



Day Visitors

General Information and Rates:

Access to Maretlwane may be obtained for day hikes, birding and tree spotting. Excellent day walks may be had in the area, with access to Castle Gorge being one of the most sought after. 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 any one time. Hiking parties are obliged to carry a trowel and toilet paper for toilet purposes with all faecal waste to be buried at least 15cm deep and as far away from rivers, streams and drainage areas as practically possible. There is a single long drop toilet at the waterfall campsite, which may be used instead (please do not try and dispose of toilet paper by burning it).

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 an almost pristine state and the water is potable straight from the stream although we would recommend you use water purification tablets to make sure. Please do not wash or rinse anything directly in the river at any stage – even if using biodegradable soap. This should rather be done well away from the river using water taken from the stream for the purpose.

- Access to Castle Gorge is by permit only. Please let us know of your intention to go there **prior to your arrival**. Your permit must be carried on you at all times and must be presented to any person requesting to see it. The Mountain Club has its own access to Castle Gorge and you are not guaranteed to have the site to yourself
- No refuse bins are provided so please make sure you carry out whatever you carried in

- NO OPEN FIRES MAY BE MADE ANYWHERE ON THE MOUNTAIN OR ON THE CONCESSION. Please use hiking stoves well away from combustible materials.
- Firewood can be purchased from the duty person @ R50 per wheelbarrow, please do not gather your own firewood from the surroundings. The only permissible place to make a fire is at the Waterfall camp site or at a designated braai area at the Wilderness School.
- No pets allowed

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.

	Rate p.p
Conservancy Fee / Day visitors (max 16 hikers)	R75



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.