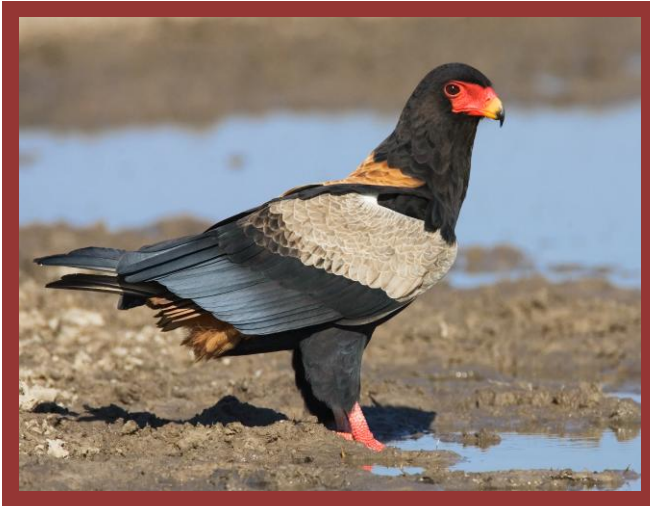


Von Bach Recreation Resort



The Von Bach Recreation Resort is one of three resorts to be created around strategic dams in Namibia, and is also one of three gazetted resorts within 100 kilometres of Windhoek. Popular with water-sport enthusiasts and anglers, Von Bach is the country's third-largest dam and was proclaimed in 1972. It currently supplies the City of Windhoek with about half of its water for consumption purposes. A small game reserve surrounds the dam.

FACT FILE

Park size:	43 km ²
Proclaimed:	1972
Natural features:	Fringed by the Auas Mountains and belonging to the Swakop River drainage system.
Vegetation:	Tree and Shrub Savannah Biome. Vegetation type: Thornbush Shrubland, Highland Shrubland. Yellow-bark acacia (<i>Acacia erubescens</i>), black-thorn (<i>Acacia mellifera</i>), sweet-thorn (<i>Acacia karroo</i>) and red bushwillow (<i>Combretum apiculatum</i>).
Wildlife:	Hartmann's zebra, red hartebeest, gemsbok, common impala, giraffe, kudu and warthog. The 187 bird species recorded include violet wood-hoopoe, black stork, Orange River francolin, Rüppell's parrot and Bradfield's swift.
Tourism:	Water sports. Angling – permits necessary. Picnic sites. The overnight facilities are currently being upgraded.

Map



The Von Bach Recreation Resort is located north of Windhoek. If driving on the B1 to the north, the signposts for the Park are found 3.5 kilometres south of Okahandja.

Key management issues

Poaching and firewood collection by residents of neighbouring informal settlements are problematical. Anti-poaching horse patrols have been introduced to help control poaching.

Future plans

A public private partnership is upgrading facilities such as the existing bungalows, shop, ablution facilities and employee's quarters and developing a wellness centre.