



2025 Survival Guide

Attending Sentella takes planning and preparation because it is a participation- and volunteer-run event.

You get the full value of the experience when you fully participate and prepare!

We strongly recommend reading this guide as it is designed to give you the information you need to stay happy and healthy at the event.

What is Sentella?

Sentella is inspired by the principles of Burning Man.

Sentella is a collaborative outdoor event held once a year in the Gauteng (ish) area

Sentella strives to create a temporary space where radical self-expression, inclusion, and self-reliance are encouraged and expected of all participants.

You will gain exactly what you put into the experience.

Participation is essential.

There are no spectators.

We all come to create, build, and play together.



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1. Event Fundamentals

Sentella embraces the principles of Burning Man. We are a Leave No Trace event - Bring what you need and take everything out with you. There are no bins, no clean-up crews. Clean up if you see MOOP (Matter Out Of Place), pick it up, even if it isn't yours.

We operate within a gift economy. Nothing is for sale (Except Ice, available from HQ)

Vehicles: Sentella is a car-free zone. Only art/creative cars (mutant vehicles), bicycles, emergency, and admin vehicles are allowed to move around on site during the event. Personal vehicles must be parked after arrival and remain parked. The speed limit is 5 km per hour for all motorized vehicles.

Cars must not block roadways or emergency access (which are marked). Sentella reserves the right to have any vehicle parked in these areas removed at the owner's expense.

Sentella requires you to follow all health, safety, and fire guidelines, and does not condone any illegal activity.

Every participant requires a valid ticket.

2. The 10 + 2 Principles

Inspired by Burning Man, we live by these principles:

Radical Inclusion:

Anyone may be a part of Sentella. We welcome and respect strangers. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

Translation: We welcome everyone.

Gifting:

Sentella is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value. The person does not need to accept your gift.

Translation: Give gifts but allow others to give gifts too, so be ready to receive.

Decommodification:

To preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation.

Translation: No logos, branding, and no advertising please.

Radical Self-Reliance:

Our event encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on their inner and external resources.

Translation: Bring what you need.

Radical Self-Expression:

Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual, or a collaborating group, can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

Translation: Self-expression comes in all shapes and sizes. Tolerance and acceptance are essential but so is taking the time to be aware of how your expression may affect others, including families and children.

Communal Effort:

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

Translation: Create communal spaces where you can. Help in other communal efforts.

Civic Responsibility:

We value civil society. Community members who organise events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavour to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local laws.

Translation: Be responsible for what you produce.

Leave No Trace:

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavour, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them. Please also consider the effect your gift may have on this principle.

Translation: Take out what you bring in with you.

Participation:

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

Translation: You will only feel like you truly belong when you participate fully – in play and in work.

Immediacy:

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

Translation: Be here now.

A few more principles supported by the Sentella community:**Consent:**

Consent is the cornerstone of a healthy community. It's simple; whether it is a potential sexual encounter, physical touch of any kind, something requiring permission that will radically alter the experience of another person, or involving the recording of someone's image or voice, you are responsible for getting verbal consent before engaging. It is neither ethical nor acceptable to proceed without that person's awareness and clear consent. Period.

Translation: Ask first. Accept 'no' with grace.

Transparency:

All decisions, financials, and other aspects of our community are public information. All participants are welcome to engage and contribute. We provide full disclosure on activities undertaken. We come together to create this event and others, and welcome questions, concerns, creative criticism, hand-raising and participation of all sorts, from all. Together, we motivate, inspire, and evolve our community.

Translation: We are in this together.

3. Tickets

Everyone must have a valid ticket. No ticket. No entry.

Available via Quicket:

<https://tinyurl.com/3fwa6e7k>

There are no tickets available at the gate.

Tickets are non-refundable, except where required by South African law.

If you cannot attend, please resell (at face value) or gift your ticket.

As a community-driven event, all funds are used to create art, facilities, and/or essentials.

If you want to actively participate at Sentella but cannot afford the full ticket price or are experiencing other barriers to participation, please read our [Equity Ticket Policy](#)

4. Participation

Sentella is a no-spectator event. We ask that everyone who comes to the event gets involved – Sentella's success is the responsibility of the community. It is us that make this happen.

4.1 Volunteer:

Sentella is a combined effort made by the community for the community. Volunteering is an awesome way to connect, meet and interact with the community. Without volunteers, Sentella would not exist!

Volunteer positions:

- Gate & Greeters
- MOOP Patrol
- Toilet Duties – help make them beautiful
- Sound Marshals
- Fire Perimeter

Sign-up for volunteer shifts will be available on the WhatsApp community

You can also sign up to volunteer at HQ upon entry or during the event

All volunteers remain responsible for their own safety and actions while volunteering.

4.2 Build Art

Build art, bring art: unleash your creativity.

No artwork is too small.

Art is an expression of you. While we do burn some art, we encourage artists to consider re-usable artworks too.

If you plan on bringing an artwork to burn,

Please read the [Burning Artwork Guide](#)

And the register your artwork via the links on the website.

4.3 Build a Mutant Vehicle

Art cars, mutant vehicles, mobile artworks, altered automobiles; they are all welcome.

Mutant vehicles must be registered with the event organisers and safety rules and laws must be followed.

We'd love to welcome your art car at Sentella, please contact us at info@sentella.co.za

[Please Read our Mutant Vehicle Guide](#)

4.4 Create a Theme Camp

Theme Camps are a great way for a group of people to pool their resources and collaborate to create a community space. Theme camps range from music and dance camps to art creation workshops, coffee shops, food, workshops, and more. The options are endless.

Please read the [Theme Camp Guide](#)

5. Preparation and Event Checklist

Radical Self-Reliance is essential. You are responsible for yourself at all times.

There are no shops, no food stalls, no rubbish removal.

Bring everything you need and take it home again.

5.1 Essentials:

- **Ticket & photo ID**
- **Water:** At least 5 liters of drinking water per person per day. Please bring extra if you want to shower or wash.
- **DO NOT DRINK THE TAP WATER OR WATER DIRECTLY FROM THE DAM** - it is not safe for human consumption
- **Food:** enough for the duration of your stay, and cooking equipment
- **Shelter, bedding, shade:** There are some trees but not many. Make sure you have a warm and secure place to sleep.
- **Clothing:** Hot, cold, rain & wind, anything can happen, be prepared.
- **Footwear:** There are thorn and rough ground, as well as snakes, spiders, and other hazards. Pack closed shoes.
- **Personal Essentials:** First aid kit, toiletries, and prescriptions including the following:
 - Single-ply toilet paper
 - Sunblock
 - Prescription medicine
 - Biodegradable soap, shampoo
 - Painkillers
 - Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 - Lube
 - Condoms or other safe-sex items
 - Deodorant
 - Antiseptic cream
 - Plasters
 - Eye drops
 - Contact lens solution
 - Anti-mosquito cream or spray
 - Anything else you may need to maintain your health and comfort
- **Fire extinguisher:** Bring one if you have one. Each camp is strongly encouraged to have at least one fire extinguisher.
- **Rubbish:** There are no rubbish bins or services. Everything you bring in with you must go out with you. MOOP bags, bin bags, portable ashtrays
- **Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, a hat:** The sun can be harsh, so come prepared. These can all be artistic expression items too.

➤ **Lights, torches/flashlights, and/or**

headlamps: Make sure you are visible at night and can see where you are going. Lights can be used to make your camp sparkle. There is no power available onsite. No Glowsticks. Think solar. Pack extra batteries.

- **Safety in camp:** Bring something to mark or cover the tent pegs and guide ropes. Cap your rebar with tennis balls or beer cans, mark guide ropes with fairy lights and reflective tape or pool noodles.
- **Most importantly:** Please bring common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude!

5.2 Suggested items:

- **A reusable cup or mug:** To receive gifts! Please carry it with you at all times.
- **Fire containers:** Burn barrels and ground braais are welcomed. Please read [Sentella's Fire Policy](#)
- **Ear plugs:** In case you want quiet, and your neighbours don't.
- **Wet Wipes:** You can buy biodegradable ones. Even biodegradable wipes don't break down quickly — they must be packed out. Please do not put them in the toilets. Wet wipes must be stored safely with your other trash and taken out with you.
- **Cameras:** Please check the 11th Principle of Consent before taking pictures of people.
- **Watertight Protective Bags:** For your cameras and other valuables that you would like to protect.
- **Outfits:** Radical self-expression is encouraged. Go wild, get as decorated, body painted, weird, fabulously dressed up or down (or naked) as you desire! (No glitter, sequins, feathers, and any other items that can fall off your outfit and create MOOP)
- **Gifts:** Optional. Bring your beautiful gifts! Remember that accepting a gift is optional too.
- **Labels:** Put your name and contact information on valuables.
- **Essentials:** Duct tape, cable/zip ties, zip lock bags, and a utility knife.

Helpful tip: when using cable ties, please do not cut off the end of the tie as it creates more MOOP. Pipe cleaners are a suitable alternative for cable ties in light-duty circumstances.

- **Spare Keys:** Know where your spare keys are.

5.3 DO NOT BRING:

- **Firearms, fireworks, or explosives** of any kind
- **Glow Sticks** are MOOP
- **Stuff you want to sell:** No commerce is permitted
- **Glitter, sequins, feathers** or anything that will break up or blow away in the wind like confetti or party streamers. This is all MOOP. Eco-glitter made from plant cellulose is acceptable.
- **Glass containers** of any kind. We encourage you to decant all your alcohol and other products into plastic or metal containers.
- **Excess packaging from food** – Remove outer boxing and plastic from your store-bought food. Repackage things into reusable containers.
- **Handheld lasers** – They can blind people, do not bring them. Period.

6. Getting to The Venue

Eagle Waters Wildlife Resort
Oberon St, Hartbeespoort, 0216

GPS Location:

-25.790861,27.447550

Google Map Link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/C7iyeb3Yms0R4F9>



Please respect the venue. Any damage caused to the venue (including plants, structures, wildlife, or facilities) may result in the participant being held personally liable.

6.1 Secure Your Load

Load your vehicles properly. This includes cars, trucks, motorhomes, trailers, and all other things being towed.

Here are some precautions to help make your load safe:

- Do not exceed the load or towing capacity of vehicle or trailer.
- Do not exceed the weight recommendations for the trailer and hitch.
- Load your vehicle safely. Heavy items should be located low, centered, and between the axles.
- For trailers, load the heaviest items toward the front.
- Secure your load.
- Make sure the brakes and lights are working.
- Don't overload the roof.

6.2 Planes

If you would like to fly to Sentella, the closest airports are Lanseria or OR Tambo.

7. Gate & HQ

The Gate & HQ are together at the entrance to our venue.

As you arrive, please park your vehicle in a designated spot and be prepared with:

- Your ticket from Quicket, printed or on your phone to scan
- Enough food and water for the duration of the event
- All the other equipment and supplies you will need to survive the event.

Gate Location & HQ Integration

- The gate will be combined with HQ for the whole event.
- Medics, Fire, Volunteers, and Security will be based at HQ
- All volunteer shifts and general inquiries will be handled from this one location
- Gate/HQ volunteers will manage participant check-in and Pass-outs, and Greeting new arrivals

What is a Pass-out?

Pass-Out/Re-Entry System:

Pass-outs allow participants to leave and re-enter the Sentella event space during Gate hours.

- Participants may leave the event space during the event, however,
- Re-entry is only allowed during Gate Hours and requires a “pass-out stamp” issued at HQ
- Pass-outs are for anyone leaving with the intent to re-enter the event space, whether walking to the pool or showers, or exiting by vehicle
- The showers and pool are outside of the contracted Sentella event space, and use venue resources (including electricity)
- This small fee compensates the venue for these facilities, as well as to encourage everyone to bring everything you need in

with you (camp shower, baby pool, wetwipes, etc.)

- Fees:
 - R10 - per person per day for the right of re-entry
 - R50 - per personal vehicle (i.e., not a mutant vehicle) per day over and above the per-person fee
 - R0 for mutant vehicles provided the driver obeys the rules of the road and South African laws.
- The pass-out stamp will be issued in waterproof ink to prevent tampering, and will be changed daily
- Participants who leave the Sentella event space do so entirely at their own risk

Gate hours:

Wednesday 8th Oct 12h00 - 19h00

Thursday 9th Oct 08h00 - 19h00

Friday 10th October 08h00 - 20h00

Saturday 11th October - Gate is closed for ingress

The gate is run by volunteers - please respect their time by arriving within the posted hours.

8. Security & Safety:

Sentella has contracted a professional security company to man the gate outside of volunteer hours

Security is in addition to the venue's staff, and are contracted directly by Sentella

Their duties include;

- Preventing unauthorised entry/re-entry
- Assisting org with and escalations – including removing participants from the event space if necessary.

9. Medics & Medical:

Medics will be available on-site at HQ from noon to midnight Wednesday to Saturday midnight.

However, we aim not to use these services.

Please take care of yourself, your friends, and those around you, and practice self-reliance. If you are ill or dealing with any ongoing conditions, please

ensure you have what you need to remain healthy and happy.

If you become ill at the event, and your illness or injury is more severe than you can manage with help from your community and/or friends, you will need to be self-reliant and get a friend to take you to obtain the correct care or alert the medic. Shout "Help!"

HQ will have information containing the emergency contact details for the area.

Participants with chronic conditions (e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, allergies) must bring and manage their own medication and supplies.

Security and medics are contracted professionals. They are not responsible for participant behaviour outside emergencies.

9.1 Emergency Transport

Participants are 100% responsible for the costs of emergency transport outside of that provided by the security/medic service. Sentella will not cover the expense of any emergency transport.

10. Venue Information

If you decide to go walking, running, or cycling at the venue, please ask us about trails and be aware of property borders.

The event is being held at a venue where people live nearby. Please respect private spaces.

The venue is a wildlife reserve. Early during the event, there may be buck, donkeys, zebras, and other wildlife. Please do not touch, feed, or approach wildlife. Keep a safe (very far) distance from them! Failure to comply may result in removal from the event.

10.1 Toilets:

There are two blocks of permanent ablutions on site with 4 and 6 toilets in each. There is a block near the gate and another near open camping. There are no showers available, so bring wet wipes or your own shower.

Toilets are public areas. We are volunteers. The community is responsible for keeping the toilets clean. Please always try to leave the toilet in a better state than you found it. Please consider:

- If it is not from your body, please do not put it in the toilet.
- Do not put tampons, trash, condoms, or wet wipes in the loo (or other safe-sex or period products). Take a ziplock bag with you to the loo and pack these items out.
- Do not leave MOOP lying on the floors or around the outside of the loos.
- Put the lid down when you are done, it helps to keep the loo smelling better!
- If there's a problem, fix it or get help - don't just leave it for others to deal with!

If there is a problem your community and friends cannot solve, please come to this space.

11. Event Staff

Did we mention that we are volunteers? There are no event staff. There are only lead volunteers who have been part of the planning, so they have some information. Please go to HQ for any issues or questions.

12. Art & Theme Camps

Participants will bring various forms of art to share with everyone. Artwork comes in many forms, music, dance, visual arts, crafts, workshops, costumes or anything else people feel will make the Sentella experience awesome.

A lot of love goes into these artworks, please treat them with respect.

If you would like to build and bring art to Sentella, please register your artwork on sentella.co.za

12.1 Music and Sound:

The municipality allows us to play amplified music until 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

No amplified sound at all 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.!

There are others living nearby and we want to be considerate and civic-minded, maintaining our relationship with the venue, neighbours, and community. If anyone asks you to turn down amplified sound after 10 p.m. during the week and after midnight on the weekend, as well as during the listed daytime hours, please kindly, respectfully, and immediately do so.

Please be familiar with our [Sound Policy](#)

13. Decommodification

Sentella is a decommodified zone:

Commodification, vending, commerce, corporate logos, and branding are not welcome.

- The sale of products and services is strictly prohibited within the Sentella community. Bring what you need and share if you can.
- The display of commercial logos or banners and/or distribution of commercial promotional items or materials is forbidden.
- Sentella is a place of sharing within a gifting community

14. Leaving No Trace (LNT)

There are bins onsite, but no collection service. If you use them, line them with bin bags and take those bags home with you.

Anything left behind creates work for volunteers, damages our venue relationship, and risks wildlife eating trash.

MOOP = Matter Out Of Place = anything not naturally part of the environment. Everything you bring is MOOP — even natural materials (nuts, peals)

Micro-MOOP (small stuff) is still MOOP: cigarette butts, sequins, stickers, cable tie ends, glitter, fake eyelashes, etc. Best to leave these at home.

Tips for Managing MOOP:

- Never let MOOP hit the ground — prevention is key.
- Secure your camp and belongings from wind.
- Carry a portable ashtray (butts are the #1 MOOP problem).
- Do not dig holes.

- Pack your rubbish carefully for the trip home, and dispose of it responsibly. Never dump it on nearby roads.
- Clean your camp with a final **MOOP sweep** before leaving.
- Each participant is asked to give **one hour** to general site cleanup at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Valuables: hand them in at HQ or post in the WhatsApp group.

Leaving no trace is a gift to the community, the venue, and the environment.

15. Vehicles

The speed limit on site is 10km per hour.

15.1 Personal Vehicles

The use of personal vehicles (non-Mutant Vehicles) is permitted inside the Sentella event space if you have a pass-out and are planning on driving to and from the pools or off site. Other driving of personal vehicles is not permitted.

Walking or cycling within the event is encouraged and helps everyone enjoy the space safely.

Mutant Vehicles are exempt and may operate as outlined.

Participants who fail to follow these rules may be asked to leave the event.

15.2 Mutant Vehicles

Mutant vehicles include art cars, mobile sound stages, or radically altered transport vehicles, but must comply with South African road and safety laws while on-site.

[Please read more about mutant vehicle guidelines.](#)

15.3 Bicycles:

The venue is small and flat but uneven. Bikes aren't necessary but are welcome if decorated and responsibly used. If you wish to bring a bike, then your bike can, and should be, decorated as much as

you are. Please take a photo of your bike, label it with your name and camp, and don't forget to lock your bike if you don't want someone to wander off with it.

16. Fire and Art Safety

Fire is central to our culture — and our biggest risk. Everyone is responsible for fire safety at Sentella.

Essentials for ALL participants:

- Never leave a fire unattended. Put it out if you are the last to leave.
- Keep water, sand, or a fire extinguisher nearby at all times.
- No fires directly on the ground — use a brazier or raised fire pit.
- Use only clean, dry wood or charcoal.
- Keep fire at least 3m from tents/flammables.
- Store fuel safely (min 5m from tents, away from ignition sources).
- No fireworks, lanterns, or flares.
- No smoking in your tent or bed.
- If asked by the Sentella Fire Crew to put out a fire, do so immediately.

Burning Artwork & Fire Pits:

- All artwork burns must be pre-approved by Sentella.
- Perimeters, safety ratios, and approvals are required.
- Fire pits and burn barrels must be raised, supervised by an adult, and cleared of surrounding debris.

For full rules (including burn crew requirements, fuel management, and perimeter ratios) please read the [Sentella Fire Policy](#)

17. Safety

At Sentella, we strive first to look after ourselves, our friends, and those around us. Check in with yourself often, and your friends. If you see someone who may be in trouble, please see if they need help. If you need help, please ask for it!

While we don't have the same Ranger structure as Burning Man, we do have HQ staff, Adults on Duty, Fire Crew, and Safety Officers on duty. Please reach out to them if needed. We are all expected to look out for ourselves and others, as well as helping with any issues that arise.

A professional medic is on duty during the event and can be found at HQ. Please note that they are there for urgent first aid and emergencies, not for routine care. You are still responsible for your own health, medicines, and medical needs.

Try to mitigate future problems too: See a hole in the field? Mark it so no one else can fall in. See some thorns on a walkway? Move them so no one steps on them.

Bring lots of water and ALWAYS carry water with you. Drinks loads of water. Check your urine. Dark urine is bad, light urine is great and means you're well-hydrated and likely clear of a Urinary Tract Infection (UTI).

Bring sunscreen and a hat and use them.

Bring mosquito repellent and use it.

At night - Light your body and your bike up with personal lighting so that you are visible to others and mutant vehicles.

Check for spiders and snakes: if you come across snakes and spiders, please don't harm them.

The Dam - Sentella is located on the Hartbeespoort Dam: Do not swim in the dam and do not drink the water - the water quality may not be safe and there are no lifeguards on duty.

Sentella accepts no liability for accidents or injuries arising from entering the dam — you do so entirely at your own risk

Wildlife - Eagle Waters is a wildlife resort - do not interact with or feed any of the wildlife or donkeys in any way and always keep a safe distance

17.1 Personal boundaries (Consent)

Recognise and respect people's personal boundaries.

People have different comfort levels with physical and emotional intimacy and interactions. Do not assume that everyone wants a big kiss or hugs or a new best friend: ask them first. When someone says NO, it means NO. If someone can't or does not answer, that should be taken as a NO. A "maybe" is a NO. Silence is NOT consent. This also means that cajoling, pleading, or any form of emotional blackmail is UNACCEPTABLE.

17.2 Reporting Incidents

If you would like to report an incident of concern at Sentella with any other person at the event, you may report this on a paper form at HQ or an online form (link available shortly).

All reports will be taken seriously and handled confidentially to the extent possible. Sentella reserves the right to take any action it deems appropriate, including removal of participants, but cannot guarantee outcomes in all cases.

17.3 Adults on Duty

There are always 2 sober and experienced adults on duty and available to assist in a respectful and welcoming manner - emergencies, mediation, as resources, and a variety of other issues, as well as for hugs, support, and laughs!

You will see them walking around but they're allowed to sleep at night. Can't see them? Go to HQ and have them radioed for you.

18. Lasers

Handheld Lasers

Handheld lasers are **not permitted** at Sentella.

Mounted Lasers

Mounted lasers are only permitted on art pieces, altered vehicles, and theme camps if they comply with specific restrictions. All theme camp and art installation applications include the requirement to disclose the presence or inclusion of a laser as part

of the project or operation. Sentella organisers will be monitoring this on a regular basis for safety.

If you see a laser, you feel is being operated unsafely anywhere, please note the location and other relevant details, and advise an AOD as soon as possible.

Tips when considering incorporating a laser into your theme camp, art installation, or altered vehicle.

- Follow industry guidelines.
- Treat laser operations as a serious safety matter.
- Ensure all operators are sober.
- Designate someone to monitor the laser to make sure it is operated safely.
- If your laser operates automatically or without an operator, have someone monitor the system so they can shut it down if necessary.

Guidelines on the safe use of lasers from the International Laser Display Association can be found here:

- General info: [Basic Principles of Lasershow Safety | International Laser Display Association](#)
- Audience scanning: [Safety is vital | International Laser Display Association](#)

These guidelines cover use in crowded areas and all aspects of a laser's operation, including movement, scanning, system control, masking, and filtering. These links provide basic information only — if you are unsure about laser safety, please include a professional laser operator in the planning and execution of your laser activity. Unsafe laser installations will not be permitted to operate.

All lasers, regardless of where they are installed, must be approved by Sentella prior to use to ensure the safety of all participants. Failure to do so will be taken seriously.

19. Practicing Radical Self-Reliance

Be responsible for yourself and your medical needs and conditions. Bring your own prescription

medicines, headache tablets, and antacids. You need to ensure that you bring everything you will need for the time you will be spending at Sentella. Bring all food, water, shelter, fuel, first aid, etc., that you may need to make your experience as comfortable as possible. And then take it all away again.

Afterburn and Decompression.

Burn, including our event, is in most cases, a life-changing experience. Please be kind and gentle to yourself during and after this experience. Please reach out to us, or a burner friend, when you need to. Go to more burns, attend the other local events and contemplate your afterburn decisions.

Radically include yourself.

Recreational Medicines:

We're adults and we're not blind. We know this stuff is going to go on. However, Sentella does not condone illegal activities. If you are going to partake in recreational medicines, please keep it to yourself, and contained to your personal space.

Don't assume everyone understands your choices and that you can trust everyone around you. After all, every burn is just a microcosm of the real world.

If you need support, please reach out to your community and friends.

Possession or use of illegal substances is at your own risk. Sentella does not condone or accept responsibility for any illegal activities.

20. Children

Children are very welcome at Sentella!

There is a designated family-friendly camping area far away from the music camps, please check the map or ask when you arrive.

Prepare your children before coming to Sentella about what to expect. They may experience nudity, rude language, suggestive art, off the wall weird language, and sexuality but also a wonderful community who loves to have the kids around and will be respectful of them and of parents' wishes.

It is your responsibility as a parent or guardian to ensure that you and your children are comfortable with any experience they are exposed to, and to steer them clear of the experiences you would prefer they are not exposed to.

It is wise to prepare your children to bring gifts they receive back to you for checking before they consume them, as well as to teach them where to go for help should they need it or you become separated. We take lost children very seriously and have protocols in place to ensure their safety.

21. Photography, Video, and Media

Sentella is a private, community-focused event. Participants should feel free to express themselves in ways they may not in the outside world, and we strive to create a safe space where everyone's privacy is respected.

Consent First

- Always ask for explicit consent before photographing, filming, or recording anyone.
- Silence, hesitation, or a non-answer must be treated as **NO**.
- If someone requests that you stop, stop immediately.

Sharing & Publishing

- Redistribution, public display, or online posting of images/videos **requires the explicit consent of all subjects** and the Sentella Organisation.
- Sending content for official use: If you want your photographs or videos to contribute to Sentella's official media library (website, social media, or publications), please submit them to info@sentella.co.za.
- Sentella reserves the right to disallow any commercial or unapproved use of event imagery.

Official Media Guidelines

- Photography or videography for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited without prior written consent.
- Personal documentation is permitted but sharing online or publicly still requires the consent of everyone featured.
- If in doubt, err on the side of caution and check with HQ or the organisers.

Professional Media

- Any official photographers or videographers at the event are approved by Sentella. Please respect their space and follow any guidelines they set.
- If you notice unauthorised media activity, report it to HQ immediately.

Respect people's privacy and consent. Document responsibly, share responsibly, and keep Sentella a safe and comfortable space for everyone

Sentella is not responsible for the actions of individual photographers or the unauthorised use of images by third parties.

22. Exodus

Still Leave No Trace

Everything you bring to the event must leave with you
Except for:

- Any unopened, non-perishable foods or drinks can be handed in at the Gate collection on the way out. These will be donated to the local community.
- Tools and/or equipment that you may want to donate to the Sentella organisation, to help us build Sentella in the future. Please let us know about these things, rather than just leaving them on-site.

23. Don't be Kak, be lekker

While we strive to keep the number of hard and fast rules that we have to a minimum, certain types of behaviour serve only to harm other participants or the event itself. As such, the following types of

behaviour will not be tolerated and can result in ejection from the current and/or future Sentella events. Ejected participants will not be entitled to any ticket refund or compensation. Nothing herein is intended to or shall waive the right of Sentella to ban or restrict access by an individual or entity as it may determine, in its sole discretion, is warranted.

- Consent violations of an aggressive or sexual nature. This includes any kind of inappropriate physical contact with the body of another without their express consent, regardless of intent. The severity of response will depend on the type of conduct and the circumstances.
- Stalking/Harassment. If someone asks you to leave them alone, and you continue to engage with them or follow them around, you will be asked to leave. Verbal assaults, especially of a continued, aggressive, and/or sexual nature constitute harassment.
- Endangering others. Do not do things that will put others in serious danger. Please note that Sentella cannot help you if you are personally sued by a participant that you thought gave consent. Do not bring items to a Sentella event that could endanger others, such as guns, explosives, fireworks, unsafe fire art, etc. This also includes nonconsensual intoxication of others.
- Entering a Sentella event without invitation. All participants, venue staff, organisers, landowners, etc., gain entry to our events by purchasing tickets, using a pass that is specifically negotiated (with regard to landowners), or as a vendor under contract with Sentella. Any other entry will be considered trespassing.
- Destruction, using, or taking of property. If it is not yours, leave it alone, unless you have the consent of the owner of the property. If you inadvertently damage another's property, that is a matter to be resolved between you and the property owner.
- Photographing another participant without their consent or taking photographs or video for commercial purposes.
- Vending or commerce of any kind.
- Violating any of the rules regarding fire, mutant vehicles, or others.

- Incidents occurring previously or outside of Sentella Events: Sentella will consider the following in relation to conduct at current and prior Sentella events: patterns of behaviour (including stalking or harassment), history of prior misconduct or violations of this policy, abuse of power by leadership, and other legal proceedings/decisions.

24. The Legal Stuff

Sentella 2025: Mystic Garden

DISCLAIMER & Liability Waiver

By attending Sentella 2025 you voluntarily assume all risks of injury, illness, loss, or death arising from participation in the event or related activities, including exposure to fire, weather, structures, art, mutant vehicles, and the actions of others. To the fullest extent permitted by South African law, you release Sentella Foundation, its organisers, volunteers, and affiliates from any claims connected to such risks.

You agree to:

- *Bring sufficient food, water, shelter, and first aid to be self-reliant for 5 days.*
- *Read and abide by this Survival Guide, the Gate and Pass-Out Policy (Including any applicable fees), the Code of Conduct, and all applicable national and local laws*
- *Respect the principle of Consent: you will always ask for consent before taking photos or videos of others*
- *Abide by Sentella's principles.*

Firearms, fireworks, rockets, lasers, and explosives are strictly prohibited. Commercial vending is prohibited.

This is a LEAVE NO TRACE event. Each participant must clean up their own camp and contribute at least one hour to general site clean-up.

All vehicles entering or exiting Sentella are subject to search by Gate staff, and re-entry is only permitted in

line with the published pass-out policy. Participants leaving the event space do so entirely at their own risk.

Tickets are generally non-refundable, except as required by South African law, even if the event is terminated or cancelled due to weather, acts of nature, government regulation, or other circumstances beyond Sentella's control.

This ticket is a revocable license that may be withdrawn for non-compliance with event rules. Use of images taken at Sentella for commercial purposes requires prior written consent from Sentella Foundation.

By using this ticket and attending Sentella, you confirm that you have read this Survival Guide, that you are adequately prepared, and that you understand and agree to these terms.

26. Credits

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