

Rules & Regulations

Modderfontein Nature Reserve is intended to be an urban open space, which is socially, economically and ecologically sustainable. It is therefore intended to find a balance between ecosystem functions with active and passive recreational and educational usage, while also recognising the heritage features in the Reserve.

In order to ensure that the above vision is realised and to ensure a safe and joyful visit to the reserve, kindly adhere to the following rules and regulations. Transgression of these rules and regulations, as summarized below, may result in prosecution and or penalties.

- 1. CONSERVATION FEES** – Daily conservation fees are payable by each visitor before entering the reserve.
- 2. THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT** – Please take careful note of the speed limits applicable in the various areas of the reserve. Note that not all roads are accessible to vehicles.
- 3. DRIVE SAFELY** – General rules of the road apply within the reserve. It is an offence to drive on South African roads without a recognized driver's license or under the influence of alcohol. Driving or operating any vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner or in a deliberate disregard for the safety of a person, animal or property is a serious offence and can result in a summons being issued. Driving a vehicle in a manner that constitutes a nuisance, disturbance, inconvenience or danger to any other person may also be subject to a summons being issued.
- 4. ADHERE TO GATE TIMES** – Gate times must be strictly adhered to. After hours driving is not allowed and could result in a summons being issued.
- 5. DRIVING AREAS** – Vehicles must remain on the designated roads at all times and off-road driving or driving on closed or no-entry roads is a serious offence.
- 6. WALKING AREAS** – Walking trails are provided throughout the reserve and must be adhered to at all times so as to avoid disruption of vegetation and animal communities.
- 7. FEEDING OF WILDLIFE IS PROHIBITED** – The feeding or intentional disturbance of wildlife is a serious offence. By feeding any wildlife you are potentially SIGNING THEIR DEATH WARRANT, AS THEY MAY BECOME DEPENDENT ON HUMANS and can BECOME AGGRESSIVE AND DANGEROUS, and thus HAVE TO BE EXTERMINATED. This includes all bird species.
- 8. FLORA & FAUNA** – No plant, animal, wildlife or any natural or cultural items may be removed from the park without permission. To cut, damage, destroy or be in possession of any plant or part thereof, including dry wood or firewood is a serious offence. Importing of any specimen of an alien or listed invasive species into the reserve is prohibited.
- 9. PETS** – No pets (dogs, cats, birds or any other) may be brought into the reserve. Transgressors will be dealt with firmly and issued with a summons. Guide dogs for visually impaired guests are one exception, but only in consultation with reserve management and if the owner has obtained the necessary inoculations and permits as ordained by the state veterinary department.
- 10. LITTER-FREE ZONE** – Littering is prohibited. Depositing or leaving of any litter except in receptacles provided for that purpose will result in a fine.
- 11. DECLARE FIREARMS AT GATE** – All firearms/dangerous weapons of any sort, any explosive, trap or poison must be declared upon entry, and may be held for the duration of the visit.
- 12. NO KILLING OF ANIMALS** – Poaching, killing, injuring and persecution or disturbance of animals is strictly prohibited.
- 13. FIRE HAZARD** – Starting or causing of any fire, whether it be intentional or unintentional, other than with prior consent from reserve management and in a fireplace or container purposely made available, is strictly prohibited and will result in a summons being issued.
- 14. SMOKING** – Please take note of the smoking regulations applicable in the reserve. Smoking may only take place in DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS and cigarette butts must be disposed of in dustbins distributed throughout the reserve.
- 15. BEHAVIOUR** – Behaving in an offensive, improper, indecent or disorderly manner including the playing of any radio, compact disc player, music system, musical system or instrument, or in any way cause of any noise in any manner likely to disturb any species or specimen or other person is strictly prohibited and will be fined if not adhered to. The hindering, intimidating or obstructing of an authorized official in the execution of his/her duties or the performance of his/her functions will not be tolerated and is subject to a penalty. Violation, refusal or failure to obey or comply with any prohibition, request or instruction imposed by these regulations or by the management authority or authorized official will result in prosecution.
- 16. BICYCLES** – Please enlighten yourself with the rules and regulations applicable to the use of roller skates, skateboards, bicycles and motorbikes for the reserve. These activities are limited to certain areas and times.
- 17. VANDALISM** – Buildings and sites of historical and cultural value exist within the reserve and these must be treated with respect at all times. Vandalism of any buildings or infrastructure is strictly prohibited and transgression will result in a summons being issued.
- 18. FISHING** – Fishing in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve is strictly prohibited unless an arrangement has been made with Reserve Management.
- 19. SWIMMING** – Swimming or wading in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve is strictly prohibited unless doing so is necessary to fulfill a prescribed management objective.
- 20. BOATS** – The use of boats of any kind in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve is strictly prohibited unless doing so is necessary to fulfill a prescribed management objective or an agreement has been made with reserve management.
- 21. WASHING** – Washing of clothes, dishes, or any item (this includes one's body), in any of the dams or bodies of water within the reserve, is strictly prohibited.

Disclaimer Notice

All persons (hereinafter referred to as "attendee/s") entering these premises do so at their own risk.

The owner of these premises, its employees, agents and contractors will not be held liable for any injury, harm, or loss to any attendee/s or in respect of any property of such attendee/s in or on these premises whether resulting from the negligence of the owner, its employees, agents and contractors or from any cause whatsoever.

The attendee/s hereby indemnify the owner, its employees, agents and contractors against any claim by the attendee/s and/or any persons in respect of such injury, harm or loss suffered by the attendee/s and/or any person on these premises, whether resulting from the negligence of the owner, its employees, agents or contractors or from any other cause whatsoever and indemnify the owner, its employees, agents and contractors against all loss, expense, cost or damage arising therefrom.

The foregoing shall not limit or exempt any loss attributable to gross negligence.

The terms of this notice are severable. Should any legislation prohibit or restrict the effect of this notice, then such prohibition or restriction shall not invalidate the remainder of this notice.



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