

Namakwa Flower Update

20 AUGUST2013



Dear All

The Namakwa flowers are in bloom now for almost a month and with the lovely rainfall last week we are expecting more flowers to blossom.

Today will be perfect for flower watching with our day temperature that will reach a high of 22 degrees. It will be a beautiful sunny day with clear skies. Tourists should be able to take picture perfect photos in towns like Nababeep, Springbok, Concordia, Steinkoph anthems Namakwa National Park near Kamieskroon has picturesque plains of orange daisies and other types of flowers to be viewed. Tourists can also take a scenic drive to the Goegap Nature Reserve near Springbok to view patches of spring flowers in all colours. Several spots along the N7 and N14 were also reported on as good flower viewing sites.

We are looking forward to sunny days all week long with higher temperatures which is promising for flower watching.

The weather forecast for the rest of the week are predicted below

Date	Day	Temperature min	Temperature max	Weather conditions
20 August 2013	Tuesday	6	22	Sunny
21 August 2013	Wednesday	3	11	Partly cloudy
22 August 2013	Thursday	5	15	Sunny
23 August 2013	Friday	7	20	Sunny
24 August 2013	Saturday	12	23	Sunny
25 August 2013	Sunday	13	25	Sunny

The Namakwa/West Coast flower map is a useful source to have at hand when watching flowers. It will direct you to all the well known flower view spots. These maps can be collected at most tourism offices, fuel stations, accommodation establishments and restaurants in both the Namakwa and West Coast regions.

Tourists are more than welcome to 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 flower watching week.

Where to view flowers

- Along the N14 outside of Springbok,
- Springbok town centre
- On the road between Komoggas and Maatjieskloof near the Naries Retreat
- Okiep town centre
- On the road to Port Nolloth
- Handjieskraal near Kharkams
- Groot Hoog, along the road between Okiep and Concordia
- Road between Springbok and Bergsig
- Nababeep in the vicinity of Nababeep Hills Guesthouse
- Namakwa National Park
- Noheep a farm near Kamieskroon
- Goegap Nature Reserve near Springbok
- Klipfontein turn off in Steinkoph

Tips when watching the flowers

- The flowers is open between 11:00 am and 15:00 pm during the
- 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 overcastted days.

What to wear when watching flowers

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

Advise to tourists

- Please book in advance for accommodation.
- Most towns along the flower routes have fuel station
- Most towns along the flower routes have ATM's.
- Most towns along the flower routes have mobile phone reception.
- Please note that the Goegap Nature Reserve is only open for day visits from 08:00 am to 15:45 pm for admission/entrance at the gate and exit time is 17:00 pm, Monday to Sunday.

Flower maps

- Namakwa/West Coast maps is available at all tourism offices.

