

Augrabies Falls National Park



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NATIONAL PARK



This is where the mighty Orange River is at its most impressive as it thunders its way through a ravine and cascades down into a pool walled by sheer granite, 56m below. Few sights are as awesome or sound as deafening as water thundering down the 56m Augrabies Waterfall when the Orange River is in full flood.

The Falls derived their name from the Khoi word 'Aukoerebis' meaning 'place of great noise'. Essentially a scenic park where Klipspringer and kokerboom (quiver trees) stand in stark silhouette against the African sky, silent sentinels in a strangely unique environment where only those that are able to adapt survive. Do not plan on just nipping in to see the main falls - there is much more to experience in this arid piece of moonscape-like land. Awesome and strikingly beautiful it offers the visitor over 50 000ha of unique riverine ecosystems to explore, with viewpoints from which to survey the dramatic landscape that unfolds below.

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GETTING THERE

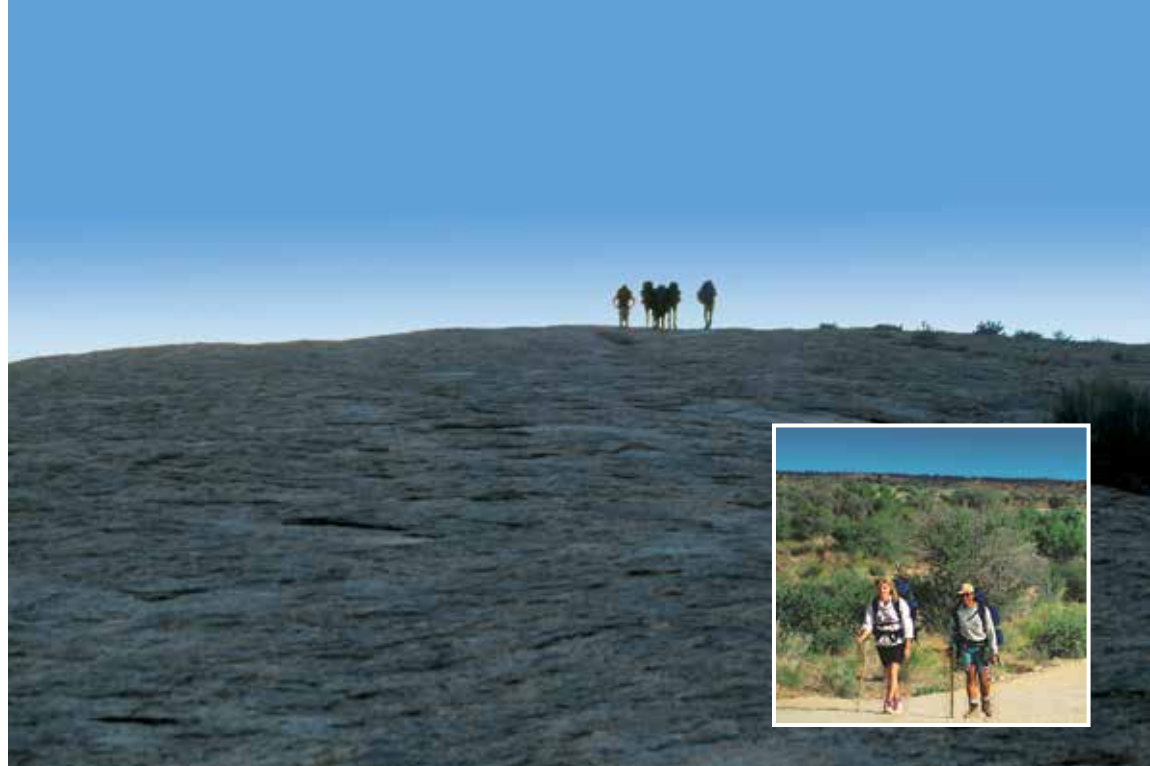
Augrabies Falls is easily accessed from Upington, as it is only 120km south of the town along tarred roads. Travelling from Upington on the N14 (that runs between Upington and Springbok) turn right just after Kakamas. From here it's 28km further to the Park gate and another 3km to Reception and the rest camp.



AUGRABIES FALLS CONFERENCE CENTRE

Set off the shady, secluded Reception area of Augrabies National Park, the conference venue is an ideal venue for small to medium meetings, workshops and seminars. The conference centre can accommodate up to 70 delegates in a well-equipped, air-conditioned facility.





ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

The 56 metre high main falls that cascade into the granite abyss of the Orange River Gorge are unmistakably the top attraction at Augrabies. The Falls are very easily accessed through an extensive network of **BOARDWALKS**, some of which are wheelchair friendly. This, however, is not the beginning or end of the attractions of the Park (by a long shot) and visitors should allow enough time to explore further.

Drives take you to **SCENIC VIEWPOINTS** with descriptive names of this rocky region like Moon Rock, Ararat and Echo Corner. Although not prolific, giraffe, klipspringer and Hartmann's mountain zebra can be seen while driving in the Park.

For the hikers there is the 5km self-guided circular route **DASSIE HIKING TRAIL** and for those wanting more of a challenge there is the **KLIPSPRINGER HIKE** (closed 15 Oct - 31 March) which takes hikers right down into the gorge and back out again and takes 3 days.

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REST CAMP

NUMBER OF CHALETs 59

MAXIMUM PEOPLE PER CHALET 50x2 people; 9x4 people (each unit also has a sleeper couch for children under 16)

CAMPING SITES 40 with electrical points, 30 without

POWER SOURCE Electricity, 240v, 15amp, 24hrs

SUPPLIES The shop has basic supplies

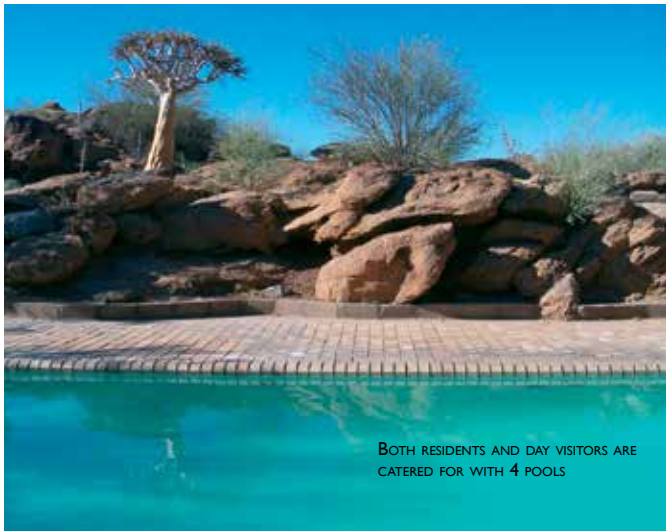
OTHER FACILITIES Reception, 3 swimming pools for residents & one swimming pool for day-visitors, shop, petrol & diesel, restaurant, hiking trail, conference facilities

Augrabies Falls National Park has only the one camp, but it is also the largest camp of all the Arid Parks. Its 120 beds (excluding the campsites) are in constant demand, so make sure you book well ahead. All chalets are fully equipped with self-catering facilities and are air-conditioned.

More than half of the camp sites, all set in a wonderfully shady area, have electricity and besides the usual ablution facilities there is also a communal kitchen, laundry and ironing room.

For those wanting a break from the traditional camp braai there is a fully licensed restaurant and if supplies run low you'll find a well stocked shop.

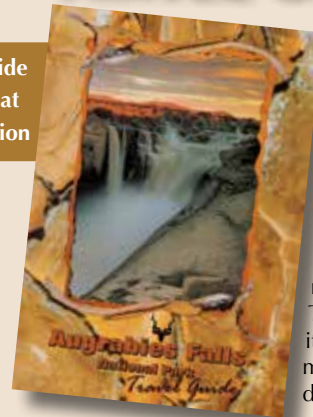
The three swimming pools are for residents' use only. Both the chalets and the camping site are within walking distance of the main falls and access to them have been made wheelchair friendly with an extensive network of boardwalks.



BOTH RESIDENTS AND DAY VISITORS ARE CATERED FOR WITH 4 POOLS

OFFICIAL AUGRABIES FALLS TRAVEL GUIDE

The guide is sold at Reception



A detailed travel guide of the Augrabies Falls National Park is available at the Park Reception. This A4 full colour publication covers the history of the Park, climate, geology, and resource management. To help you get around it includes a detailed map with times, distances and attractions.

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