

INFORMATION SHEET

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Sondela

Nature Reserve & Spa



Histrotical Background

The farm on which Sondela Nature Reserve now stands, is steeped in history and is well documented. Its closest town is Warmbaths (11km), a historical area known for its healing waters and which only became proclaimed as a town as late as 1921. Johann Rissik (1857 – 1925) was the original owner of the farm Zandfontein (alias Sandfontein), then a 10,000 Morg farm which later became known as Tweefontein, after the two natural fountains on the property.

Rissik was liberal minded and tolerant and was well-known for his integrity. He was well-educated and had a love for literature and classical music and his grasp of languages made him fluent in English, French, German, Afrikaans and Dutch. He purchased Zandfontein in 1887 and in 1890 added the adjacent farm Doornput which he purchased from J C Minnaar. In the memoirs A. Rissik, Letters to my Grandchildren 1969, mention is made of the herds of wild game, guinea fowl and variety of antelope to be found on the property, although Rissik brought in Impala from the then Sabie Nature Reserve (now Kruger National Park).

Thomas Baines, in his book The Gold Regions of South Eastern Africa, mentions the abundant water and wild animals to be found on the farm Zandfontein (or Sandfontein as he called it then). He speaks of spending the night in December 1871 close to a fountain on Zandfontein and documented that the noise from the frogs was so loud that they could barely sleep all night. This fountain was in fact one of the main watering holes for pioneers travelling north by ox-wagon and horseback and has in its entire history have never been dry.

During the Anglo-Boer war (1902) the British government gave Rissik building material and pipes in lieu of the use of his land during the war. The building material included sandstone from a quarry at Buiskop which also supplied the stone used in the construction of the Union Buildings in Pretoria. Rissik used this sandstone to build the farmhouse and out-buildings on Zandfontein while the pipes were laid from the natural fountain to the farmhouse to supply the dwelling with water. These original sandstone buildings can still be seen on Sondela today: the original car house is now Piccinini's Bistro and the original Rissik guest house is now classrooms for Sondela Academy.

Rissik's obvious love of the land (he was the Surveyor General of the Republic of South Africa) was not limited to his ministerial position in the Louis Botha cabinet. In his private capacity he farmed ostriches on his farm and in 1908, with the assistance of J C Gilfillan, set up a large orange production on Zandfontein. From 1904 to 1924 the farm was rented to J C Gilfillan.

Johann Rissik passed away on 26th August 1925 at which time the farm and livestock were bequeathed to his wife, Miemie Rissik, who in turn bequeathed the property to her sons, Harry and Pieter, upon her death in 1947.

From the Rissik family, ownership of Tweefontein passed to Dr Piccinini, an Italian civil engineer who was one of the founding members of Concor Construction and who had maintained a vested interest in South Africa since 1948. After searching for an undeveloped farm not far from Johannesburg, Dr Piccinini took transfer of the two farms Tweefontein and Doornput in 1976. Dr Piccinini retained strong ties with South Africa until his death, at the age of 81 in 1996, and the property has remained in the family to this day.



Chalets

Sondela Chalets are 4-star self-catering units and have held the RCI Crown Award since 1993. The chalets are available through rental, timeshare ownership or exchange, co-ownership, or full ownership. They will either have pre-paid air-conditioning or fans in the lounge and outside stoep, braai, or boma facilities. The chalets are spread out around the Maroela Entertainment Area where guests can enjoy a swim, a round of tennis or putt-putt, and some jungle gym fun for the smaller ones. Guests can also fully appreciate the joys of nature with various game drive options and heaps of other activities.

All chalets are now equipped with backup inverter systems.

(All rates are per unit per night)	Low Season	High Season	Peak Season
KAREE (Rustic)	R1 430	R2 520	R2 950
KAREE (Standard)	R1 660	R2 940	R3 530
KAREE (Luxury)	R1 880	R3 150	R3 710
ACACIA (Standard)	R1 900	R3 250	R3 910
ACACIA (Luxury)	R2 100	R3 360	R4 060
MAROELA (Standard)	R1 900	R3 250	R3 910
MAROELA (Luxury)	R2 100	R3 360	R4 060
SEKELBOS (LUXURY)	R2 000	R3 300	R3 980
TAMBOTI (LUXURY)	R2 100	R3 360	R4 060

Additional cost payable:
Conservation fee - R300 per vehicle



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Country House

Do you want to experience stately country living where your every whim is seen to by bush butler service? Then let us host you at the Iketla Country House & Spa. This 4-star luxury accommodation is the most glorious feather in our cap. The Country House boasts rolling green lawns and a canopy of majestic trees. Each room is carefully and uniquely decorated and provides stunning private gardens or access to the beautifully manicured lawns. The pool is reserved exclusively for Country House & Spa guests, and this is also where we host our newlyweds in the intimate honeymoon suite with a private garden and spa tub.

PLEASE NOTE: Regrettably, no children under 16 years of age allowed at the Country House



Additional cost payable:
Conservation fee - R300 per vehicle

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2-NIGHT PACKAGE FOR 2

Spa Treatment Time: 3hr 40min Accommodation:
2 Nights – Bed & Breakfast

ARRIVAL DAY:

Arrival and Welcoming at Country House Butler will
walk you to the Spa

Spa Treatments

Relax in the Kneipp Pool

Feet & Calves Pressure Point Massage Return to Country House

Dinner

DAY 2:

Breakfast

Wildlife Centre Tour

Spa Treatments:

Ultra Hydrating Honeybush Facial / Swedish Full Body Massage Relax in the
Kneipp Pool

Light Meal (including 2 drinks)

Game Drive Dinner

DAY 3:

Breakfast Departure

Low & High Season @ R8 600 per night

Peak Season @ R8 900 per night

(All rates are per room per night)	Single			Double		
	Low Season	High Season	Peak Season	Low Season	High Season	Peak Season
Full Board – rates include accommodation, three meals per day, teas, a game drive and visit to the Wildlife Centre.	R2 400	R2 400	R2 600	R3 800	R3 800	R3 900
Bed & Breakfast – rates include accommodation and breakfast.	R1 700	R1 700	R1 960	R2 500	R2 500	R2 960

Makhato Bush Lodges

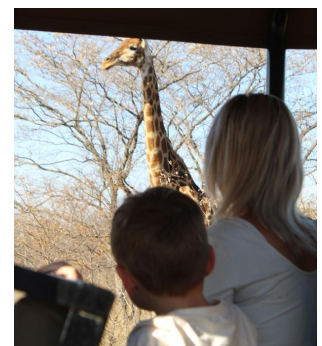
The Makhato Bush Lodges are privately owned bushveld accommodations. Each lodge has its own flavour and is kitted out with everything you need to enjoy a comfortable and relaxing weekend or week away from the hustle and bustle of the city. These self-catering units range from smaller two-bedroom (sleep 4) to larger four-bedroom (sleep 8) units. Depending on the unit you book, you can enjoy beautiful outdoor boma, braai, and undercover Lapa areas. Take a short walk to the pool and enjoy delicious food from Piccinini's Bistro, visit the animal farmyard or book your next adventure from game drives to guided wildlife tours to kleilat games.



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Makhato Bush lodges	Unit numbers	Low Season	High Season	Peak Season
4-bed with Back up Power	12	R2 130	R3 370	R4 060
Small 6-bed	72, 83, 99	R2 180	R3 370	R4 060
Medium 6-bed	3, 5, 17, 21, 23, 30, 31, 70, 80, 92, 116	R2 450	R3 680	R4 430
Medium 6-bed with back up power	19, 25, 58, 69, 105, 106, 120	R2 550	R3 780	R4 530
Medium 6 bed with Splash Pool	51, 74	R2 750	R3 980	R4 730
Large 6-bed		R2 640	R3 900	R4 770
Large 6-bed with back up power		R2 740	R4 000	R4 870
Small 8-bed	33, 75, 104	R2 780	R4 100	R5 030
Small 8-bed with back up power	87, 88, 89	R2 880	R4 200	R5 130
Medium 8-bed	42	R3 170	R4 310	R5 140
Medium 8-bed with back up power	7, 29, 73, 76, 110	R3 270	R4 410	R5 240
Large 8-bed	11, 62, 68, 103, 108	R3 440	R4 520	R5 360
Large 8-bed with back-up power	52, 61, 96	R3 540	R4 620	R5 460
Large 8-bed with splash pool	81	R3 740	R4 820	R5 660

Additional cost payable:
Conservation fee - R300 per vehicle



Moselesele Tented Camp

The Moselesele Tented Camp offers an exceptional safari experience featuring a Camp Host and Private Chef who are both dedicated to pampering you from the moment you arrive, until you bid farewell.

As a special feature of our camp, we provide a Private Chef – a professional dedicated to delivering the best and creating new flavours – while you bring the groceries. With your ingredients in hand, our Chef will skilfully craft your meals, ensuring that you can relax and enjoy your stay without worrying about cooking duties. This personalized service guarantees that each meal is tailored to your personal tastes and preferences, making your dining experience truly pleasurable.

Our semi-self-catering camp has been carefully designed for your comfort and enjoyment, and features:

- 4 safari tents, each accommodating up to 4 people
- Private bathrooms in every tent
- A communal braai pit and a socializing zone
- Shared kitchen facilities, including your own fridge
- A spacious and comfortable communal lapa with a lounge, dining area and pub

Nestled amidst native Sekelbos and various bushveld trees, our camp is conveniently close to the Sondela Caravan Park, which offers amenities such as DSTV, table tennis, a swimming pool, and a bar. Kids will have a blast and you're free to explore the nearby Farmyard facilities, just a short walk away, at your leisure. Here you will find even more opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment, with additional facilities such as our Deli, The Terrace restaurant, Iketla Spa, a heated swimming pool and an array of activities.

(All rates are per tent per night)	Low Season	High Season	Peak Season
4 BED	R 1 400	R 2 080	R 2 860
GROUP (4 TENTS)	R 4 300	R 6 200	R 8 500

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Additional cost payable:
Conservation fee – R300 per vehicle



Tambuki 4x4 Camp

For rugged adventurers with 4x4 vehicles who like to be as close to nature as possible, try our Tambuki campsite. This remote camp set around the base of a rock “koppie”, is strictly for the 4x4 camper. With its rustic appeal, Tambuki boasts: 4x4 vehicles.

Only five camping sites are available (maximum 4 people per stand).

Here you can pitch your tent and enjoy the sights of unspoiled nature around you. Climb the koppie for a sundowner and indulge in a sunset that will remain in your thoughts forever.

Please note, no electricity is available.

Per Stand	Low Season	High Season	Peak Season
SITE	R 350	R 520	R 900
GROUP (5 SITES)	R 1 200	R 2 000	R 3 500
Per Stand	Winter (6 May - 31 July) excluding long weekends & Event weekends		
SITE	R 350	R 350	
GROUP (5 SITES)	R1 200	R 1 400	



photo: Anelda van Deventer

Additional cost payable:

Conservation fee – R110 per vehicle



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4X4 CAMPING TAMBUKI



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Caravan Park

The Caravan Park at Sondela Nature Reserve is truly deserving of its many awards and has been placed by leading magazines as one of South Africa's top 100 resorts. Year-round green lawns, plenty of shady trees and up-market ablutions add to its ever-growing popularity. Outstanding hospitality awaits you with pancakes on arrival, a free bag of ice and wood, free tractor and wagon game drive for 4, and assistance in the putting up and packing up of your camp.

Camping families will love the 80 standard stands and 60 private ablution stands, which offer electricity, braai facilities and private ablutions. Piccinini's & Terrace Restaurant & Bar where you can enjoy poolside food, drinks and entertainment is a short stroll away.

STANDARD STANDS: 4 PEOPLE PER STAND			PRIVATE ABLUTION STANDS: 6 PEOPLE PER STAND		
Low Season	High Season	Peak Season	Low Season	High Season	Peak Season
R350 per stand, per night	R520 per stand, per night	R920 per stand, per night	R350 per stand, per night	R790 per stand, per night	R1240 per stand, per night

WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY PRIVATE ABLUTION STANDS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

CARAVAN PARK CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT TIMES			
In Season		Out of Season	
Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure
14:00	11:00	14:00	13:00

Additional cost payable:

Conservation fee:

R110 per vehicle for 1st vehicle

Extra person:

R140 per person per night

Extra vehicle:

R150 per night

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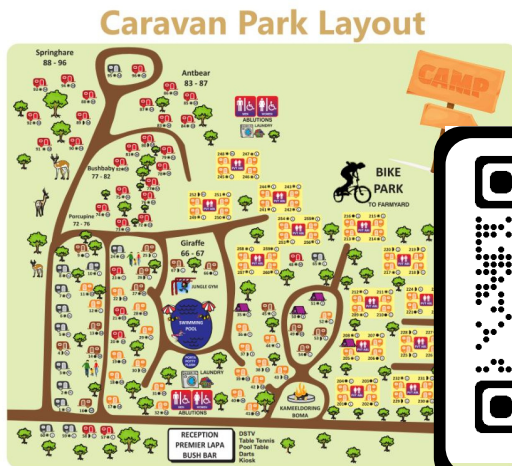
CONTACT NUMBERS:
Reception - 014 736 8800
Emergency - 082 854 4368

Stand

- Gravel
- Grass
- Paving
- Ground
- Tent Only

Full Sun (No shade at any time of day)
Full Shade (Full shade all day)
Half Shade (At least half of the site has shade)
Small Stand (S)
Medium Stand (M)
Large Stand (L)
Extra Large Stand (XL)
Private Ablution (Toilet, Shower & Basin with outdoor Braai) (238 & 240 - 249)

STAND NUMBERS FOR DOUBLE AXLE:
1 - 8, 10, 38, 39, 41, 43, 53, 54, 59, 60, 62, 64, 65, 72, 73, 75, 76, 83, 84, 87, 91, 93, 94, 202, 205, 209, 212, 229, 238, 242, 244, 246, 249 - 252



View the maps of
Sondela Nature
Reserve on our website
www.sondela.com/maps/



☀ Iketla Wellness & Spa

Our Spa offers a variety of revitalising Beauty and Body Treatments. Be sure to include a session in the Kneipp Pool or Steam Room to make you feel refreshed, alive and de-stressed.

Trained therapists, quality products and assorted treatments have been carefully selected to enhance your overall experience at this welcoming and truly relaxing retreat. Awaken your senses by giving yourself that special pamper you deserve – you're worth it!

For bookings, please contact the Spa on 014 736 8800 or email iketla@sondela.com



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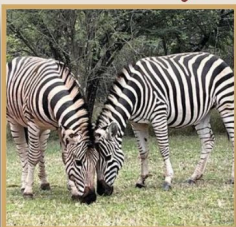
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A Family favourite Resort



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🌞 Calendar 2026 / 2027

Low Season

High Season

Peak Season

January

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Sondela Shareblock New Luxury Development



TAMBOTI CHALET

For Sale

Fully furnished Chalets

HIGH RENTAL RETURN
approximately 7% return
and capital growth

More Info!

Use resort facilities

View Facilities NOW!



Terms & Conditions apply

☀ Day Visitors

In order to promote the privacy of resident guests, **NO DAY VISITORS** will be allowed on the Resort.

☀ Reservation Rules



PAYMENT:

- The full cost of your reservation must be paid within 48 hours of making the booking. The deposit slip must be e-mailed to us in order to confirm your reservation.
- Failure to do this will result in the automatic cancellation of your provisional reservation after 48 hours.
- Should the reservation be made 48 hours or less prior to your arrival date, the full cost of your accommodation must still be paid prior to arrival and the deposit slip e-mailed to us.
- Should the deposit not be received in time, the reservation will be automatically cancelled.

CANCELLATIONS (WRITTEN REQUEST NEEDED):

A reservation which is cancelled or not taken up, is regarded as a cancellation and is subject to the following rules:

- For a cancellation request received 31 days or more prior to the arrival date, 25% of the full reservation amount will be forfeited;
- For a cancellation request received 30 - 21 days prior to the arrival date, 50% of the full reservation amount will be forfeited;
- For a cancellation request received 20 -11 days prior to the arrival date, 75% of the full reservation amount will be forfeited;
- For a cancellation made 10 days or less prior to the arrival date, or on the arrival date, 100% of the full reservation amount will be forfeited.

AMENDMENTS:

Amendments to a reservation are made free of charge, with the following exceptions:

- If arrival is postponed 10 days or less before the booked arrival date, or on the arrival date, 50% of the full reservation amount will be forfeited.
- If the arrival date is postponed 30 days or less prior to the arrival date, or on the arrival date, and then cancelled at a later stage, the cancellation fees applicable at the time of the postponement will apply, should this amount be greater than the new cancellation fees.
- Should visitors not arrive on the reserved date, the accommodation will be held until the following day, but the full reservation amount will be forfeited.
- No credit will be given for any decrease in the number of people in your party.
- Should the number in your party increase, any additional charges related thereto must be paid in full prior to arrival.
- For Caravan Park bookings, if the number of stands is decreased on the arrival date, the camping fees for the cancelled stands will be forfeited.

NB: Please note that NO MOTORCYCLES are allowed on the Reserve.

Please note all rates include 15% VAT

☀ How to get to Sondela Nature Reserve

Directions Made Easy: Scan the QR code below to access detailed directions to Sondela Nature Reserve.



Google Maps

SCAN ME



Dear Friends,

I was just wondering, do you still recall those wonderful sun drenched, lazy days of barefoot frolicking with the feel of warm soft dust between your toes, the tranquility of the Bushveld, the trees, the birds, and the graceful impala? Would you recognise the smell of fresh, warm milk or even remember where to milk a cow?

Don't you miss the sounds of the bleating sheep or the thrill of riding your sweaty steed, both of you equally exhilarated from your shared encounters with zebra, kudu and giraffe? When last did you feel the warm glow of a flickering campfire on your face as you sit and gaze aimlessly into those mesmerizing, dancing flames?

Don't you miss the silence, the peace, the sensation of soaring freedom you get from looking out over the endless plains from your vantage point atop a secluded "koppie"? Do you remember how the Bushveld skies come ablaze each night with their star-studded jewels?

Most people remain totally unaware that there is still a haven right at their fingertips where such fond memories can be rekindled, and this Bushveld paradise is me. SONDELA is the name I was given, and it means "Come Closer".

Hook up the trailer, load up the kids, don't forget the wife and hit the big road North past Pretoria. A short 1½ hours after leaving the bustle of Johannesburg, there will be no mistaking the minute that you arrive on my doorstep. On my behalf, the Hoep Hoep will welcome you with his friendly call and the giraffe will bow their graceful necks in your honour.

Take a deep breath and relax... I will show you a good time, like you have never had before!

Resort Facilities

Piccinini's & Terrace - Restaurant & Bar	Game drives in the nature reserve	Wildlife Centre
Safe-keeping facility at Reception	Bicycle hire per day / hour	Laundry service (extra cost)
Iketla Wellness & Spa	ATM at Farmyard	Guided quad bike rides
General Dealer Shop & Deli for basic necessities	Credit card facilities at General Dealer, Piccinini's & Terrace Restaurant & Bar, Caravan Park and Reception	DSTV at Premier Lapa (Caravan Park)
Outdoor heated swimming pool	Activity programme	Farmyard
		4 x 4 Obstacle course

