

Directions to Spitkop Dam

- On the Jan Kempdorp-Ulco road or the Warrenton-Ulco road, take the Reivilo turnoff (R371), i.e. to the right (heading west).
- You will see the dam wall on your right.
- Drive over the Harts River.
- From here on it is a gravel road.
- Proceed for 3 km from the turnoff to the Mammultla turnoff.
- Turn right (i.e. heading north).
- Drive for approx. 15 km (there may be roadworks) until you get to the windmill and blue water tank on your right.
- Turn right (now heading approx. east) and follow the track through the *Acacia* thickets to the dam.

There are several places with lots of birds: sheltered mudflats and the dead trees at the top of the dam.

The birding at the estuary (where the Harts River flows into the Dam) is excellent for waterbirds. The surrounding overgrazed veld (old Bophuthatswana) supports various waders, including dryland species, such as Burchell's Courser. The surrounding *Acacia* veldt (although in a pretty bad state) does have some of the Kalahari birds and in summer a nice diversity of Palearctic warblers.

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