



2015  
**AFRIKABURN**

**SURVIVAL  
GUIDE**

**THE GIFT**

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## 2015 THEME: THE GIFT

### **This year's theme asks us to contemplate the gift.**

As Marx would have it, to look beyond the object to the myriad of elements that make the object happen... What is art? What is happening in the making of the gift? What is the gift? What is the gift economy? What is the work of the gift after it has left the maker's hands?

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#### **WHAT IS AFRIKABURN?**

You are. You build the camps, the art and the mutant vehicles. You're the performer – and the audience. There's no 'them' – there's just us, and we're all in it together.

AfrikaBurn is a Burning Man regional event which takes place annually in the Tankwa Karoo, and you don't 'attend' AfrikaBurn - you create it. All you have to do is to participate.

AfrikaBurn takes place in the remote and somewhat inhospitable Tankwa Karoo, in the Northern Cape Province.

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#### **NEED MORE INFO AND INSPIRATION?**

Check out the Theme page on our site:  
<http://www.afrikaburn.com/the-event/2015-theme-the-gift>

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### GOING TO AFRIKABURN?

Great - everyone can't wait to see what you have in store for us! Before you get there, please read this guide thoroughly and share it with anyone who might need the info.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### 01 COMMUNAL EFFORT

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

### 02 PARTICIPATION

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

### 03 CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

We value civil society. Community members who organise events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with national and local laws.

### 04 IMMEDIACY

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

### 05 DECOMMODIFICATION

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

### 06 GIFTING

We are devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

### 07 LEAVING NO TRACE

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

### 08 RADICAL INCLUSION

Anyone may be a part of AfrikaBurn. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community. This means that anyone can partake.

### 09 RADICAL SELF-RELIANCE

AfrikaBurn encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.

### 10 RADICAL SELF-EXPRESSION

Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

### 11 EACH ONE TEACH ONE

As a self-reliant community, we believe the responsibility of spreading our culture lies with each and every one of us. All of us are custodians of our culture – when the opportunity presents itself, we pass knowledge on.



## BEFORE YOU GO: PREPARE

As you prepare for the desert, remember that you're responsible for yourself at all times. Use lots of common sense: don't make a burden of yourself and others due to lack of planning. You need to bring everything you need to the desert: food, water, shelter, fuel, and basic first aid. And then you need to take it all back - because this is a Leave No Trace event.

Before you arrive make sure you have a ticket - printed or on a phone / device (with battery). Please make sure your name is on your ticket, and that you bring photo ID to the gate with you. Our gate crew will need this to verify your ticket and will not let you in if your ID and your ticket don't match.

Your car will be checked at the gate for stowaways. If you arrive with someone in your car who doesn't have a ticket, it will be your responsibility to transport that person back home. So make sure everyone in your car has a ticket - before you leave!

### ESSENTIALS

This ain't no party. This ain't no disco. This is one serious desert fandango and you must bring:

- ✦ Your ticket & photo ID for entry (SA ID book, driver's licence or passport)
- ✦ 5 litres of water per person per day
- ✦ Enough food and beverages for the duration of your entire stay
- ✦ Shelter, bedding, warm & cool clothing
- ✦ Trash bags
- ✦ Fire extinguisher
- ✦ Comprehensive medical kit
- ✦ Any required prescriptions (please note: the medics do not dispense painkillers, headache tabs or antibiotics)
- ✦ Light: a headlamp, torch, bike light, fairy lights, EL wire (and spare batteries for these)
- ✦ Duct tape & cable ties - because they hold the universe together
- ✦ Bringing wood? Bring a brazier or braai - campfires on the ground are NOT permitted.

## THE BASICS

### 01 PARK IT AND KEEP IT PARKED

Tankwa Town's a pedestrian and cyclist environment - only Mutant Vehicles, bicycles, emergency and administrative vehicles are permitted to cruise around. When arriving and leaving, drive very slowly - the speed limit is 10km/h for all motorised vehicles.

**Heads up:** motorbikes and scooters must be mutant to drive on the Binnekring.

### 02 BICYCLES ARE NOT PUBLIC PROPERTY

Please have respect for other people's property and ensure that yours has a lock. If you like your bike, lock your bike.

### 03 NOTHING IS BOUGHT OR SOLD IN TANKWA TOWN

Except ice, and that's to keep your food and liquids chilled.

### 04 LEAVE NO TRACE

This means you'll see no rubbish bins or receptacles, other than those you bring. What you bring in, you take out with you. Keep a bag with you: it's good for carrying water and putting rubbish in.

### 05 NO PETS ALLOWED

Please don't arrive at the event with your pet, there are good reasons for us not allowing them. Please note: the only exception here is for Guide Dogs.

### 06 PROTECTION OF ARTWORKS

If you see someone vandalising an artwork, please ask them to stop. Inform a Tankwa Town Ranger if necessary. A lot of hard work goes into the art you'll see in Tankwa Town - respect the art, and the artists.

### 07 PLANE? DRONE? USE OF AIRSPACE?

You can't fly anything into or at AfrikaBurn - whether recreational or for commercial purposes (ie: carrying a camera) - without registering with the relevant team. See page 30 for more.



# ON ARRIVAL

## GET YOUR BEARINGS

Tankwa Town's laid out in a horseshoe shape, with two projecting 'horns'. The centre of this horseshoe is where much of the art at AfrikaBurn is placed, this is called The Binnekring. The road that fronts this space is called the Binnekring Road. The streets that radiate off the Binnekring are numbered like the hours on a clock, from 2-ish through to 10-ish. This way, once you've found your camping spot for the event, you'll have an address. For example, you could be living at 'Buitekring and 3:30-ish'. We have street signs and street lamps to help you figure out where the hell you are.

The roads are named in alphabetical order radiating outwards from Binnekring. These names change every year according to the Theme of that year. All except for the Binnekring Rd, Buitekring Rd, Lady Davina Boulevard, Stofadil Rd and the radials (2-ish through 10-ish).

Tankwa Town can be confusing at night - use street signs, streetlights and landmarks to figure out where you are.

## WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Days can hit the high 40s, nights can be freezing, there are spectacular storms and gale-force winds can cause whiteouts. Be prepared for extremes: weather is unpredictable, and rain far away can cause instant flash floods. In 2012, rapid flooding saw many tents and vehicles damaged. Avoid natural selection - camp in the designated area, or stand the risk of your camp being washed away. Not so lekker.

The most accurate weather report for Tankwa Town is here:

[http://www.yr.no/place/South\\_Africa/Northern\\_Cape/Stonehenge/](http://www.yr.no/place/South_Africa/Northern_Cape/Stonehenge/)

## BIODIVERSITY

This is the habitat of the endangered Riverine Rabbit, the poisonous Thick-tailed Scorpion and lethal Puffadder. Our community respects the environment, so please respect the urban edge for your own safety - and that of the Tankwa's fauna & flora.

## PARTICIPATE

If you want to broaden your participation in the event, there are ample opportunities. Ours is a community of active participants - so if you see a job that needs doing, get stuck in. In Tankwa Town, there's no mystical 'they' who do stuff - there's only us. Help us instruct others - if you see someone acting irresponsibly, introduce yourself and speak up. Get involved - it's where the magic happens!

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteering at AfrikaBurn is superb fun. It engages you on levels that you would never have thought possible - and it helps the event tremendously.

To volunteer before the event:  
<http://www.afrikaburn.com/forms/volunteer/>

To volunteer at the event, head over to the Participation Station volunteer booth at Off-Centre Camp (now found at 8-ish) and sign up - we always need help, and you'll be warmly welcomed.

## NEW IN 2015

- ✕ The Loud Zones have moved! The zone that used to be at the corner of 10-ish and Binnekring has moved to the very end of the expanded camping. This makes more of Tankwa Town into Quiet-ish and Buffer zone areas. Those of you that camped at the far reaches of the 10-ish extension for your quiet spot, bear this in mind.
- ✕ Off-Centre Camp has moved from 6-ish to between 8-ish and 9-ish. This way it's more centrally placed, making it more centre-ish.
- ✕ We have two new areas for camping - next to entrance road 1: want a quiet night's sleep? This is the spot for you!
- ✕ No early arrivals unless you have an Early Arrival pass. These are only provided to crew working on large projects. Our gate (Die HEK) opens at 9am on Monday 27th April.
- ✕ Binnekring Rd is closed off to cars & motorcycles, even those arriving and leaving. When arriving please use Buitekring Rd or outlying radial roads to find your spot.
- ✕ Children must be registered at Off-Centre Camp upon arrival - if they have a medical condition, this needs to be disclosed.
- ✕ In & out policy: casual traffic in and out of Tankwa Town is strongly discouraged. There's be a charge of R100 for re-entry per vehicle if you exit during the event (serious medical emergency situations excluded). For people staying off-site, cars will have to park at the gate and people will have to walk to Tankwa Town.





Photo by Cameron Richards



### HOW CAMPING IN TANKWA TOWN WORKS

Camping happens on a first-come, first-served basis. Please don't settle in a reserved spot - reserved camping areas are for registered Theme Camps, and are clearly marked out. If you arrive at night, wait until morning to find your friends or get your bearings. If you're part of a larger group and your camp mates have arrived earlier, get them to leave a message on the notice boards at Off-Centre Camp with their location.

Remember that the term "Quiet" at AfrikaBurn is a relative term. So when we give advice about this, we invoke our favorite suffix at AfrikaBurn: "ish". If you are keen on a good night sleep while in Tankwa Town don't settle in the loud areas, for more on this, please see the section titled '**SOOP – Sound Out Of Place**' below.

Once you've found your spot, put your keys away in a safe place – you're now a pedestrian or cyclist! Radical self-reliance is as important as radical self-expression - prearranged 'sort all your shit out for you' package tours are not how we do things.

### RVS AND CARAVANS:

You're welcome to bring a recreational vehicle, but be aware that there's no dumping station

on-site and you're not allowed to dump grey water or trash anywhere in Tankwa Town. There's also no potable water sold, so plan accordingly.

### MAKE YOUR CAMP A KINGDOM (OR QUEENDOM)

If you're camping in a large group, it's a good idea to have a meeting before the event and delegate tasks. For example, nominate a Safety Baron to explain where camp fire extinguishers are and inform all camp members of where the Medics, Security and Sanctuary are and how to orientate yourself. Elect a Trash Baron to take care of separating waste and compacting cans. Choose someone who's the Costume & Make-up department. Think about who has the skills you're after - it'll lighten the load and make for a better, more enjoyable camp.

### TOILETS

They're famous, our toilets. You either love 'em or hate 'em. Historically they've been pit toilets with an amazing view. We treat our toilets with 'effective microorganisms' (EM) to keep the odours at bay and speed up decomposition. To 'flush', use a small scoop of the sawdust found in buckets at each toilet. Please don't put anything in the

Photo by Jonx Pillemer



toilet other than what came out of your body. Not tampons, beer cans, trash, plastic bags or ex-boyfriends - in other words:

### IF IT DIDN'T COME OUTTA YOUR BODY IT DOESN'T GO IN THE POTTY.

Toilets are placed along the outskirts of the town, and have lights and flags to find them by day or night. They're mostly within 300m of anywhere on the Binnekring - including the additional portaloos. Disabled toilets are also provided.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Don't wait till you are desperate to find a loo. Don't use artworks or the dark patch behind someone's tent as private places to ablate. Freerange toileting? Not cool.

### TANKWA TOWN YEAR ROUND:

It's easy to get attached to the land that Tankwa Town springs up on every year. It's also lovely to visit there when the Burn is not on, but it's private land so, if you'd like to visit Stonehenge Farm outside of AfrikaBurn times, contact the owners first. They're very welcoming but need to know that you're coming. Phone +27 (0) 21 846 8298. If you find yourself in the vicinity, and haven't pre-arranged access, stop off at the Tankwa Tented Camp and see if it's OK to visit.

### CAMPING EQUIPMENT AT TANKWA TOWN: THE GOSPEL OF REBAR

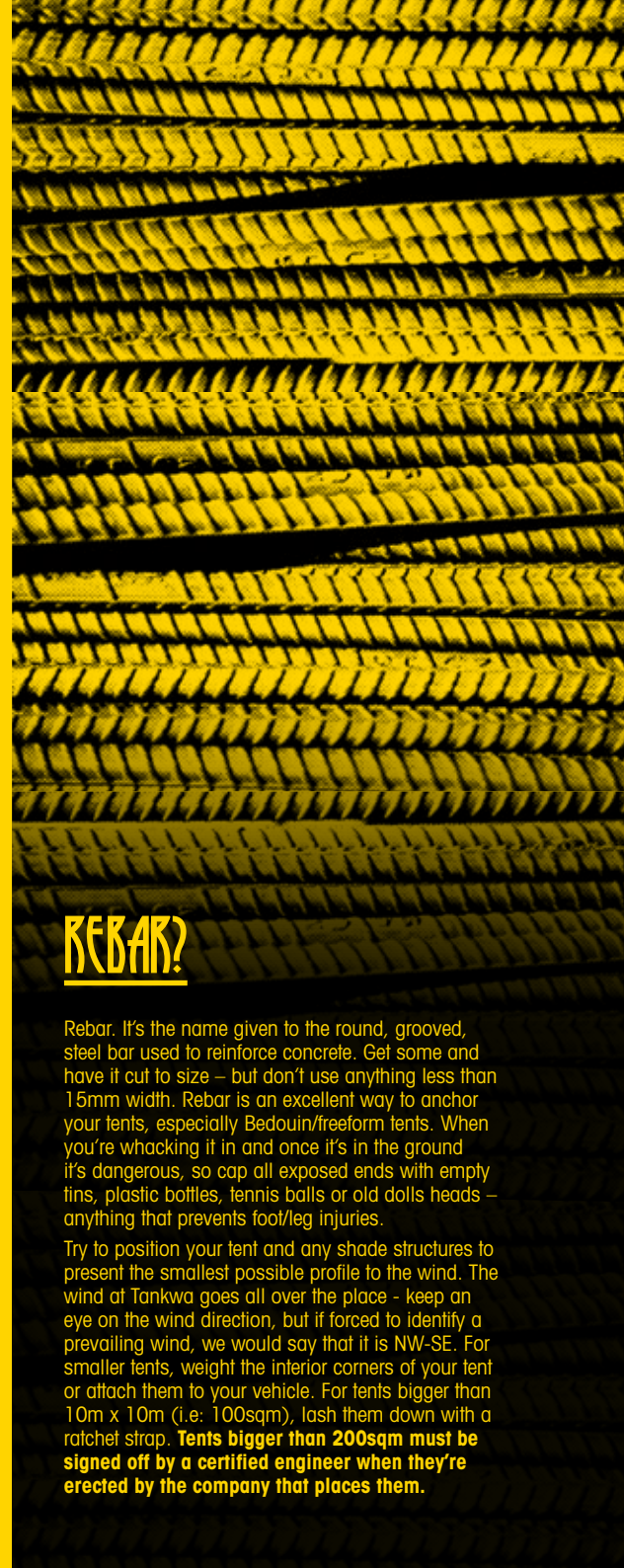
At AfrikaBurn the ground is hard, unlike anywhere you've ever camped before (unless you've camped on solid rock). Not quite rock, but pretty damn close. Bring along a hammer (at least ten-pound; the bigger the better) and heavy-duty pegs. The pegs that came with your 4-man tent? Forget those; you need something much stronger, and longer. Which is why you need rebar - they're difficult to get in, but worth the sweat once a wind or storm hits.

### POWER? GO GREEN!

We appreciate that making the transition from using fossil fuels for power is expensive and a bit of an experiment, but we urge you to do it. Transitioning to solar power (come on, people, we're in the desert here!) and/or a wind turbine is an investment you won't regret. LED's are getting cheaper by the day & use very little power. Use them instead of incandescent bulbs, even if you have a party space.

### PHONE SIGNAL?

Around 12ish on high ground you can sometimes get a signal with an MTN phone. This works best for SMS. Beyond this, we don't offer a phone service unless for serious medical emergencies.



## REBAR?

Rebar. It's the name given to the round, grooved, steel bar used to reinforce concrete. Get some and have it cut to size – but don't use anything less than 15mm width. Rebar is an excellent way to anchor your tents, especially Bedouin/freeform tents. When you're whacking it in and once it's in the ground it's dangerous, so cap all exposed ends with empty tins, plastic bottles, tennis balls or old dolls heads – anything that prevents foot/leg injuries.

Try to position your tent and any shade structures to present the smallest possible profile to the wind. The wind at Tankwa goes all over the place - keep an eye on the wind direction, but if forced to identify a prevailing wind, we would say that it is NW-SE. For smaller tents, weight the interior corners of your tent or attach them to your vehicle. For tents bigger than 10m x 10m (i.e. 100sqm), lash them down with a ratchet strap. **Tents bigger than 200sqm must be signed off by a certified engineer when they're erected by the company that places them.**



## Situated in a pristine environment, AfrikaBurn is a LEAVE NO TRACE event.

Photo by Jonx Pillemer

## LEAVE NO TRACE

There is no rubbish collection at Tankwa Town. Everything you bring in, you take back with you: Every. Single. Thing.

**MOOP stands for "Matter Out Of Place".** Everything brought to Tankwa Town is potential MOOP: cigarette stompies, glow sticks and glow stick connectors, tent stakes, bottle caps, cigarette stompies, ashes, wood debris, matchsticks,

orange peels, cigarette stompies, wood, pistachio shells, boa feathers, rope fibres, sequins, false eyelashes – even abandoned bikes...oh, and did we mention the stompies and cable ties? MOOP also includes natural materials. They are not OK to leave in the desert – in the desert, things take ages to decompose. Hay, seashells, plant matter, fruit peels, vegetable peels, nut shells, feathers, coffee grounds, etc. are all things that must be removed and returned to whence they came. Watermelons? Bad idea: the

skin becomes a festering science experiment in your car on the way home. Not fabulous.

### MOOP

Before you head to the desert:

- ✗ Remove excess packaging from everything
- ✗ Don't pack glass
- ✗ Don't pack your feather boa, glitter or styrofoam of any kind
- ✗ Don't pack flying lanterns or flares
- ✗ Don't bring too much fresh produce – if you don't eat it, it'll rot



Photo by Jonx Pillemer

### IN TANKWA TOWN:

#### 01 ALWAYS CARRY A BAG

This way when you have finished that drink, energy bar, chewing gum, or packet of crisps, you don't have to hold on to the wrapper or can until you find a solution. It's there already, hanging from your shoulders.

#### 02 NEVER LET ANYTHING HIT THE GROUND

#### 03 SECURE EVERYTHING IN YOUR CAMP

You never know when a windstorm is going to happen and if everything in your camp is secure at all times, nothing will blow away. Have bins with lids, or duct tape old 5-litre water containers with a small hole cut out, onto your tent poles.

#### 04 SMOKERS - CARRY A PORTABLE ASHTRAY

Always have a small container for your stompies and spent matches.

#### 05 DON'T SWEEP THE DESERT FLOOR

Not for your artwork, not for your camp. (you can move big rocks, but no sweeping). The rocks and stones don't magic themselves back into place once you have left. These scars stay forever.

#### 06 NO DIGGING OF HOLES

Unless it's as part of an artwork's supporting structure. Any holes dug by art crews must always be filled in again.

#### 07 IF YOU SEE MOOP, PICK IT UP

If you see MOOP on the ground in Tankwa Town, please pick it up and take it with you.

#### 08 NO TRASH IN THE TOILETS

Please don't put anything other than human waste – and the one-ply toilet paper supplied – into toilets. Only that which passes through your body, and one-ply toilet paper, belong in the toilets.

#### 09 SECURE YOUR LOAD

When leaving, pack carefully and make sure your RUBBISH and other items do not come loose on the ride home and litter the highways.

#### PLEASE DON'T:

Dump your rubbish, or your RV/ campervan grey water, or blue water (i.e: chemically-treated toilet effluent) on the R355 on the way out. Don't dump anywhere - not on farm roads, not picnic spots. Take your trash home, and dispose of it responsibly, thanks.

Please join your neighbours on Sunday and Monday after the burn, or schedule two hours on your own during your stay to help clean up Tankwa Town. Rake your own camp and conduct a MOOP sweep to inspect your space. You'll be surprised how much stuff you've left lying around. Go to the Volunteer Booth at 8ish if you want to be steered to a particular cleanup project. Want a Green on the MOOP Map? Find an Inspector Burn and sign your camp off immediately.

#### WANT FUN?

Join the MOOP Pub Crawl on Saturday the 2nd May at 2pm starting at Off-Centre Camp: it's a party - join us!

## SOOP

### (SOUND OUT OF PLACE)

Right, you've had your MOOP, now have the SOOP. It's delicious. Or not, depending. Music's an important part of Tankwa Town for many people, so if you're bringing music, everyone'll love you.

Our site is relatively small (1.4km at the longest reach), so when we give advice about this, we invoke our favorite suffix at AfrikaBurn: the mighty "ish". In the city layout and design we have attempted to make provision for all tastes, but it's not possible to please all the people all the time. But it's not possible to please all of the people all of the time.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE:

"Quiet" at AfrikaBurn is a relative term. We have 10 000 happy people celebrating life and creativity and they generate noise in all manner of weird and wonderful ways.

In technical terms these are spaces that are not located next to large sound systems and you are likely to get more shut eye.

**Loud zone:** These are the areas where we locate the camps that are gifting music of the amplified variety.

**Buffer zone:** This is the midway between the loud and quiet zones.

We have two areas in our town where we place camps whose gift is amplified music.

Photo by Jonx Pillemer



One is in the 2-ish area (extended this year, and facing North), and the other at the very end of 10-ish Boulevard, and the road starting with "L" i.e. the expanded area from last year.

These areas are marked on the map as large red dots encircled with yellow (which is the Buffer zone).

**Pay attention now, this is important:** the Loud Zone, that for 8 years has been placed at the corner of Binnekking Rd and 10-ish Street, is now a quiet area.

Keep all this in mind when choosing your spot to camp.

It's simple - want relative quiet when in your personal camp? Don't camp in the Loud Zone. If you want to play loud music? You simply cannot settle in the Quiet Zone. The greatest concentration of family camps where a good night's sleep can be had are between 5-ish and 7-ish streets or in the new expanded camping areas.

### SOUND PLACEMENT

Sound has been our biggest hot potato item of feedback in the last 4 years. It requires that everybody at Tankwa Town remembers that nestled right next to Radical Self

Expression is the principle of Civic Responsibility and Communal Effort. Before you crank out your favourite tracks, take note of where your neighbours are and how - and on what and in what direction your speakers are placed. Bass bins must be raised off the ground (on a platform such as a pallet), and all speakers must be aimed inward to your dance floor, away from camping areas and the Quiet Zones. This is for stationary sound systems.

If you use an amplified sound system at your camp or Mutant Vehicle, keep the volume at a reasonable level. Crazy sound levels that continue after requests and warnings will be disabled. Some artworks are intended to be quiet and reflective spaces - respect this and cut your sound when approaching art installations and performances. Generators? Insulate them using non-flammable damping materials.

Note: Sound Rangers will come past dance floor camps to check that sound is placed correctly - please work with our crew to ensure the best results for your neighbours, and yourself.

## DECOMMODIFICATION

AfrikaBurn is a decommodified zone, where branding is not welcome. Advertising? Hell no. It doesn't belong in Tankwa Town, which is in no way (or will ever be) a place to launch your career, business, website or product. Got a van from work with logos? Cover it up. Got a rental truck or RV? Cover or decorate the logos. Branding, in a place where nothing is for sale, or to buy? Doesn't belong. Nor does touting for business before, during or as a result of, or after, the event.

### RESPONSIBLE GIFTING

Part of a theme camp giving away drinks or food? If your gift contains alcohol, know this: the responsibility for those who you gift to lies with you. If anyone looks under age, ask for identification.

Every person entering the event will be issued with a wrist band, and those under 18 will have a specific colour.

Photo by Cameron Richards





# PERSONAL SAFETY

## PLAY IT SAFE

- ✦ Write your ticket number on the underside of your wristband - this way, in an emergency our team will be able to find out who you are.
- ✦ Always carry water on you. Drink water regularly, especially if drinking alcohol. Best gauge of hydration? If your piss is clear, you're in the clear. To avoid a Urinary Tract Infection (UTI), piss often - this means girls too!
- ✦ Bring sunscreen and a hat, and use them both.
- ✦ Bring dust goggles and a bandana - dust storms are only fun if you're prepared.
- ✦ Personal lighting: light your body when going out at night. Make sure that you can see and that others can see you. Bring a torch/headlamp (or two) and lights for your camp. If you bring a bike, pop a light on it.
- ✦ There are snakes, spiders and scorpions in Tankwa - check your shoes before pulling them on, and check your bedding and tent before packing up.
- ✦ All camps should have an all-purpose (Dry Chemical Powder) fire extinguisher and a comprehensive first aid kit. Nominate a Safety Baron to manage the safety aspects of your camp, and make sure all campmates are informed of where the first aid kit and fire extinguishers are placed.

## EXPECTATIONS AND BOUNDARIES

AfrikaBurn in its essence is a social experiment. Respect is fundamental to the working of our community. Recognise boundaries and respect them - it's the right thing to do.

Respect the personal boundaries of others:

- ✦ Respect the moment. Comfort levels vary at different times and with different people.
- ✦ Before you assume someone wants your physical attentions, ASK. Being direct is OK. It is expected protocol, and sexier than you might think.
- ✦ No always means NO.
- ✦ After someone has said NO, cajoling, pleading or any form of blackmail is unacceptable.
- ✦ Respecting personal boundaries includes taking pictures or video, as well as physical or verbal interaction. Take responsibility for your own boundaries.
- ✦ Be able to say no.
- ✦ Be sober enough to be in control or make arrangements with a friend to have a 'designated driver/minder' with you.
- ✦ How you feel is not magically transmitted to others. You're in charge of communicating your boundaries.
- ✦ You're responsible for yourself - but you can always ask for help. Talk to those around you or a Ranger if someone is making you feel uncomfortable.



Photo by Jani-Marie Breedt

## SANCTUARY

Feeling overwhelmed? Not handling your situation well? Having a rough time of it mentally? Head to Sanctuary at Off-Centre Camp (between 8ish and 9ish on the Binnekering) for a quiet, calm space where you can speak to someone or simply take a breather.



Photo by Jani-Marie Breedt

### DOCTOR SAYS...

- ✧ Be responsible for yourself and your medical conditions. Please think about what you need to bring and read the info here to understand what AfrikaBurn provides and under what circumstances you can access these resources.
- ✧ There will be medics on-site, but they're there for emergency situations only, and may turn patients away if the situation is not an emergency.....
- ✧ Remember to bring adequate supplies of any prescription medications.
- ✧ In case of severe emergency the medics can evacuate patients by road or air.
- ✧ Note: AfrikaBurn will not cover costs associated with medical evacuation.

### MEDIC! OMG, WHERE ARE THE MEDICS?

They're at Off-Centre camp, located between 8ish and 9ish on the Binnekking - LOOK FOR THE BIG RED CROSS.

### IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

- ✧ Stay with the person needing assistance.
- ✧ Request someone else (anyone else) to go call the medics. Make sure you give instructions to that person of your exact location. Eg: "tell them that we are about 10m behind Burning Mail Camp on 9ish"
- ✧ Do not move the person.
- ✧ Make sure they are comfortable (put a jersey under their head etc) and wait for Medics to arrive
- ✧ Don't panic

The following injuries are indicative of what will be treated on site:

- ✧ Diarrhoea
- ✧ Antiemetic medicine for nausea and vomiting
- ✧ Headaches
- ✧ Hypoglycemia
- ✧ Dehydration
- ✧ Hyperthermia
- ✧ Hypothermia
- ✧ Anaphylactic reactions
- ✧ Stings and bites
- ✧ Minor asthmatic emergencies
- ✧ Minor soft tissue injuries
- ✧ Sunburn and other minor burn wounds
- ✧ Stabilisation of any fracture

The following (and similar) injuries will be stabilised and referred to the nearest hospital, with the patient to provide their own transport. We recommend having a designated driver in your camp/group of friends in case of emergency:

- ✧ Minor bone fractures
- ✧ Stabilised soft tissue injuries
- ✧ Broken teeth
- ✧ All non-life threatening and stabilised minor events
- ✧ Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) - remember to piss regularly

Major injuries such as those listed below will be transported by ambulance or by air (as appropriate) to the nearest major medical facilities:

- ✧ Resuscitated patients
- ✧ Major bone fractures including longbone, cervical and skeletal
- ✧ Asthmatic major
- ✧ Severe concussion
- ✧ Major laceration, burns and soft tissue injuries
- ✧ All unstable life-threatening emergencies may need evacuation by air

## FIRE



Photo by Sydelle Willow Smith

The focus of fire control in Tankwa Town is avoidance, awareness and active prevention. If something catches on fire, we will get people out of harm's way and then probably just let it burn out - Rangers protect people, not property. Be prepared and know what to do. Bring adequate fire extinguishers and know how to use them: practice Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep (P.A.S.S.).

- ✧ In the case of tent or structure fires, do not attempt to enter the tent/structure to remove possessions.
- ✧ When planning your camp, leave at least three meters between flammable items. By way of example, have your tent three meters from your generator, which should be five meters from your fuel. This applies to cars and campervans as well. All camps storing fuel and or have an open fire, must have a fire extinguisher on hand and visible.
- ✧ You may not make fires directly on the ground; however braais and braziers may be used.
- ✧ Fires may not be left unattended (the Rangers will put them out!).
- ✧ You may not burn unapproved artworks. If you would like to burn something that you've created, let the Art crew know.
- ✧ When burning structures, keep a safety perimeter equal to three times the height of your sculpture (or more if the wind is strong). Mark out the perimeter with lights, nailed-down tape or other safe markers.

### CAMP SAFETY

Don't store too much gas and store any gas at least 10m away from your main camp activity in shade - NOT IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT. Petrol at camp must be kept to a minimum and signage should indicate fuel on site. Please comply with fire safety when making a camp fire. Have at least 2 fire extinguishers available in a 50sqm area, and when cooking with oil, have a fire blanket close by.

### PLEASE NOTE: FLYING LANTERNS AND ARE NOT PERMITTED.

They're pretty floating death machines. Mobile arson. They are a very serious fire hazard, and create problems with neighbouring farms and the Tankwa Karoo National Park. Flying lanterns also become snares for animals so please don't bring them, as you'll only be asked to put them out. Equally so no flares, fireworks, or Molotov cocktails - if it burns or can cause a fire don't shoot it into the airspace of Tankwa Town, thanks.





Photo by Jonx Pillemer



Photo by Cameron Richards



Photo by Cameron Richards

## FIRE SAFETY

Our Tankwa Town Fire Branch works for a safer Burn community. The information below will help you be aware of the potential hazards whilst camping outdoors.

### CARAVANS (OR RV'S/ CAMPERVANS) AND BOTTLED GAS

- ✦ Always change cylinders in open air, away from any source of ignition.
- ✦ Check connections are tight. The best way to do this is a little water with washing-up liquid and soft brush. Brush all connections with liquid: no bubbles = no gas leak.
- ✦ Turn off at main valve when not in use.
- ✦ Keep cylinders outside your caravan.
- ✦ Before going to bed or leaving the caravan, turn off all appliances. Turn off cylinders

unless appliances (such as a fridge) are designed to run continuously.

- ✦ Never use a cooker or a heater whilst caravan is moving.

### IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK:

- ✦ Turn off all appliances.
- ✦ Open all doors and windows.
- ✦ Do not smoke.
- ✦ Do not operate electrical switches.

### OTHER HAZARDS

- ✦ Take care when cooking - never leave any cooking or open flame unattended.
- ✦ Keep matches out of the reach of children.
- ✦ If you smoke, use metal ashtrays.
- ✦ Never smoke in bed.
- ✦ Children should not be left alone in a caravan.
- ✦ Keep your caravan ventilated. Don't block up air vents - it could be fatal.

## TENTS

- ✦ Allow safe spacing between tents, caravans and cars.
- ✦ Never use candles or any other open flame in or near a tent. Torches are much safer.
- ✦ Flammable liquids and Liquefied Petroleum Gas cylinders should be kept outside the tent.
- ✦ Oil burning appliances are not recommended.
- ✦ Cooking appliances should not be used in small tents.
- ✦ Keep cooking appliance away from walls and the roof where it can be easily knocked over.

## OPEN FIRES

**Please note:** You are not permitted to make an open fire on the ground at AfrikaBurn.

### IF YOU HAVE A FIRE:

- ✦ It should be in a raised platform and downwind, at least 10m from any tent
- ✦ Clear wood, leaves, etc, to form a circle of earth around the fire

- ✦ Build a stack that will collapse inwards whilst burning. Ideally your wood stack must not be higher than the sides of your fireplace
- ✦ Do not leave fires unattended
- ✦ Make sure that fires are fully extinguished
- ✦ Have 25 litres of water nearby to extinguish a fire

### IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT:

- ✦ Contact the Ranger, Security, Medics or Fire Branch and give the exact location
- ✦ If possible give a street reference - "corner of 9ish and A Street, etc.
- ✦ If this is not possible, provide a landmark such as a theme camp or artpiece
- ✦ After following above points - remove any objects (i.e. tents; wood; vehicles; your mother-in-law, etc.) from the vicinity of the fire - if safe to do so

## GUIDELINES FOR OPEN FIRES, BURN BARRELS, BAMBOO TORCHES ETC WITHIN THEME CAMPS:

- ✦ Open fires (ie: on the ground) aren't permitted. Braziers, braais, etc. are permitted.
- ✦ No burn barrels or braais can be left unattended - if found unattended, they will be put out.
- ✦ At least one camp member should be designated Safety Baron and tasked with fire safety (including locating fire extinguishers where they're visible and easily accessed).
- ✦ If winds pick up, all open fires must be put out immediately and burn barrels must be extinguished if they begin to throw sparks.
- ✦ Open fire or burn barrels must be extinguished at the request of any Ranger or Emergency Services personnel, or they'll do it.

- ✦ A 7m zone around any fire must be free of any flammable materials, such as, but not limited to: cloth, paper, tents, plastic, etc.
- ✦ All liquid fuels must be kept at least 15m away from any open flame.
- ✦ A supply of at least 25 litres of water must be kept on hand to extinguish the fire in case of high winds or other hazards.
- ✦ Burn barrels must be secured and constructed in a way that the burning surface is at least 15 cm from the ground to prevent baking of the surface.

**Note:** Please remember that petrol is a dangerous fuel to use to start fires. Explosive vapours can instantly build up as it is applied, and as the fire is lit it can flash and burn you.

# PARENTING

It's a wonderful thing to have kids at AfrikaBurn, but you have to prepare them and be prepared yourself.



Photo by Jan Verboom

If you want your child to get a good night's sleep you should think carefully about where you're going to camp. Pick a spot in the Quiet Zone - camping between 4-ish street and 7-ish has naturally evolved into a family-friendly area, and a new Quiet Zone beyond 10ish is also an option.

## PREPARE YOUR KIDS

Let your kids know in advance about the kind of things that they will or might see and hear. Nudity, iconoclastic art, sexuality, rude language, cultural commentary, and weird behavior are all a part of the AfrikaBurn experience. Steer them away from whatever you feel uncomfortable with, but be matter-of-fact about the stuff they are curious about.

Consider your child's normal frame of reference: have they camped before? Talk to them about common-sense safety -

advise them to be cautious about getting too close to aggressive art, destructive robots, and moving vehicles, playing in ash heaps or burn scars. A little bit of care goes a long way in a chaotic environment.

All parents should attend to their children and are responsible for their safety and well-being at all times. You and your kids should know who is responsible for them at all times. Rather over-communicate with your kids than leave them without important info. Parents not behaving responsibly with regard to their children may be asked to leave the event.

**Ranger Bob says:** small children are a wonder at the burn but your average teen can be a horror and even more horrific in an anarchic enclave with music, booze, and countless temptations. AfrikaBurn is not the place to bring your distant teen in the hope it will bring you closer.

## REGISTER SMALL CHILDREN

Once you've settled in, please go to Off-Centre Camp (between 8ish and 9ish on the Binnekring) to register children. We'll log parents/guardians and where they're camping, and children will be issued with a wristband with this info on it. This information will also be kept (confidential) at the Site Management Office for use by Rangers and emergency services, should the need arise.

In the instance that you lose your child, notify a Ranger. The event gate will then be closed until the child has been located and reunited with its parent/s or guardian/s. Should you find your child, please notify Rangers or the Site Management Office so that the search can be called off.

## TOP TIPS FOR PARENTING

### 01 ORIENTATE YOUR KIDS

When you get to Tankwa Town - walk around with them and identify landmarks that will help them navigate and be safe.

### 02 GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

The community is one of the great strengths of AfrikaBurn. Neighbours help to look out for kids, bikes and everything else at your camp, while you do the same for them.

### 03 ORGANISE EARLY MORNING ACTIVITIES

Children may be up well before you and wandering about.

### 04 PROTECT THEM FROM THE ELEMENTS

Get your children to wear sturdy footwear and hats, use sunscreen and carry water with them wherever they are.

### 05 DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN AT THEME CAMPS

You might be keen to have a wander and enjoy yourself but leaving children in the care of theme camps without their agreement is irresponsible and unfair to the Theme Camps and your children.

### 06 OLDER KIDS

Older kids are going to want to stretch their limits and cruise around on their own - make some guidelines that you both feel comfortable with, including how far to go and how often to check back in.

**Please note:** Theme Camps cannot gift alcohol to those under 18 and camps gifting alcohol can ask for identification if in doubt.



Photo by Jonx Pillemer



## PHOTOGRAPHY

Tankwa Town is one of the most photogenic places on the planet. But please remember you're here to participate, so don't forget to engage. Don't look at the whole event through the lens; you're part of the show - embrace immediacy, and keep in mind that we want to protect people's right to express themselves.

Media at our event provide an opportunity to inform and affect the world by illustrating and documenting what we do as a community. Reporting and documenting is a form of expression we welcome, and those filming at the event have undertaken to not interfere with your experience.

If anyone with a camera does screw with your experience by invading your privacy, please ask them for their name and check in at the Media Centre at Off-Centre Camp to let our media crew know.

### MEDIA, CAMERA AND DOCUMENTARY INFO

× One of the abiding principles of AfrikaBurn is that participants do not interfere with the immediate experience of other participants. As a member of the media, you're expected to be respectful and comport yourself accordingly. If you do, your coverage will be far more authentic and meaningful.

- × If any participant asks you to stop filming, you must stop immediately. If you continue to photograph or film, you may face the possibility of being escorted from the event
- × You must ask permission before photographing or filming any individual participant who might be recognisable. Crowd shots are exempt, except when the artist, performer, and majority of participants request no cameras or filming
- × Members of the media have the responsibility to check in on arrival at the Media Centre at Off-Centre Camp to register or pick up their accreditation. The Media Centre opens at 10am and closes at 2pm each day.
- × If you're considering any commercial use of still photos, video or audio recorded at the event, you must provide a copy of your work to the event organisers for archive within 90 days of the event. If your work requires post-production, you

must provide a copy as soon as it is completed.

- × The organisers don't allow stock agencies to film or record the event

### EVENT ORGANISER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

AfrikaBurn has the responsibility to create an environment for participants that doesn't tolerate rude or irresponsible use of photographic or video recording equipment. Anyone who doesn't respect the rights and wishes of others with respect to photographs, video, or recordings of any kind may be asked to leave.

AfrikaBurn reserves the right to disallow the use of related imagery and recordings of any kind for commercial or unapproved editorial use, particularly if such use(s) undermine personal expression and the privacy of participants or the integrity of the event.



### PHOTOGRAPHERS/ VIDEOGRAPHERS/ AUDIOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY

- × You've got the right to express yourself and create art as a photographer, videographer and/or audio artist
- × You have the responsibility to be respectful to people you wish to record and seek permission from them before recording their likeness or voice
- × Images, footage or sound recorded for personal use are not restricted - but any published material can only be used by registered parties. To register, go here: <http://afrikaburn.com/the-event/press-media> or go to the Media Centre on site.
- × Those that cannot enjoy their rights without acting responsibly may be escorted out of the event

### ARTISTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- × You have the right to protect the image of your artwork or performance
- × You have the right to ask someone to stop taking images of your art or performance if you don't approve
- × You have the right to be credited for authorship of your artwork in any commercial use of your work, and perhaps receive payment
- × You have the right to enforce copyright and trademark ownership of your unique artwork. To have the greatest legal protection, artists should apply for a copyright
- × In the case of using images of artworks for editorial use, we encourage the media to credit specific artists

### PARTICIPANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- × You have ultimate responsibility for your image and should ask photographers how your image will be used. If you encounter a problem, report it to a Ranger or at the Media Centre.
- × You have the right to ask someone to stop taking a picture of you, recording your image or recording your voice in any way. However keep in mind the nature of radical self-expression - capturing expression is a form of self-expression.
- × You have the right to know what someone plans to do with your image.

USE OF IMAGES TAKEN AT AFRIKABURN (OTHER THAN PERSONAL USE)  
IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF AFRIKABURN

## BIKING

Bicycles are a necessity in Tankwa Town; they make everything more accessible. Bear in mind that bicycles are not public property. Be sure your bike is in good working order before the event, and bring tools, like a wire brush, chain lube, and extra tyre tubes.

### #1 most important bike tip? LOCK IT OR LOSE IT.

Bikes go missing and turn up after everyone has left, and some disappear and never come back so lock your bike. Don't lock your bike to guy wires or artwork - this may hamper performances and scheduled burns. No bike's considered stolen unless the lock was busted, and no bike's considered lost until the event is over.

### DECORATE YOUR BIKE

It's much less likely your bike will be borrowed without permission if it looks unique. Light your bike for nighttime riding - use LED's, EL wire, solar-powered fairy lights or whatever you can come up with - get creative!

### MARK YOUR BIKE

With your name, phone number or email address, and camp location.

### BRING SPARES.

The ground in Tankwa Town is not kind on bikes: bring extra tubes, tyres and a puncture repair kit (they're a great gift to those who need them). You may need them - and if you don't, you can help those who do.

### LEAVE NO TRACE

Don't ditch your bike at AfrikaBurn: dealing with abandoned bikes stretches our already over-taxed resources.

And did we mention that if you don't lock it up, you could lose it? It's true. When the going gets crazy, bikes go walkies. Lock it up - especially if you've borrowed your friend's R25 000 extra-special-chrome-plated-limited-edition-Himalayan-expedition bike, or you could well end up crying into your beer.

**LOCK. YOUR. BIKE.**

Photo by Jani-Marie Breedt



Photo by Jonx Pillemer

## MUTANT VEHICLES

If your gift to Tankwa Town is music, and it's mobile, you'll bring great joy to many people. Energising a space with a party or some fabulous tunes is a great gift. However, not every artwork, performance, or space created at Tankwa Town is intended to be a party zone. The artist may have a very specific piece of music that they want to play with their artwork, so please turn down or turn off your sound systems when approaching an artwork or performance and check in with the artist before collaborating this way. The same applies for placing your party or musical mutant vehicle in the Quiet Zone.

- ✕ Mutant Vehicles must be registered before the event - for final checks (ie: signing of Indemnity Form and Licence Certificate) report to the DMV testing station at 6ish on the Binnekking.
- ✕ The speed limit for all vehicles - including Mutant Vehicles - is 10KM/H.
- ✕ All standard road rules apply in Tankwa Town - including DON'T DRIVE DRUNK and DON'T DRIVE LIKE A MUPPET. .
- ✕ THOU SHALT NOT EVER EVER attempt to get on nor attempt to get off a moving mutant vehicle EVER!!

### VERY IMPORTANT

**MUTANT VEHICLES CARRYING FLAME EFFECTS OR ANY OTHER LETHAL WEAPONS MUST CONTACT DMV BEFORE THE EVENT AND HAVE A LIVE TEST ON SITE.** Email [dmv@afrikaburn.com](mailto:dmv@afrikaburn.com) for more information.





Photo by Jonx Pillemer

## DMV COMMANDMENTS

### 01 THOU SHALT

Make every effort to decorate/ create/conjure your golf cart, truck, limo, etc.

### 02 THOU SHALT NOT

Steal, commandeer or 'borrow' any official form of transportation. Theft or destruction of any vehicle will not be tolerated – we reserve the right to eject anyone caught acting in this way.

### 03 THOU SHALT NOT

Try to get on, impede, or stop a moving art car, mutant vehicle, plane, balloon, helicopter or any other flying or driving device.

### 04 THOU SHALT

Dance around, wave your arms, and ask politely to get onto a passing mutant vehicle:

- ✗ Once the Mutant Vehicle has come to a complete stop, (if needed) ask for assistance or hop on the vehicle in a safe, appropriate manner (remember: be sure to thank the driver)
- ✗ If the mutant vehicle does not stop for whatever reason, do not attempt to run down, jump on, hog-tie, and/or bitch at the vehicle or driver.

### 05 THERE IS NO RULE 5.

Proceed to Rule 6, do not collect R200. Stay outta jail. Pour yourself a beer. Take a deep breath. Be nice to small animals and remember to call your mother from time to time. And for crying out loud, stop worrying about your weight. You're beautiful just the way you are. Right. Where were we? Oh yes... keep reading, you're nearly done!

### 06 THOU SHALT NOT

Attempt to get on nor attempt to get off a moving mutant vehicle (in case you never got that the first time).

### 07 THOU SHALT NOT

Operate any mutant vehicle and/ or its artistic additions without permission of its owner(s)/ operator(s) including the firing of cannons, potato cannons, sawdust cannons, use of attractive body parts of vehicle occupants, sounds and light systems, etc...).

### 08 THOU SHALT NOT

Hijack, hoodwink, harass, or harangue the driver whilst they are in command and control of the mutant vehicle.

### 09 THOU SHALT

Have a good time (like you need telling).

### 10 THOU SHALT

Help look out for the safety of your fellow freaks, aliens, and even passersby at all times - even if they're ex-girlfriends who have recently slept with your father.

### 11 THOU SHALT

Report any safety issues, violations, and/or problems to Rangers immediately.

### 12 THOU SHALT

Have a registered Mutant Vehicle driver, who will be required to wear a laminate provided by your sexy DMV on registration.

### 13 ALL MUTANT VEHICLES

Should have an all-purpose (Dry Chemical Powder) fire extinguisher and a comprehensive first aid kit.

### 14 ALL MUTANT VEHICLES TOWING TRAILERS MUST HAVE CONDUCTORS AND WALKERS

If your MV is found without, it will be stopped until you have the crew to fulfill this requirement.

## GETTING TO TANKWA TOWN

### RULE ONE: SLOW DOWN

Please bear in mind the R355 is a deceptive dirt road that has claimed lives. Please drive calmly, even if you have a 4x4, and especially if you don't. Exercise maximum caution especially when considering over taking. The last stretch of road is on a narrow farm road – please be patient when arriving as there may be a queue.

### HOW TO SURVIVE THE R355:

- ✗ Normal road safety rules apply, even to RV's and 4x4's. Just because you drive a 5-litre 4x4 doesn't mean your ass won't roll and your tyres won't get shredded.
- ✗ We strongly recommend travelling in convoy.
- ✗ Drive up during daylight hours – it's much safer!
- ✗ Don't overload your vehicle.
- ✗ Don't speed - 70km/h is good, but if your vehicle is heavy, reduce speed to 50 or less, depending. Enjoy the view.
- ✗ Drive at dawn - in the heat of midday tyres heat up, which means your sidewalls / tyres puncture easier and the shale rock on the road fractures easier, and sharper. Cooler tyres + cooler roads = less punctures or blowouts.
- ✗ The R355 is one helluva lot of dirt road. It has some bad patches where sharp stones

puncture sidewalls (yes, even the sidewalls of your Roadmuncher Desert Eagles), so drive carefully and slowly. It's tempting to feel like you're almost there when you hit the dirt – you aren't. It takes about an hour and a half to cover the dirt section, which is the most treacherous part. We're not kidding – observe the many stripped tyres alongside the road. These are Stoffadils, and they didn't grow there.

- ✗ Cellphone coverage is patchy along the dirt road. The last reliable signal is just before you pass through Karooport.
- ✗ If you stop on the dirt road, pull off to the side - and do not, under any circumstances, stop on a blind rise.

### SAVING YOUR TYRES

It's legend and fact: the R355 eats tyres for breakfast, lunch and supper. Here are some blowout avoidance tips:

- ✗ Check your tyres before you leave, make sure they are in good nick.
- ✗ Keep your tyres on the hard side, so that the sidewalls of your tyres have less exposure to sharp stones
- ✗ We know it's a big ask, but try not to overload your vehicle.
- ✗ Don't cross over the stony 'middle-mannetjie'.
- ✗ We recommend that you take

two spares with you as well as a tyre repair kit. Take a tip from the local farmers – carry snotplugs and a compressor (or tyre pump / Tyre Weld).

- ✗ Keep your spare tyres accessible when packing.
- ✗ AfrikaBurn doesn't patrol the road, and isn't able to provide assistance outside of the event.
- ✗ There'll be a roving tyre-repair bakkie driving up and down the R355, which will be stationed at the Tankwa Padstal. If it hasn't come by, send a message with passers-by (if they haven't been able to help you) to alert them as to your whereabouts and needs.
- ✗ There will also be a tyre repair station at Stony (the house just before you get to the event gate). Here you can have your tyre/s repaired before you head into the event.
- ✗ Respect donkey carts and animals - donkeys do not move out of the way!
- ✗ When passing, slow down to reduce rocks and dust.

### EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:

#### DO NOT OVERTAKE WHEN THE ROAD AHEAD IS OBSCURED BY DUST.

We've had numerous cases of head-on collisions due to this kind of dangerous driving. Please understand - this is lethal, fatal, dangerous behaviour. **Don't do it.**

# GETTING THERE

**GPS: SOUTH 32.326841: EAST 19.748139**

## FROM CAPE TOWN

Aweh! Rad you could make it bru!

- ✦ Take the N1 North, passing Paarl, Worcester and De Doorns. 10km before you reach Touwsrivier, 160km from Cape Town, take the LEFT onto the R46, towards Ceres. If you need to fill up on fuel, do so - Worcester or Touwsrivier are your last chances.
- ✦ This road continues for approximately 40kms and ends in a T-junction. At the T-junction turn RIGHT onto the tyre-munching R355 towards Calvinia and Sutherland. Approximately 100m on, you'll hit the dirt. SLOW DOWN.
- ✦ You brought a spare wheel, right? Good. Oh, you brought two? Smart move.

- ✦ This stretch of road – which is 113km long – is dangerous. Like psycho-pitbull-with-a-hangover dangerous. DO NOT DRIVE AT HIGH SPEED. It's a long road - take in the view, read the signs.
- ✦ Round about now, you lose cellphone signal. Switch it off and forget about it. Goodbye telecommunication, hello real communication!
- ✦ Stay on the R355 towards Calvinia (Don't turn right to Sutherland, unless you like large radio telescopes).
- ✦ You'll pass a settlement called Tweefontein and a small white bridge crossing the Tankwa River bed. At this point, you're about 2kms from the turn off to the venue. You'll also see a tall tower on your left hand side.

- ✦ Stay on the R355, it's not long now. See that T-junction up ahead with the signs on your right? That's it – turn right into Stonehenge Farm
- ✦ It's a rough road, so take it easy - you're nearly there. As you go through the gate there are some small cottages on your right at a settlement called Lekkerlag.
- ✦ You'll come to Checkpoint Charming first, here they will check (charmingly) that everyone has tickets
- ✦ Next you'll come to the Gate to Tankwa Town. Here you will be checked in, and your tickets scanned.
- ✦ Move along to the Greeting Station. Take a deep breath. Step through the portal.
- ✦ If you're a Virgin, ring the bell!
- ✦ Welcome!

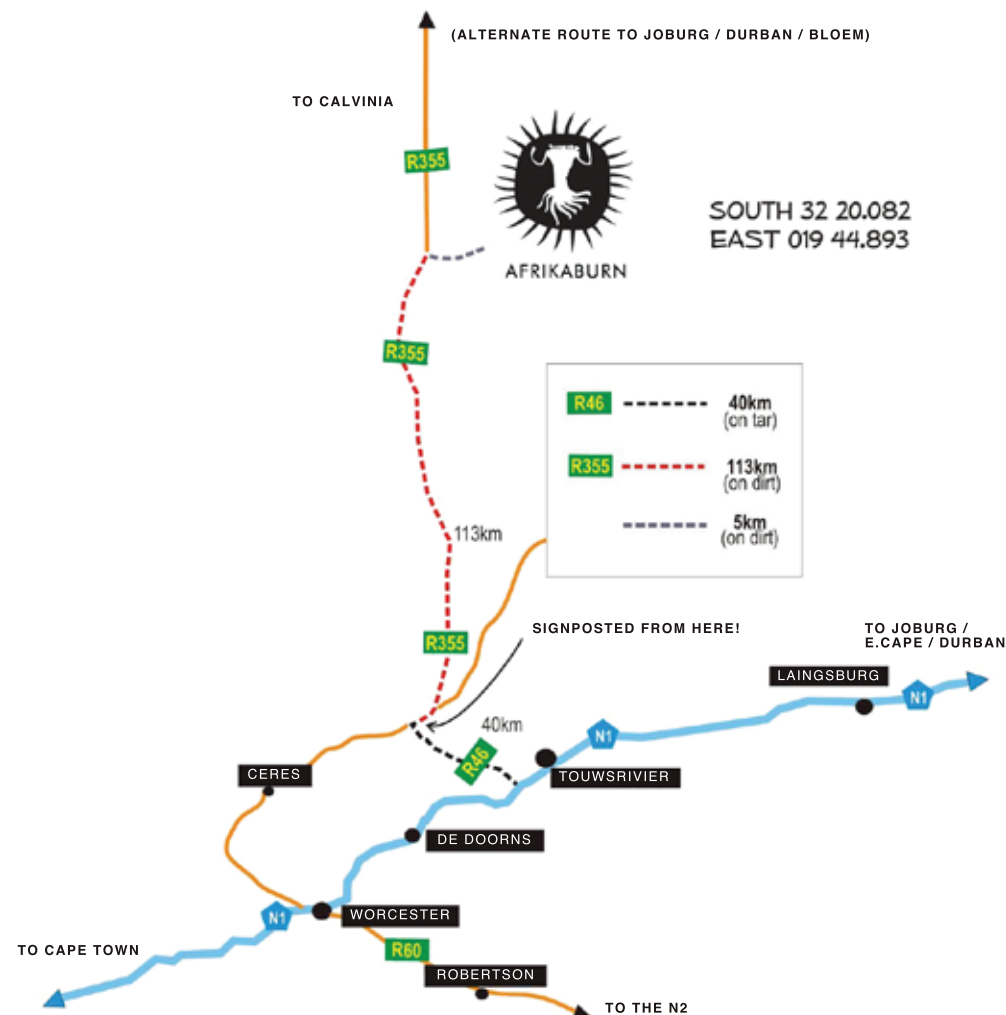
## FROM JOHANNESBURG

From Jozi? Huzzit, chana!

- ✦ Take the N1 South to Bloemfontein/Cape Town.
- ✦ Stay on the N1 through Colesburg, Hanover and Richmond.
- ✦ From Richmond travel 64 kms on the N1 and turn right onto the R63 to Victoria West.
- ✦ Travel on the R63 through Victoria West and follow the road and signs to Calvinia.
- ✦ Drive through Calvinia and about 2 km outside of town you'll see a sign 'Ceres R355'. Turn left here onto the gravel road to Ceres.

- ✦ Do NOT drive faster than 70km per hour under any circumstances, or in any vehicle, at any time along this gravel road!
- ✦ Take note: This is the last time you will have phone signal until you get back to this spot - this includes at the event. Calvinia is the last place where you can get supplies (water, gas, petrol, etc), so if you need them, get them. There are no shops after Calvinia.
- ✦ Travel carefully along the R355 for approximately 100 kms.
- ✦ Do not turn off to the Tankwa Karoo National Park.

- ✦ Watch up ahead for a T-junction – here you'll see the AfrikaBurn event sign and a Stonehenge/Lekkerlag farm sign. Turn left here boef! You're almost there.
- ✦ Drive about 5 km SLOWLY along this very small farm road.
- ✦ Holy crap, you're close now!
- ✦ You'll come up to Checkpoint Charming
- ✦ Further along you'll come to the Ticketing Will Call Centre.
- ✦ Move along to the Greeting Station. Take a deep breath.
- ✦ Virgin? Welcome!



## VIA BLOEMFONTEIN

Van Bloem af, chomma? Mooi so!

- ✦ Take the N8 to Kimberley and then continue along the N12 to Victoria West.
- ✦ Turn right into the R63 at Victoria West (T junction), thereafter follow the directions listed above for Johannesburg from Victoria West onward.

## FROM DURBAN

From Durbs? Hundreds bru!

- ✦ Take the N3 out of town, and head to Harrismith.
- ✦ At Harrismith, take the N5 via Bethlehem to Winberg, where you join the N1 and follow this to Bloemfontein.
- ✦ Thereafter follow the **directions listed for Bloemfontein.**



# PLANES, DRONES & OTHER AIRCRAFT

## FLYING IN

Flying in? Lucky you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** You may not fly into AfrikaBurn - or fly any form of aircraft at the event - without first making contact and receiving an allocation number. There are some important and very specific instructions for using this particular airstrip and airspace.

Email [airstrip@afrikaburn.com](mailto:airstrip@afrikaburn.com) and an info package will be sent your way. or visit

<http://www.afrikaburn.com/the-event/getting-there/going-by-air>

Please also note: if flying in, you still need a ticket to AfrikaBurn. Don't get in the plane without one. Pilots are responsible for the return of their non ticketed PAX's.

## USING THE AFRIKABURN AIRPORT

Anyone wishing to use it to fly, be it with an aircraft or an UAV, plane, balloon, rocket or any other craft will need to get a permit. We are not being restrictive, we just want to keep everyone safe.

## FLYING THERE?

We have lots of people who are looking for aircraft rides to the burn, making your wishes known

on this blog with your numbers, weight and dates will help you link up with others who may be going your way. Commercial flights to the burn are not allowed however. AfrikaBurn's policy that it's fine for burners to solicit services, but a service provider may not solicit Burners - this includes commercial flights.

## UAV / DRONES & OTHER AIRCRAFT

Any form of aircraft operated at AfrikaBurn requires authorisation - and this includes Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's), recreational drones, commercial drones (ie: carrying video cameras), hot air balloons and operators of model aircraft. Hell, if you strap wings and a rocket to a surfboard, we need to know about it so we can manage the airspace safely for all concerned.

**If you plan on operating a drone** (or other aircraft of some description) please contact [uav@afrikaburn.com](mailto:uav@afrikaburn.com) and our team can assist you by providing info on how to get authorisation, where the fly zones are and how and where you and your aircraft/drone/surfrocket can be checked at the event, prior to taking to the air.

# THE LEGAL STUFF

**YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH BY ATTENDING THIS EVENT AND RELEASE AFRIKABURN FROM ANY CLAIM ARISING FROM THIS RISK.**

You must bring enough food, water, shelter and first aid to survive for a week in a harsh environment.

Commercial vending is prohibited, as are all firearms, fireworks, rockets, flying lanterns and other explosives. You agree to read and abide by all the rules contained in this Survival Guide and to follow national and local laws.

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