

Climate

The Tankwa Karoo is one of the most arid sections of the Karoo (25-100mm rain p/a). The extremely arid summers make large parts of the Karoo unsuitable for farming. The Doring and Tankwa rivers, which rise in the Klein Roggeveld region, drain the Tankwa Karoo. These rivers are non-perennial, experiencing occasional floods during heavy rainstorms. The Tankwa river flows through Stonehenge nature reserve.

The mean July (winter) minimum temperature is 6°C (lowest measured -1°C), and the mean January (summer) maximum temperature is 38°C (highest measured 50°C). The highest average maximum temperatures occur from November to March with the hottest months being January and February. The highest wind speeds occur from October to March.

In May days are usually pleasantly warm, nights can be chilly. Most likely there is no or little rainfall, however if it rains it's often a rainstorm. Dust or sandstorms do occur.

Best time to visit Stonehenge nature reserve and Tankwa Artscape is from March to November.