

OWL COTTAGE - Porterville

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After a great flight from Dasklip to Algeria on the Gradient Golden 2 proto, Flygirl found this amazing accommodation hidden on a farm just two minutes drive from the centre of Porterville towards the mountain.

Owl Cottage is situated on a working farm, surrounded by mountains, wheat fields and trees. There are lovely walks around the orchards and for the more adventurous, hikes into the Groot Winterhoek Mountains.

This is real farm accommodation. It is simply heaven and comes at a paraglider pilots budget.

Fan and Philippa are lovely hosts and welcome you to stay on their farm. My thanks to Fan and Philippa who have renewed their Accommodation presentation on FLYGIRL. I value our mutual support as this helps me fund my competition flying whilst providing valued information to other PG pilots.

Owl Cottage is a farm cottage as big as a house and is self catering. The cottage is set away from the main farm house, in a private garden on Houdconstant Farm. Rooms are big with high ceilings.

Sleeps 6 in 3 separate bedrooms: two with single beds sharing a bathroom and one with a double bed en-suite. Bedding is included.

Furnishings are minimalistic. Plenty of space for paragliding, hang gliding and PPG equipment. Kitchen is typically big and fully equipped with microwave, fridge and stove, crockery and cutlery.

SCENES AROUND THE FARM

ACTIVITIES

Paraglider, Hang Glider and Powered Paraglider flying sites near by.

The farm is great for mountain biking and there is a large dam to swim in. The dam also has bass and the rare Barbus Andrewii (White Fish) and you can test your flyfishing skills. There is a large variety of birds and Houdconstant is perfect for birdwatchers.

Owl Cottage is a children's paradise and guests of Owl Cottage are welcome to roam the farm and enjoy the atmosphere. At the moment, October, the scent from blossoms of the orchards is pure heaven. Fan and Philippa farm Pomegranates, oranges, lemons, wine grapes, herbs, sheep and cattle.

Further afield, there are wonderful nature walks at Waterval, on top of the mountain in the Groot Winterhoek, and in the valley behind Dasklip at Beaverlac.

Porterville Golf Course.

PRICES

Cost per night:

R150 per adult

R50 per child under 12 years CONTACT

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Pampoenfontein, 2km past Dasklip Pass heading south behind the ridge.

Dasklip, on top of the Pass, approximately a 20km drive.

Porterville Airstrip, approximately 5kms south of town.

Koringberg across the valley between Picketburg and Moorreesburg, about 40km. DIRECTIONS

Driving into town on the R44 from the north, turn left at Koppikofi Restaurant and drive towards the mountains. Pass the school on your left, go over a bridge and you will see a white block with Houtconstant written on it. Take the right fork and drive until you see the large sprawling main house and announce yourselves to the farmers, Fan and Philippa.