

Namakwa Flower Update

08 September 2014



Dear All

It is a great honour for us to host you in our region for this flower season.

We had two days in a row of strong wind in the Springbok area this past weekend that caused damage to some flower hotspots. However tourists could still view flowers in towns like Springbok, Nababeep, Okiep, Concordia, Steinkoph, Soebatsfontein, Calvinia, Niewoudtville and Loeriesfontein. The Kamiesberg region is still a picturesque floral kingdom where tourists could view large plains of flowers.

The flowers are out in orange, yellow white and purple colours and it is really a natural work of art. The orange Namakwa daisies are the dominant species on display with some yellow piet snot, yellow botterblomme, yellow skaapbosse, purple vygies and white spories in between. The Richtersveld is also in bloom with bababoutjies and other Namakwa succulents.

The mountains are green and the birds are chirping which add to the aroma of spring. Tourists are more than welcome to send us photos of the flowers to tourismsbk@namakwa-dm.gov.za

We are looking forward to a week full of sunny days with pleasant weather. Tourists could also enjoy the moonlight evenings under starry skies.

The weather forecast for the next six days are as follow;

| Date | Day | Temperature min | Temperature max | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 08 Sept 2014 | Monday | 16 | 32 | Sunny |
| 09 Sept 2014 | Tuesday | 10 | 28 | Sunny |
| 10 Sept 2014 | Wednesday | 9 | 26 | Sunny |
| 11 Sept 2014 | Thursday | 6 | 24 | Sunny |
| 12 Sept 2014 | Friday | 7 | 22 | Sunny |
| 13 Sept 2014 | Saturday | | | |

Tourists can phone the Namakwa flowerline @ 079 2947260 from 08:00 am to 20:00 pm 7 days a week from 01 August to 01 October 2013.

We wish you all a lovely week ahead.

Where to view flowers

- Springbok town centre
- Nababeep
- Along the N7
- 30 km out of Springbok on the N14
- Okiep town centre
- N14 between Springbok and Carolusberg
- Buffelsrivier area
- Spektakelpas between Springbok and Kleinzee

- Groot Hoog (road between Okiep and Concordia)
- Namakwa National Park near Kamieskroon
- Goegap Nature Reserve near Springbok
- Soebatsfontein
- Kamiesberg area
- Road between Hondeklip Bay and Garies
- Garies
- Wildeperdehoek pass along the route to Hondeklip Bay
- Steinkof town centre
- Akkerendam Nature Reserve near Calvinia
- Calvinia town centre
- Hantam Botanical Garden near Niewoudtville
- Papkuilsfontein Guest farm near Niewoudtville
- Loeriesfontein
- Matjiesfontein Tourist stall near Niewoudtville
- Richtersveld area
- On route to Port Nolloth

Tips while viewing flowers

- The flowers are open between 11:00 am to 15:00 pm during day time.
- The sun must be out for flowers to open
- The day temperature must be at least 18 degrees
- Flowers are not open on rainy or overcast day

What to wear when watching flowers

- Long pants when walking around in the field.
- Comfortable shoes

Advice to tourists

- Please book your accommodation in advance.
- The Namakwa flower line is available from 08:00 am to 20:00 pm seven days a week, Mondays to Sundays The flower line will be available on Heritage day , 24/09/2013.
- Most towns along the flower routes have fuel stations
- Most towns along the flower routes have ATM's
- . Most towns along the flower routes have mobile phone reception.
- Namakwa/West Coast flower maps is available at all tourism information offices.