



Visits to Sandstone in 2024

Our recent Summer Steam Festival illustrated very clearly the problems with access to Sandstone and also the general economic state of South Africa.

There is the problem of the road which we know significantly reduced the numbers of people who would normally come to an event like that. Bearing in mind the above and the fact that it is quite hard to cover our costs for an event over a weekend, we will be taking a breather for at least a year in order to upgrade our security and deal with the various other issues that we face.



Obviously, we have no ability to influence when they might eventually repair the road. We have received many statements of intent but nothing has come to fruition. However latest reports indicate that the R26 from Bethlehem to Ladybrand, which passes Sandstone, will be upgraded during 2024. This will make a huge difference to Sandstone access.

Good news is that the R26 has been upgraded between Villiers and Bethlehem which means good access via the N3 from Johannesburg to Villiers. The only section of concern is from Fouriesburg to Sandstone which is still badly potholed but can be driven with caution. However, the R70 from Senekal to Ficksburg is very badly potholed and should be avoided. An option then is to take the N1 south from the Johannesburg area to Winburg and then the N5 to Bethlehem and then the R26 to Sandstone.

Whilst we will host no major events in 2024 we are still open for day visitors and our self-catering accommodation and camp site will be open for visitors. We look forward to you visiting us in 2024.

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