

# RIVERSIDE LODGE



This unique house in the Twee Rivier valley allows you to enjoy the beauty of the Koue Bokkeveld. The geography is similar to the Cedarberg (which forms the northern boundary of the Koue Bokkeveld), but the area is much less crowded.

This is a place to relax. Short walking trails can be explored. For the bravehearted, there is a pool, edged by wild almond trees, of wonderfully clean refreshing (very cold!) water of the Middeldeer River, which flows past the house.

## DIRECTIONS

The house is accessed from the R303 – Ceres-Citrusdal Road. [32°40'08.50"S 19°13'34.06"E @710m ASL] Turn right 84km from Ceres town centre traffic light. Turn left at traffic light towards Prince Alfred Hamlet and the Gydo Pass (tarred all the way).

OR

Turn left 32 km south of Citrusdal (last 20km untarred road).

The turnoff is a few metres south of the Middeldeer River bridge marked by two road signs: Rotsvas, Bergen-Dal. There is also a small wooden signboard to Riversong Farm.

Drive for 1.4km and turn left just before the first lone, tall eucalyptus tree on your left and first house on your right and wind your way down along the main track (about 700m) through fynbos and proteas, toward a small forest. You need to unlock a chain across the track. (ignore the second chain which leads to adjacent property to the left).

You will find three (cottage, main house, bath house) buildings, overlooking an orchard of old fruit-trees and river, with the Cedarberg Mountains visible to the north.

## GENERAL INFO

- The main house has a large kitchen/dining area, as well as a living room, which can be opened up entirely on two sides to the view in summer. There is a large fireplace for chilly winter nights.
- The main bedroom has a double bed. There are three mezzanine areas, one with two single beds, the other two with double bed each. The sleeper couch in the living area can also be used. The house can accommodate up to ten people comfortably.
- The original cottage serves as a separate bedroom with double bed. It has a large fireplace.
- The bathhouse caters for both the house & the cottage.
- There is a braai area on the western side leading off the living room.
- Stargazing opportunities if you have a telescope.
- There are the usual flora and fauna. Let us know if you see buck or our resident otter.
- There is MTN cellphone reception at the house.
- Pets OK.

This is a self-catering getaway. Servicing is not included, so please clean up before you leave: sweep out, wash up and leave the place in the condition that you would like to find it.

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE: REFRAIN FROM CREATING A NOISE AND PLAYING LOUD MUSIC**

(There are neighbours!!)

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Below is a list of items you should take along:

- food, drinks
- bedding, towels
- suntan-lotion, swimming costume (summer), warm clothes (winter)
- binoculars, cameras, walking or hiking shoes & hats, torch
- firewood and/or charcoal
- bin bags, matches, toilet paper

**NOTE:**

1. All piped water comes from a spring (3km away), the river water is clean.
2. Waste water goes to a septic tank. Do not flush sanitary towels, butts or matches down the toilet.
3. Smoking is OK – BUT please **don't throw your butts around** – bin them!
4. **MAKE SURE BRAAI IS EXTINGUISHED AFTER USE!! Do not throw any live coals in surrounding bush!!**

**CHECKLIST FOR ARRIVAL**

**If the house is untidy/dirty on your arrival, please let us know.**

**Note that geysers, stove and fridge work off gas.**

**If you are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with gas, please let us know beforehand!**

There are two gas systems (1. Kitchen, 2. Bathhouse):

- Open **gas** bottles: Kitchen - next to the entrance. Bathhouse - behind the bathhouse. Lock combination **702**.
- **Geysers**: Switch on (turn knob one setting c/clockwise) & light pilot light – you may need to use matches for this. Then turn knob two more clicks to activate water heater.
- Light **fridge**: Three knobs on bottom right of fridge. Turn first knob to setting showing a flame. Turn middle knob about midway. Press in first knob for about 10 seconds and then press red knob for spark to ignite system. You may have to repeat this a few times. Meter on right will indicate if flame is burning – or just listen carefully! (Note: in winter vegetables, milk, etc will freeze in main compartment, if setting too high)
- **Lights** operate off **solar power**. Activate system by switching Inverter (blue box in store room) to ON – middle position. System is 220V.
- If water off, check stop-cocks near water tank behind cottage.

**PROBLEMS**

- ◆ Should you have any major problems on or after arrival please contact any of the owners. Numbers below.
- ◆ Medical emergency – go to Ceres

**CHECKLIST FOR DEPARTURE**

- **Switch off all gas appliances and close off all gas bottles (in gas stores)**
- **Switch of solar power – inverter (blue box) off**
- **Take all your refuse with you**
- **Do not leave any food or alcohol behind (even if partly used)**
- **Make sure all doors, windows properly closed and house locked**

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