

WELCOME HOME



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Our STORY



We are so glad you decided to stay with us, and we hope you have a wonderful time in the heart of the Natal Midlands.

Over the years, our family has created an ensemble of some of the finest, hand-picked properties in South Africa. What started as our collection of private family holiday homes, grew into a portfolio of carefully selected properties we so enjoyed ourselves, we wanted to share these special places with you as well.

Our genuine appreciation and deep-rooted love for Africa and its diversity has guided us in choosing properties in our favourite locations, highlighting some of the best experiences South Africa has to offer.

Quietly tucked away in the heart of the Midlands, in the midst of our farm, lies a luxurious, family- and pet-friendly lakeside retreat we fondly call Carshalton Country Escape.

Welcome home

This BOOKLET



This booklet contains information about the house and area to help you enjoy your stay.

You should find everything that you need, but if you have a question that isn't covered here please do not hesitate to get in touch and let us know how we can help.

We would gladly assist in any way we can and would like to resolve any issues where you feel something is not up to standard.

We continuously strive to improve to excellence and appreciate positive criticism and suggestions on how we could make your stay even better.

We hope you enjoy yourself and visit again in near the future!

Sincerely,

The Otto family



Welcome home

House manual

Our host will show you around the cottage. The lovely cleaning lady comes in to do your dishes and make the beds daily. If you have any issues with anything, please do not hesitate to phone our host, and we will try to sort it out for you as quickly as possible. The Homestead is newly renovated and there may still be a few minor issues that we are not aware of yet. We want to make sure that everything is perfect during your stay and would appreciate your feedback on how we can improve to make your stay even better.

If you have any questions on how to use the appliances, please do not hesitate to ask any of us.



Loadshedding

We have a back-up inverter system that automatically kicks in when load-shedding happens. It is really important to make sure that you do not use anything that draws a lot of electricity in order to preserve the duration of the battery life for as long as possible e.g., the microwave or a hairdryer.

IMPORTANT: There will be times that the Wi-Fi goes out. With all the loadshedding, sometimes the batteries at the tower dies and sends no signal.

If there are any problems with this, please do contact us at once. Please also note that you would have to light the gas hob manually with a lighter during loadshedding.



Cell phone reception and Wi-Fi

There is no cell phone reception at the homestead. We have Wi-Fi, but please note that the farm is in a remote area, and as hard as we try to make sure that the Wi-Fi is always working, we cannot guarantee that there will always be continuous Wi-Fi connection. Due to the tower batteries that die, there are periods of time there is no Wi-Fi.

We always do what we can, but some things are out of our control. We do encourage you to embrace the disconnect while at the cottage.



Kitchen

The kitchen is fully equipped with all the crockery and cutlery you may require.

Space to cook own meals on a Smeg, stainless steel oven and gas cooker. The kitchen is also equipped with a refrigerator, dishwasher and all basic cooking and baking essentials.



Entertainment

The lounge has comfortable seating, along with a television & DSTV which boasts the full viewing package.

We also have Wi-fi and Netflix available for our guests.

We have provided a bluetooth speaker.

We have kayaks for the entire family to enjoy.



Laundry

Washing machine (bring own detergent), tumble dryer and an iron.
Towels (Enough for 12 guests), bedsheets, soap, and toilet paper are supplied

Patio and Outdoor

The patio is equipped with lounging chairs, as well as a dining table.

We have provided a weber braai.

You have your own private back garden, that is fully fenced.

There is also an incredible wood-fired hot tub for your use.



Home safety

Fire extinguisher

First aid kit

Because of its near proximity to the dam, the homestead is ideal for families with children as it is quite secure and is enclosed by an electric fence that provides added protection.

The use of life jackets are compulsory when making use of the kayaks and swimming.

There are no cameras.

There is an alarm system for the homestead.

You will also be required to sign an indemnity form, to keep us and yourselves safe.

Below are some of the activities you can do during your stay and many wonderful places to go and visit around the area.

Swimming and relaxing

On the far side of the dam, you will hear the roaring sound of the little waterfall as it plunges over the rocks into the naturally carved-out rock pool below. Interestingly, this is how the farm got its name “Little Falls.” You are welcome to walk there and spend time on the large wooden deck or jump into the water for a refreshing swim.

You will find three kayaks with paddles and life jackets alongside the garage that you are welcome to use on the dam - please ensure these are always returned to the undercover area out of the sun. It is imperative you wear a lifejacket at all times when utilising the kayaks for safety reasons.

The property is fenced in with gates leading to the water to make it safe for families with small children.

Fishing

The dam in front of the house has trout in it. You are welcome to fish on a catch-and-release basis. Should you wish to go bass fishing at our other dam on the farm, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the farm and we will gladly arrange it.

Please bring your own fishing equipment.

Mountain biking

We often cycle around the area and will gladly assist with directions or route options. Karkloof Mountain bike trails are located about 67kms from Fisherman's Cottage and boasts some of the best trails in KZN. The Karkloof trails start from the Karkloof Country Club. They will be able to advise you on their large selection of routes to choose from.

Hiking

Should you enjoy hiking, the Kamberg area boasts with quite a few lovely hiking trails.

Below are some of the activities you can do during your stay and many wonderful places to go and visit around the area.

Golf

If you are an avid golfer and enjoy trying new courses, you can book an 18 hole at Gowrie Farm Golf Course in the Nottingham Road area.

There is also Bosch Hoek Golf Club available.

White river rafting

Should you wish to have a bit of a 'wet' adventure you could head to Four Rivers Rafting and Adventures, situated about 85km from Fisherman's Cottage, in Winterton, Central Drakensburg.

Hot air ballooning

An out of this world experience can be had at Hot Air Ballooning, situated in the Glen Gray area of Winterton. This is an ideal opportunity to see the amazing Drakensberg mountains from above.

Restaurants and places of interest

We also have delightful restaurants and breweries in the area. Our favorite is a fantastic Italian restaurant called La Lampara. They are especially busy on weekend's and we would recommend booking in advance 082 416 0195.

If you are looking for a pub with great food and atmosphere, Bierfassl is the place to go. The pub offers over 35 different beers from around the world, including our very own local draught beers from Nottingham Road Brewery. Their specialty is traditional German cuisine.

We also love visiting Terbodore Coffee Roasters for great coffee and lunch. You will find Blueberry Cafe in Nottingham Road which is ideal for breakfast, or you can indulge in their signature homegrown steaks and blueberry cheesecake. Also make sure you go to one of their loos with a view which overlooks the grass fields that their impressive Ankole cattle (think long horn cattle) and Alpacas graze on.

Other places worth visiting include The Karkloof Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8h00 - 12h00, Piggly Wiggly and The Old Mushroom Farm. We have left a Midlands Meander Booklet on the Kitchen Table that you can have a look through. It has lots of ideas about the selection of Midlands Meander routes you can choose from. If you would like to buy one of the booklets to take home, just leave R30 on the kitchen counter when you leave.

WHERE TO GO

MOOI RIVER SPAR

1 Stock Lane
Mooi River
Approximately 17 km

LA LAMPARA RESTAURANT

Farm Boschfontein
Lidgetton
082 416 0195
Approximately 42km



NOTTINGHAM ROAD SPAR

Fort Nottingham Road - Coffee@Life Centre
Nottingham Road
Approximately 27km



BIERFASSEL RESTAURANT

Rawdons Estate R103
Nottingham Road
033 266 6320
<https://www.rawdons.co.za/thebierfassl/>
Approximately 28km

FORDOUN HOTEL & SPA

Midlands
Nottingham Road
033 266 6217
<https://fordoun.com/>
Approximately 33km



WHERE TO GO

CHECKPOINT 103 ACTIVITY HUB

R103 Balgowan
Howick North
079 320 1770
<http://checkpoint103.co.za/>
Approximately 35km

BLUEBERRY CAFE

Netherwood farm R103
Nottingham Road
033 266 7132
<https://www.netherwoodfarm.com/eat>
Approximately 33km



**EPIC KARTING - BUBBLE SOCCER - AIRSOFT - ZORB BALL
OBSTACLE COURSE - TARGET SHOOTING - KIDS INDOOR PLAY**

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Dargle Road R103
Howick
060 344 9359
<https://www.pigglywiggly.co.za/>
Approximately 51km

TREBODORE COFFEE ROASTERS

87 Currys Post Road
Offers fantastic coffee and lunch
Howick
033 330 2380
<https://www.terbodore.com/>
Approximately 42km



Our HIGHLIGHTS

Farm life

Carshalton Homestead is located near the Natal, Midlands on our fully functioning cattle and crop farm. During your visit you will pass through the farmlands and spot some beautiful cattle.



Luxury

Despite our remote location, we strive to provide a sense of luxury, as well as comfort for all of our guests.

A home away from home.



Please TAKE NOTE

Midlands Weather

Please do take note that the weather in the Midlands changes rapidly. Please make sure to pack accordingly. Even if the weather states that it will be a sunny weekend, do pack for cold weather and vice versa.

It is always better to be prepared, especially if you want to spend time outside.

The house is equipped for all weather.

Gratuity

Although the staff at your service are well trained to allow you maximum comfort, a value for their passion and personal attention to your preferences cannot be measured. As much as tips are greatly appreciated, this generous token of acknowledgement is completely at your discretion and not compulsory at all.

For reference, here is a guideline to what may be appropriate:

Per adult: ZAR100 per night.

Please remember that it is completely up to you and the ladies do understand that anything they receive is a lovely extra for their hard work.

Welcome home



The Roads

The cottage is located 15 kilometres from town. The first eight kilometres of road is paved with asphalt, and the latter four kilometres is gravel. If you are travelling during the rainy season, the road can sometimes be difficult to traverse. We strongly advise that you check in with us to find out about the current condition of the road before your date of arrival. If you run into any problems, we are always happy and able to assist.

Contact INFORMATION

If you need any assistance, please contact:

ON SITE



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LUCKY GAMEDE 079 622 3372

RICHARD 076 749 9942
063 918 3109

OTHER RELEVANT CONTACTS

TRACY WITTSTOCK 082 892 0598

NOEL OTTO 083 306 0980



EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

NSELE SECURITY 033 263 1900

MIDLANDS EMS 074 149 7911

HILTON LIFE PRIVATE 033 329 5600

FIRE DEPARTMENT 033 263 1221

FOREST FIRES 086 159 6372

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT 033 263 1221

POLICE 033 263 7619

PLUMBER 072 801 4838

ELECTRICIAN 082 861 8190

DOCTOR

DR MI ADAM 033 263 1540

DENTIST

DR MN KIRSTEIN 036 652 8671



Bring WITH



Extra charcoal

Nespresso capsules

Swimming towels



Sunblock

Fishing equipment

Sunhat/cap



Costumes

Own medicine

Gumboots if rainy weather

CHECKING OUT

We hope you enjoyed your stay!

Check out procedure

As a reminder, check-out is at 10h00 on the day that your booking ends.

Please let the hostess know around what time you will leave, so that she can come and bid you farewell.



Before you leave, could you please

- Throw all dirty towels on the bathroom floor.
- Leave all garbage in the kitchen.
- Put all dirty dishes in the sink.
- Make sure the kayaks are back in the garage.
- Make sure all the windows are closed.

KEEP IN TOUCH



We would really appreciate it if you could leave us a review to let us know how your stay was.
We love to hear from our guests!

Please travel safe and come visit us again any time you're in the area!

Please feel free to tag us in any
posts on Instagram



*Arrive as guests,
leave as friends.*

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