

DOES THE PRICE OF MY TICKET INCLUDE CAMPING?

Yes. You may camp at no additional cost – except, of course, if you booked a glamping tent.

ARE THERE SHADED AREAS AND LEVEL GROUND TO PITCH MY TENT?

Yes – especially for those people who arrive early. But please be advised to also bring your own stretch tents or shade cloth, gazebos and beach umbrellas to create more shade for yourself.

ARE THERE SHOWERS AND TOILETS?

Yes, there are hot showers (both wood-fired and gas-fired) and our compost toilets are the best in the business (and are serviced on a daily basis).

SHOULD I BRING TOILET PAPER?

Yes please. We provide some, but we appreciate each person bringing their own supply as well.

IS THERE DRINKING WATER?

Yes there is, though we would appreciate it if each person could arrive with her/his own supply of at least 20 litres of drinking water.

THE GATHERING ENCOURAGES MAXIMUM SELF-RELIANCE. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Being responsible for your own food, drinks, rubbish management, rubbish removal (please bring your own black refuse bags) and recycling. It also means leaving no trace once you pack up and go – do not rely on others to clean up after you. Lastly, please arrive with a can-do attitude and EVERYTHING ELSE for a comfortable camping experience.

WHAT KIND OF RECYCLING HAPPENS AT THE EVENT?

We encourage a process called Eco-Bricking. There will be demonstrations and/or workshops illustrating how to do it. Please bring along your own old, empty 5 litre plastic water bottle to serve as a receptacle for the Eco-Brick.

ARE THERE FOOD STALLS?

Yes, there are several excellent food stalls that cater for a wide spectrum of tastes, with an emphasis on healthy vegetarian and vegan meals. They also offer soft drinks. Join our WhatsApp Community platform to be informed about the menu options.

WHATSAPP COMMUNITY PLATFORM? IS IT A CHAT GROUP?

Nope! It's a very useful forum where we share important information such as ticket discounts, lift share opportunities and creative offerings. Go here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IV6TpYZkPdJ7GJXL3kkQpX>

WHAT IS THE SUMMER SOLSTICE RAINBOW MEAL FEAST?

On the day of the Solstice (21 December), the community comes together in ceremony and co-creates a feast of abundance. We ask each ticket holder to please contribute some fruits, vegetables or healthy grains towards this feast.

IS ICE AVAILABLE DURING THE GATHERING?

Yes, ice will be on sale.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY CO-CREATION?

Ours is a communal gathering bonded by the glue of co-creation. Some of it is pre-conceived, yet much of it arises spontaneously in the moment. For example, by attending a Fire Dancing workshop you may participate in our epic Fire Ceremony on the day of the solstice. If you have a creative offering, please fill in the Creative Offerings Application Form. Go here: <https://bit.ly/4n7JuNI>

WHAT IS A TALENT MARKET?

It's a daily outdoor market where all members of the community are encouraged to **trade their goods** – for example, pre-loved clothes – rather than sell their goods for cash.

AND WHAT ARE TALENTS?

It refers to the units (1 Talent = 1 Rand) employed by the internationally recognised Community Exchange Talent System, which is a mechanism for building community through trading goods and services rather than exchanging cash. We highly recommend engaging with the Talent System and immersing yourself in the experience. It's easy and effective – all the more so if you show up and honour yourself! To register for your personal exchange number, go here: www.community-exchange.org/home/

YOU HAVE A TRADER'S EMPORIUM. WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

We have a dedicated trading space in a rain-proof tent for people wanting to sell their merchandise. As curators of the space, we give preference to those who create unique and artistic items (clothes, jewellery, etc.). A group of people manage this space on behalf of traders who either want to enjoy the gathering without having to be at their stall, or traders who cannot attend the gathering.

MAY I TRADE OR SELL PLANT MEDICINE?

No, regrettably not. You may promote your product by word of mouth or by printing flyers for distribution, but please respect our boundaries. Those who fail to do so will be asked to leave. The right of admission is strictly reserved.

CAN I BRING MY PETS ALONG?

Regrettably not. Please leave your pooch at home.

IS IT A SAFE ENVIRONMENT?

Yes. There is no crime in this area. The lake is also safe. Children have to be supervised by their parents, but the space itself is benign and tranquil. That said, we are in wild nature so expect the unexpected and be vigilant. You will be required to sign an Indemnity Form that outlines some of the risks.

TALKING OF CHILDREN, MAY THEY ENTER FOR FREE?

Kids up to the age of 5 may enter for free. Children aged 6 to 16 have to pay a fee (see our ticketing categories and prices for more details). We consider teenagers older than 16 to be young adults.

AM I ALLOWED TO LIGHT A FIRE AT MY CAMPSITE?

No open fires where you camp (as this is a high fire-risk venue). There are designated fire circles and a cooking area where cooking fires may be made. You may also cook your own food using a gas burner at your campsite. If you intend to cook on an open fire most of the time, please bring your own firewood.

CAN I PARK MY CAR AT MY CAMPSITE?

Only if you've bought a Motorised Camping Pass, which will allow you to camp in the dedicated Motorised Zones. It will be on sale from mid-April onwards. To do so, go to our tickets page.

WHERE CAN I PARK MY CAR?

There is a designated parking area where, due to safety regulations, all cars are parked. This ensures a traffic-free, human-friendly collective space where adults and children move around on foot. It encourages direct engagement with your tribe on a daily basis.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE A DAY OR TWO BEFORE THE START OF THE GATHERING?

Buy an Early Arrivals Pass. Early arrivals may not reserve a space for friends who did not buy an Early Arrivals Pass. Also be prepared to help us with the set-up of infrastructure and, most importantly, do not be a burden to anyone on the land.

IS THERE WIFI OR CELLPHONE RECEPTION?

WiFi is not generally available but reception is strong on the land – you will be able to access your own data via most of the service providers, though Telkom tends to be patchy.

IS THERE A CHARGING STATION FOR MY MOBILE DEVICE OR COMPUTER?

Absolutely. The charging station is situated immediately adjacent to the Jam Zone (live music stage) and close to all the food stalls. Please take responsibility for your own gear, label it with your name and cellphone number clearly visible, and respect the belongings of others.

I HAVE SOME CREATIVE IDEAS AND CAN ALSO CONTRIBUTE INFRASTRUCTURE. HOW DO I GO ABOUT IT?

Please fill in our Application Form. We will get back to you soonest and, as long as your vision is not too outlandish and expensive, we will do our utmost to support it. Go here: <https://bit.ly/4n7JuNI>

DO YOU TAKE VOLUNTEERS?

Yes please! Without our amazing volunteer crew, the gathering can't happen. All volunteers receive a Fair Exchange Ticket free of charge and at least one nourishing vegetarian meal per day. Please fill in our Application Form – we'll get back to you soonest. Go here: <http://bit.ly/4ngv9yr>

WHERE IS THE WELL-BEING SANCTUARY SITUATED?

It's a 2km lakefront retreat and glamping space on Swartvlei, 20km from Sedgefield, in the heart of the Garden Route. See our written directions below and Lake Avenue location pin to find us. It's a beautiful drive. The road can be slippery when it's raining. Travel safely.

WHAT ARE THE CHECK-IN PROCEDURES?

The gate opens at 7am and closes at 7.30pm. If you are late due to unforeseen circumstances and there is no gate guard on duty to welcome you, please look to the right of the keypad for the list of numbers to dial.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE

The GPS co-ordinates provided below will only take you to Lake Avenue. But if you read the directions below, you'll get to the venue. Guaranteed!

<https://maps.google.com/?q=-33.971325,22.776617>

FROM THE SEDGEFIELD SIDE

Once you pass through Sedgefield on the N2, take the Karatara turnoff to your left. Travel about 4km to the first turn to the left (also signposted: Karatara). Pass over a low water bridge, travel about 3km to the first left turn. It is a dirt road with a sign saying Hoogekraal/George.

Follow the road over the river and up the pass for about 5km to the first left turn. Signs say Well-Being Sanctuary, Wilderness Forest Estate, Fynbosvlei. TURN LEFT into Lake Avenue.

From the top of Lake Avenue just keep following the blue and white WBS arrows. At the bottom of the road you will see a face brick entrance, TURN LEFT and you will see a large wooden gate. You have arrived.

Once through the gate (where you will be required to present your pre-booked tickets) travel along the grass road and park your vehicle in the designated area. Voila! Enjoy a blissful time!

FROM THE WILDERNESS SIDE

Once you pass through Wilderness on the N2, take the turn off to Hoekwil. Travel for approximately 21km and take the right turn onto the dirt road to Ruigtevlei.

Travel approximately 3 km along the dirt road and turn right into Lake Avenue (at this juncture you will see a few signs, including Wilderness Forest Estate, Fynbosvlei, Tomorrowland & Well-Being Sanctuary). TURN RIGHT into Lake Avenue.

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