

Camping

General Information and Rates:

Bushwillow Grove camp site

Camping facilities are available at the Bushwillow Grove, which is situated on the banks of the Maretlwane River and close to the Wilderness School. The riparian woodland makes for excellent birding habitat and specials such as Half-collared Kingfisher, Violet-backed Starling, Greater Honeyguide, Jameson's Firefinch and Little Sparrow hawk are regularly sighted. Be aware that Maretlwane is a game conservancy and although there are no dangerous predators in the area, monkeys and baboons can be a nuisance. Please do not feed them, and do not leave any food unattended.

The Maretlwane River is still in a pristine state and the water is potable straight from the stream. Please do not wash or rinse anything directly in the river at any stage – even if using biodegradable soap. This includes rinsing cutlery, utensils and tooth brushing. These tasks can be done in the wash huts of the Wilderness School, which is a short walk away from the campsite. Toilets are available in the same location.

Waterfall camp site

A second campsite for hikers is provided close to the Maretlwane Waterfall from where Castle Gorge may be easily accessed. This area is known for its beautiful gorge and exhilarating cliff jumps – but hikers are advised to exercise extreme caution when entering the area and parties of less than three are actively discouraged. There is a limit of sixteen hikers at the campsite at any one time.

Only one vehicle per party may access the camp site via the jeep track and park at the designated parking space near to the camp site. This concession is made so that there is a vehicle on hand in case of an emergency (please note that the jeep track is not regularly serviced and it is accessible only to high clearance vehicles). We encourage all other member of the hiking party to walk the jeep track unless physically disabled.

The remaining vehicles belonging to a hiking party are to be parked in the parking space provided close to the Wilderness School.

Although rustic and retaining the charm of the area, the campsite does have one long-drop toilet for your convenience - to ensure the natural state of the mountain is maintained please bring your own toilet paper.

The Maretlwane property is stewarded by the Trustees of the Maretlwane Trust. Visits to Maretlwane help support the vision of the Trust.

- Permits for access to Castle Gorge are provided upon request.
- Firewood can be purchased from the duty person @ R50 per load, the firewood can be found at the campsite. Please do not gather firewood from the surroundings.
- No pets are allowed

	Nights	Rate pppn
Conservancy Fee		R 75 (once off)
Bushwillow grove camping	1	R120 (1 st night)
Bushwillow grove camping	2 or more	R100
Waterfall camping	1	R100 (1 st night)
Waterfall camping	2 or more	R80

<u>DISCLAIMER: You visit the Maretlwane Property at your own risk. Neither the landowners, Maretlwane Trust, nor their appointed staff or agents will take any responsibility for loss or damage to your person or property during your stay.</u>