

Hunting

Bergplaats Game lodge adheres to the principles of fair chase and ethical hunting for top quality trophies. We offer a choice of hunting safaris including Rifle and Bow hunting safaris. In order to maintain exclusivity, only a limited number of hunting packages are made available.

With 16 huntable species your guaranteed an unforgettable experience.

Species include:

Impala, Gems buck, Blesbuck, Red Hartebeest, Blue wildebeest, Duiker, Steenbuck, Fellow Deer , Eland, Baboon, Zebra, Caracal, Jackal, Mountain Reedbuck, Klipspringer

Rifle hunting - All rifle hunting done on foot, walk and stalk or spot and hunt.

Bow hunting – Bergplaats game lodge has various bow-hunting hides available.

All hunts are conducted and guided by experienced hunters and guides!

Many debates surround the question of what is **ethical hunting** since the modern hunter no longer hunts to feed his family, but rather does it as a sport. The rules defining ethical hunting are vague and rather difficult to define. In short ethical hunting at least would allow the animal a sporting chance. This means that the animal must at least have the opportunity to get away. Hunting practices where a caged and tamed animal is released for a few hours and then considered wild enough to hunt, can thus not be part of ethical hunting practices. In essence ethical hunting is more than the actual chase, it is a way of thinking. **Ethical hunting** therefore will show respect to the hunted, the environment and will involve a love for nature including to conserve and promote the conservation of animals.

General Rules

- No hunting from or within 300 meters of hunting vehicles
- Fires only allowed in lapa or designated areas
- No littering
- Hunting takes place during week days & Saturdays- No hunting on Sundays.
- Rifles will be shot in the day before or the morning of the hunt under the supervision of the hunting guide.
- The number of hunters in the veld will be determined by the guide on the day of the hunt.
- Hunting is only allowed under the supervision of the guide.
- For the safety of all hunters and the guide, the bridge of your rifle will be open at all times except after the animal hunted, is identified and you are ready to shoot.
- Game will only be shot by a caliber rifle that is legal in terms of the rules of Cape Nature of the Western Cape. For your information, Cape Nature requires that small game only be shot by a caliber of .243 or bigger, and larger game by a caliber of .270 or bigger.
- For the safety of the hunter and other people in the party, a hunter is not allowed to leave his hunting point, unless approved by the guide or hunting with a Professional Hunter for Trophy Animals.
- No fires in the veld are allowed.
- The firing of rifles is only allowed during the hunting time slot and on the shooting range.
- After a shot or shots has been fired, please determine whether the animal was wounded. This should be done by going to the spot where the animal was when fired at, and check for traces of blood.
- No liquor is allowed during the hunting period and no person under the influence of liquor will be allowed to engage in a hunting trip.
- No rifle may be loaded unless the animal to be shot has been identified.
- Hunting will only take place between sunrise and sunset.

- The guide is in charge of the hunt and all orders from the guide shall be adhered to.
- Please leave only your footprints on the farm. Pick up all cartridge shells, paper and litter. We have a lovely farm; let us keep it that way.
- If an animal has been wounded, all other hunting activities will cease until the wounded animal has been culled. The guide will determine whether an animal is wounded or not. If determined as such and the animal cannot be found, the hunter will be responsible for payment of the value of such an animal.
- Shooting of birds, reptiles and species not on the hunting list, is not allowed. Any hunter shooting any of the above will be penalized with a 100% on top of the replacement value inclusive of transportation fees of such an animal.
- No dogs are allowed on hunts.
- Bergplaats has abattoir and butchery facilities available onsite. Please make necessary arrangements with management.
- Hunting activities will only progress and hunters will only be allowed on a hunt, once the indemnity form has been duly signed.
- All guests and hunters shall complete, sign & deliver the indemnity form to Bergplaats Management on arrival. No hunter will be allowed on hunting activities without completion and signature of the said form. Guests should note that entering the farm is entirely at their own risk. Minors will sign the indemnity form, supported by their custodians.
- A species hunting list and species list will be available from management .
- The owners and employees accept no responsibility for any injuries, mistakes, negligent acts, damage and/or death to any visitor and/or property caused by the negligence or negligent act of any person.
- All game hunted stays the property of the owner until paid in full. No game will be removed from the farm, until paid. Any monies due to Bergplaats (GP Berg Plaats Boerdery (Pty) Ltd) will accrue interest at a rate of 15,5%.
- Right of admission reserved.