your right and follow the jeep track till it comes to an end and then go down the hill to the pools. The path is not well marked so the fun of it is you will have to do some "bundu" bashing to get to the pools just below where the two rivers meet as a Y shape. On your way back follow the same path, the walk is fairly easy and takes 2hours and 30 minutes (round trip).

Fishing

Kamberg Nature Reserve has two well-stocked trout dams (Eland Dam and Erskine Dam) which are open to anglers all year round. Only fly-fishing equipment is allowed at Kamberg Nature Reserve and a rod permit needs to be bought at reception on arrival. There is no limit to the number of anglers per day, so booking in advance is not necessary.

Picnic

There are some picnic tables located around one of the dams and also some close to the Mooi River, so if you wish to spend the day at Kamberg Nature Reserve, there are a couple of pleasant spots for a picnic.

Be Prepared!

When you visit Kamberg Nature Reserve, take plenty of water with you and keep your eye on the weather. It can change very quickly in the mountains and we do not wish for you to be caught in a storm.



Giants Castle Nature Reserve

How to get there! – It is about 35kms to Giants Castle Nature Reserve and takes about 45 minutes by vehicle. Return to the dirt / gravel road and turn left. At the T-junction, turn left on to the tar road and keep going following the signs to Giants Castle. You will arrive at the entrance gate and it is then another 7kms to reception.

Entry Fee: - Once you have arrived and parked, you will need to sign in at reception. Please note that there is a daily entry fee of approximately **R50** per person to pay at reception.

Opening Times: Office: 08h00 - 16h30

<u>Gate</u>: Summer: 1 October - 31 March: 05h00 - 22h00

Winter: 1 April - 30 September: 06h00 - 22h00

Hiking

There are many hikes to be enjoyed at Giants Castle Nature Reserve. It is best to purchase a map on arrival at the reception at Giants Castle Nature Reserve for around **R10**.

Fishing

Giants Castle Nature Reserve has several kms of trout water available. Only fly-fishing equipment is permitted and a rod permit must to be bought at reception on arrival. Booking in advance is not necessary.

Picnic and restaurant

There is a scenic picnic site situated close to the reception area of the resort, so guests are welcome to take their own food and drinks with them, alternatively there is a restaurant close to reception, where lunches are served.

Vulture Hide

There is a Vulture Hide which visitors may book for the day. The hide accommodates a maximum of six people and advance booking is essential. Visitors access the Vulture Hide via their own 4x4 vehicle. To book, please contact the following number:

+27 (0)33 845 1000

<u>Be Prepared!</u> - When you visit Giants Nature Reserve, take plenty of water and keep your eye on the weather!



Food and Cuisine

<u>Silver Hills Lodge</u> - 1km down the road is Silver Hills Lodge. They serve breakfast and lunch on a walk-in basis. Evening meals, (which are a 3-course set menu) require advance bookings.

Opening Times: Breakfast: 07h30 – 09h30

Lunch: 12 noon – 14h00

Dinner: By reservation

Contact details are: +27 (0)33 267 7430 or +27 (0)71 568 5250

How to get there! - Return to the dirt / gravel road and turn right, drive less than 1km and you will find Silver Hills Lodge on the left-hand side. Drive to reception.

Fat Harry's Pub and Restaurant - 1km down the road is Fat Harry's Pub and Restaurant.

Opening Times: Wednesday lunch time – Sunday lunchtime.

The kitchen is open: Lunch: 12 noon – 15h00

Dinner: 17h30 – 19h30

Contact details are: +27 (0)71 657 7966 or +27 (0) 79 753 3986

How to get there! - Return to the dirt / gravel road and turn right, drive less than 1km and take the first right. Fat Harry's on this road on the left.

<u>Cleopatra Farmhouse</u> - 2kms down the road is Cleopatra Farmhouse. They offer a scrumptious, 5-course gourmet evening meal for R625 per person (drinks are in addition). This is a truly wonderful dining experience, and if it is within your budget, we highly recommend it. The menu is presented at 19h00 but we recommend you arrive at about 18h30 to enjoy a sundowner on the deck or in front of the fire (in winter). Bookings are essential and must be made 24 hours in advance:

Contact details are: +27 (0) 33 267 7243 +27 (0) 71 687 7266

How to get there! - Return to the dirt / gravel road and turn right, drive about 2kms and you will see Cleopatra on the right. Follow the clear sign to the Parking area.



Walking at Kamberg Valley Hideaway

Kamberg Valley Hideaway is 27 hectares in size and there are loads of great areas to explore on the property.

We do, however, ask you to please take care when out walking.

- The ground is uneven, so be careful where you walk as we do not want anyone to suffer an injury.
- ➤ Please note that there are often cows grazing on the lower field. They look quite grumpy, but are harmless, however, we do suggest you give them a wide berth if passing by them.
- > Snakes are sometimes spotted in the region, so keep your eyes open when walking in any grassy areas.





Kamberg Valley Hideaway River Walk.

- > If you are keen to take a stroll on the property, there is a lovely walk from the cottages down the property to the far end that borders the Little Mooi River.
- ➤ Head to the dams and you will see a track between the two dams. Walk between the two dams and head to the gate at the left-hand border fence, again, there is a cut pathway to the gate.
- > Once through this gate, walk straight down towards the bottom of the property. The dams and cottages are behind you, keep the fence on your left-hand side. There is a fairly obvious pathway towards the river.
- > Once you reach the river you will see a gate and pathway on your right-hand side.
- ➤ Pass through the first gate and follow the clearly cut path along the river, enjoying some of the private and peaceful spots along the way.
- > Once you reach the boundary with our neighbour, you will see a No Entry sign. You will need to turn around and return along the same path.

We do ask that you please shut all gates behind you.

As we mentioned before, there are some bulls that graze in the lower sections of the property and we prefer not to have them grazing in the top field, so please do check the gates are closed once you have passed through them.

Thank you and enjoy your walk!



Kamberg Valley Hideaway

Liability Disclaimer Notice / Indemnity

Guest/s attend this establishment at their own risk.

Kamberg Valley Hideaway, The Proprietor, its agent/s and/or its employee/s ("the Proprietor") shall not be liable for, and the guest/s hereby waive/s and abandon/s any claims of whatever nature including but not limited to that for theft, injury, loss or damage of whatever nature, against the Proprietor, whether arising from the Proprietor's default, negligence or otherwise.

The guest/s, in addition to the aforesaid, hereby indemnify the Proprietor against any claims which may arise from whatever nature, whether arising from the Proprietor's default, negligence or otherwise.

This disclaimer notice is prominently displayed throughout the property and is valid and automatically considered as accepted by guest/s entering the property.