

Die Berghuis Information and Rules

Welcome to "Die Berghuis." We've put a lot of effort over the last three years into making this cabin in the woods a wonderful place to spend time relaxing in the wild with close friends and family.

We ask all our guests to leave Vadersberg the way you found it and respect both the mountain and those that live here. Please communicate with us about anything you might need so that we can assist you.

Please contact **Shelby via Whatsapp (084 477 6488)**. Please understand that this farm is off the grid and the cell reception is weak. Please be patient, someone will help you out as soon as possible.

Basic Information:

- Die Berghuis is **pet friendly** (if your pets are friendly) although you are required to bring your own dog beds, blankets, and bowls. Please note, the garden area is NOT enclosed - meaning your animal will be free to roam the farm.
- **The password for the wifi at Die Berghuis is "v@dersberg123"**
- **The guestbook:** Please leave a nice comment about your stay in the guestbook provided for our future guests to read. You'll find it on the inside window sill by the stairs, next to the 30 seconds box. Look out for our letter to our guests on the first page.

Items for sale at Vadersberg:

- Fire Wood bagged: R85
- Fire Wood per wheelbarrow: R100
- Pinecones for firelighters: R35
- Wine per bottle: R200

Napier, our nearest town is a quaint town with a few wonderful restaurants and art galleries that you should definitely check out if you have some time during your stay. It's 18km away from Vadersberg and there is an OK where you can buy basic groceries. If you'd like to do a bigger shop, Bredasdorp is the place to go.

Directions from Sir Lowrey's Pass, Cape Town:

- From Sir Lowry's Pass, Drive 60km on the N2 towards Caledon
- At Caledon, turn right onto the R316
- Drive for 45km towards Napier/Bredasdorp on the R316
- NOTE: DO NOT TAKE THE "FAIRFIELD" TURNOFF, YOU WILL REACH A DEAD END AFTER DRIVING VERY FAR!
- Turn right at the SANDY'S GLEN turnoff. Please DO NOT take any turnoffs before you reach Sandy's Glen road sign - it's big and green.
- Drive along Sandy's Glen dirt road for approximately 8.5km to our marked farm gate. We are on an s-bend at the foot of the mountain. Over the road, on the right, is a cluster of tall pine trees.

- The sign at our entrance is a wooden board in a tree marked "Vadersberg Adventure Farm..."
- Turn left into our property and drive up the mountain, through a wooden slide gate, for 2km - Low cars not advised.
- You'll come to a large shed which will be on the left. Continue straight past it and follow the sign marked "campsite" until you reach Die Berghuis

A note about the road:

- **The road up to Die Berghuis has swales to prevent extensive water erosion when heavy rains occur.**
- **We highly recommend bringing a vehicle with high-ground clearance.**
- **Smaller vehicles can make it up but it is entirely at its own risk.**
- **If you would like to explore other parts of Vadersberg it is necessary to come in a 4X4 vehicle.**

Trailers:

- **Do not bring a trailer if you are even the slightest bit doubtful that your vehicle will be able to pull it up the approximately 35-degree hill.**
- **If you think you'll need help to bring your trailer up the mountain, you can arrange with Shelby that a staff member meets you at the bottom of the hill at a pre-arranged time to pull your trailer for a fee of R200. Note: there is no signal in that area so please ensure you are at the turnoff at the agreed time - will staff member will wait no more than 15 minutes.**
- **If your vehicle fails to successfully pull your trailer up to Die Berghuis and one of our staff members needs to rescue it for you, you will be charged a R500 fine.**

The Water and Donkey Geysers:

- The water on the farm is sustainably sourced from our very own fresh, mountain spring. It has been tested and is perfectly safe to drink and use (The red colour is from the fynbos tannins).
- The donkey is lit in the morning (7 am) and the evening (5 pm) in order to heat the water for showering. The water takes about an hour to heat up and there will be hot water available for 3-4 hours if there is not a small, continuous fire burning.
- The donkey supplies the camping ablutions and Die Berghuis. If there are campers, our workers will ensure the donkey is lit as needed to ensure continuous warm water for both Die Berghuis and the camping ablutions.
- You are welcome to light the donkey at other times of the day if you choose, or you can arrange with Shelby that one of the workers light it at your requested time.
- PLEASE NOTE: if your group is the only group on the farm, we will only make 1 donkey per day - unless otherwise requested. Please Whatsapp Shelby to arrange what time you would like us to light it.

The Solar System:

- Die Berghuis has a small solar system. The system is just enough to run the medium-sized fridge, the wifi and a few hours of light at night. The stove and oven are both running on gas.

- Please use the electricity sparingly and do not bring any extra appliances. A small blow dryer is okay.
- During the winter and on cloudy days the solar system doesn't always get fully charged. Please be even more mindful of your electricity use.
- If the electricity does go off, the inverter on the wall next to the fireplace will start beeping. Please flip the switch on the bottom, right corner below the inverter (the grey box with a blue LCD screen) and the beeping will stop.
- Let me know via Whatsapp (the signal upstairs in the main bedroom is the best) and one of the workers will be there first thing in the morning to restart the system for you with our generator.
- There are 2 small extra LED lights that you can find on top of the fridge. There are a few candles, matches, and candle holders in the drawer of the welsh dresser. Please be extremely careful when working with flames in Die Berghuis.

What to expect concerning privacy:

- Die Berghuis is situated at the heart of our exclusive camping area. There are 4X well-spaced, large camping sites and in the centre is the Communal Lapa, 1X double camping ablution, and Die Berghuis.
- You can expect light foot traffic from campers to the ablution and in the Communal Lapa (and a visit from our horses every morning and afternoon).
- Our workers will be around the camping and Berghuis area to care for guests, clean up, and do other farm tasks. They also occasionally use the Communal Lapa to communicate with their families via the wifi.
- For those who are looking for a more private getaway experience, we also have "Wild Camping." More private cabins and an ablution further from the house are currently in the pipeline.

The resident animals:

- Shelby and Andre have 2 dogs that live here on Vadersberg. Lucy (dachshund x beagle) and Blue (Husky) are completely comfortable roaming around the campsite and house area and also know how to easily find their way home. Both dogs are incredibly friendly and well-socialised with other dogs and children.
- **Lucy** has what we call "emotional attacks" when she gets excited or sees people that she likes. It will look like she is screaming in pain or fear and it could be loud, but it will stop in less than 1 minute and she will be 100% okay and ready to play her favourite game (fetch the pinecone at all costs).
- **Blue** is 13 years old (which is pretty old for a husky) and is losing his hearing and has stiff joints. Please be aware of this and give him some extra love.
- **The Vadersberg horses:** Phoenix (the dark brown gelding), Princess (the bay older mare), and Mona Lisa (the brown and white mare) are Shelby and André's horses that roam free on Vadersberg. You are welcome to pet them, but please be aware that Phoenix can get a little feisty and has been known to kick. All three horses are well-socialised with dogs but WILL react negatively if chased or spooked.
- **Wasabi and Tigger** are the Vadersberg cats and are hard at work catching mice and snakes. Although it's rare to catch a glimpse of them, they are also friendly and make great cuddle buddies.

- **Wild Animals:** Vadersberg is a private reserve and is home to an abundance of wild animals. These animals include but are not limited to baboons, deere, honey badgers, porcupines, snakes, mongoose, skunks, foxes, a massive variety of birdlife, a couple of Cape Leopards and caracals.

Here is a list of the house rules:

1. **No pets on couches, beds, or any other furniture**
2. No feeding the resident animals.
3. We have a septic tank system. No cigarette buds, cotton buds, tampons, sanitary pads or any other material, other than 1ply toilet paper may be flushed down the toilet. Charges will occur for any blockage.
4. Smoking in Die Berghuis is strictly forbidden and you will be held liable for damages if you smoke in the cabin. You are welcome to smoke in the garden, a sand bucket at the front of the house can be used for smoking purposes. Please dispose of any cigarette stompies before you leave. Failure to do so could result in a penalty.
5. No parties or events are allowed unless arranged with Vadersberg ahead of time.
6. No unattended fires or candles.
7. No music if there are any other guests in the area.
8. Die Berghuis works on a self-check-in basis and you will find the key in the door upon arrival.
9. Arrival time: Any time after 2 pm. and before 6 pm - **unless otherwise arranged.**
10. Departure time: Before 10 am.

Please note: If any of the above-mentioned Vadersberg rules are disregarded, you will be charged an R1000 fine.

Farms, by their nature, present many safety risks, and parents and/or adults are responsible for the supervision and safety of children in their care at all times, particularly while they are swimming, boating, walking on the farm and visiting the farm animals.

Guests and visiting children may not

- Touch farm machinery or vehicles, or ride on farm vehicles.
- Touch any farm tools or equipment.
- Enter farm working areas, buildings for enclosures or fields where there are animals.
- Provoke or try to ride on any animals.
- Interaction with farm animals should be guided by an experienced adult.
- Children are not allowed outside the campsite and guest house area without adult supervision

Final Notes:

The owner/management is not liable for any damages, theft or injury.

Parking for vehicles is supplied and is at your own risk.

Please make sure that gates are closed after entering or leaving the premises.

Please sign below to agree to the above-mentioned rules:

Full Name:

Signature:

Date:
