

ATKV DRAKENSVILLE FISHING TOUR

Sterkfontein Dam

📅 **21-26 February 2027 |** 📍 **Free State, South Africa**

For the first time, ATKV Drakensville will host a fishing tour from **21 to 26 February 2027**.

The fishing tour gives **sport anglers** the opportunity to test their skills over a period of four days to determine who will emerge as the top angler. The fishing days will take place at **Sterkfontein Dam**, which is renowned worldwide for its clear water and is also a paradise for bank anglers specifically targeting the bold **smallmouth yellowfish**.

Great prizes are up for grabs, and numerous exhibitors will showcase their products, demonstrate them and give talks about their products during the event.

OFFICIAL COMPETITION RULES (catch and release)

The following is a shortened, basic set of rules for the fishing competition. As national and provincial rules do not apply, these guidelines focus on general bank-angling practices, angling ethics, and the protection of the dam's unique fish population and beautiful natural environment. Teams consist of **two anglers per team**.

Fishing equipment and bait

- **Rods:** Participants may fish simultaneously with a maximum of **two rods per person**.
- **Hooks:** Only **two single hooks per rig** are permitted.
- **Prohibited equipment:** Bait boats, drones or electronic devices used to transport bait are not permitted.
- **Bait restrictions:** No *platannas* (live or dead) may be used as bait. Artificial lures are prohibited.

SCORING CATEGORIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Heaviest yellowfish × 1	Heaviest yellowfish × 1	Heaviest yellowfish × 1	Heaviest yellowfish × 1
Heaviest carp × 5	Heaviest carp × 5	Heaviest carp × 5	Heaviest carp × 5
Heaviest catfish × 5	Heaviest catfish × 5	Heaviest catfish × 5	Heaviest catfish × 5

Prizes

- **Heaviest total yellowfish catch over four days:** Team prize (fish kept alive in the yellowfish keepnet, preserved and successfully released after weighing).
- **Heaviest yellowfish over four days:** Individual prize (fish kept alive in the yellowfish keepnet, preserved and successfully released after weighing).
- **Heaviest total carp catch over four days:** Team prize
- **Heaviest carp over four days:** Individual prize
- **Heaviest catfish over four days:** Individual prize
- **Heaviest total catfish catch over four days:** Team prize

WEIGHABLE FISH

- **Species:** Smallmouth yellowfish, carp and catfish.
- **Largemouth yellowfish:** For conservation purposes, **no largemouth yellowfish may be weighed**. Largemouth yellowfish must be released alive immediately.
- Only **one of the largest smallmouth yellowfish** will be weighed per day. Anglers must weigh their catches themselves throughout the day to determine which yellowfish will be weighed before the closing time.

FISH CONSERVATION AND HANDLING

- **Keepnets:** All fish must be kept alive in suitable, purpose-made keepnets that are placed sufficiently deep in the water.
- **Yellowfish keepnet:** Smallmouth yellowfish must be kept in a separate, designated keepnet to prevent injury to the fish.
- **Handling:** Fish may not be dragged across or placed on dry ground or rocks. Use a landing net to land the fish.

COMPETITION TIMES AND BANK MANAGEMENT

- **Fishing periods:** Fishing will take place during daylight hours only, from **07:00 to 15:00**. Only one weighing session will take place, daily at **15:00**.
- **Zones:** Four zones will be marked out over the four days, and teams will move each day so that they fish in different zones throughout the four days.
- **Lightning:** In the event of thunderstorms or a risk of lightning, fishing must cease immediately.
- **Environment:** No litter or discarded fishing line may be left on the bank. Each angler must keep their own area clean.

- The use of alcohol and playing of music will be restricted. Should complaints be received regarding a failure to respect the privacy of other anglers, the organising committee may decide to disqualify the team. Please be considerate of other anglers, including regarding language.
- Appropriate clothing and **closed shoes must be worn at all times**.

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 21 February 2027

18:00: Registration with goodie bags: Bring and braai at Sentinel Hall. The resort will provide the side dishes. Cash bar available.

Monday, 22 February 2027

06:00: Gates at Sterkfontein Dam open. Fishing until 15:00. Weigh-in immediately afterwards.

19:00: Sponsor demonstrations and workshops.

Tuesday, 23 February 2027

06:00: Gates at Sterkfontein Dam open. Fishing until 15:00. Weigh-in immediately afterwards.

18:00: Traditional *knipmes*-style sheep barbecue with guest artist at Admiral.

Wednesday, 24 February 2027

06:00: Gates at Sterkfontein Dam open. Fishing until 15:00. Weigh-in immediately afterwards.

19:00: Sponsor demonstrations and workshops.

Thursday, 25 February 2027

06:00: Gates at Sterkfontein Dam open. Fishing until 15:00. Weigh-in immediately afterwards.

18:00: Prize-giving, dinner and guest artist at Sentinel Hall. Cash bar available.

ENTRY FEE AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation must be booked by participants according to their individual requirements. Please see the price list and contact details below.

Entry fee, fishing shirt, goodie bag, daily dam entrance fees, artists and meals per person – R2 100 per person.

All participants will receive prizes during the prize-giving ceremony.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

(Rate 3, weekly rate)

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ATKV DRAKENSVILLE: INDEMNITY FORM

FISHING TOUR – FEBRUARY 2027

1. I understand that the ATKV staff, as well as all other persons involved, will take all reasonable precautions for the safety and well-being of myself and my family/my child.
2. The rules of the resort where the 2027 fishing tour is being hosted will be fully complied with.
3. The rules and arrangements of the 2027 fishing tour have been provided to me and will be fully complied with.
4. The provisions of this document shall remain valid for the full duration of the 2027 fishing tour.
5. If the participant is under the age of 18, this form must be signed by the parent/guardian.
6. Should any uncertainty arise, Ferdi Pieterse (resort manager) at ATKV Drakensville may be contacted for clarification and explanation. This includes, but is not limited to, the indemnity form and the rules of the 2027 fishing tour.

I hereby certify that I, the undersigned, or parent and/or guardian of _____,

have read and understood the above and that all guidelines and risks have been explained to me and that I have been given the opportunity to obtain clarification and an explanation thereof. I accept that there may be risks involved and that I/my child participates in the 2027 fishing tour at my/our own risk.

Furthermore, I indemnify the ATKV, its directors, managers, staff and/or helpers against any claims that may arise from illness, death or injuries of any nature whatsoever sustained as a result of or during the 2027 fishing tour while I and/or my family/my child are attending the ATKV's 2027 fishing tour.

SIGNED AT _____ ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2027.

_____ _____

Signature of indemnifier/legal parent or guardian ID number

ANNEXURE A: MEDICAL DETAILS

2027 FISHING TOUR

1. I understand that I will be held responsible for any and all medical expenses (including transport costs to the doctor) and/or hospitalisation costs (if applicable) in the event of illness, injury or death of my child.
2. I transfer my authority as parent/guardian to the management of the resort should medical treatment, hospitalisation or surgical procedures be required for my child.
3. I request that the person responsible for my child take note of the following: (Please indicate any aspects of which the resort management should be aware, e.g. allergies, etc.)

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4. The following information is important in the event of medical treatment or hospitalisation:

Name of medical scheme:

Membership number:

Employer's name:

Employer's address:

Telephone numbers:

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Email address: _____

I hereby certify that I, the undersigned parent and/or guardian of

_____,

have read and understood the above and that all guidelines and risks have been explained to me and that I have been given the opportunity to obtain clarification and an explanation thereof. I accept that there may be risks involved and that my child participates in this tour at their own risk.

Furthermore, I indemnify the ATKV, its directors, managers, staff and/or helpers against any claims that may arise from illness, death or injuries of any nature whatsoever sustained as a result of or during the 2027 fishing tour while my child is attending the ATKV's 2027 fishing tour.

SIGNED AT _____ ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2027.

_____ _____

Signature of indemnifier/legal parent or guardian ID number

ANNEXURE B: 2027 FISHING TOUR

CONSENT FOR THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND INFORMATION

Photographs taken of participants during the activity, as well as written material produced by participants during the 2027 fishing tour, may be used and utilised in one of the following ways:

- To keep a record of the activities of the 2027 fishing tour.
- To be used as a photographic focal point for the evaluation of an activity.
- For marketing purposes.

No names of individuals or any information relating to an individual or group will be provided and/or made available by the ATKV or its representative.

The ATKV reserves the right to refuse the publication of photographs if the ATKV considers such refusal to be in the best interests of the child. The photographs and written material will not be sold or released. The photographs and/or written material will become the property of the ATKV.

CONSENT OF CHILD

Participant's name:

Contact telephone number:

Group/school:

Name of adult facilitator:

Contact telephone number:

I hereby give permission for photographs of me to be taken and give my consent for the photographs, as well as artwork and written material produced by me, to be used as described above.

Signed: _____
Date: _____

OR:

I do **not** give permission for photographs of me to be taken and used in the manner described above.

Signed: _____
Date: _____

CONSENT OF INDEMNIFIER/LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN

I give permission for photographs of my child (name) _____

to be taken and give my consent for the photographs, as well as artwork and written material produced by my child, to be used as described above.

SIGNED AT _____ ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2027.

_____ _____

Signature of indemnifier/legal parent or guardian ID number