Activities in Bethulie The following activities are available in and around Bethulie: Hiking Fishing Hunting Boating Arts and Crafts Game Viewing Historical Sites Memorials Monuments MuseumsThe Hennie Steyn Bridge across the Orange River is the longest road-rail bridge in the southe Birdwatching, game drives, rock art and star gazing are all available in the area. The Tussen-die-Riviere Reserve is plush (it is be The nearby Gariep Dam, which is the largest volume of water in South Africa, is ideal for watersport, offering fishing, boating, can Or you can simply go for a drive to any of the three Game Reserves in the area (Tussen-die-Riviere, Oviston Reserve and Gariep Historical Sites Van Riebeek Memorial Plaque Horse Monument Old Railway Station Hearse Garage Bethulie Cemetery The 1st Dutch Reformed Church The Dutch Reformed Church Lephoi Memorial Oudefontein Voortrekker Monument OxWaggon Monument Pellissier House (Museum) Rice Fort site Migrating Farmers Stock Camps Concentration Camp site Helpmekaar Monument Water Reservoir serving British Horses Bethulie Kampkerkhof (Concentration Camp Cemetery) Louw Weppener MonumentVan Riebeek Memorial Plaque This plaque commemorates the tercentennial anniversary of Jan van Riebeek's landing at the Cape of Good Hope in 1662. It is located up against the "koppie" just past the western entrance to Bethulie. Monument in honour of the HorseThis monument is situated at the western entrance to Bethulie (Springfontein / Gariep Dam road The Pellissier House Museum This Pellissier museum was erected as the residence of the reverend J.P.Pellissier, the French mi The Pellissier House Museum, named after the first French missionary in Bethulie, houses an exhibition on the missionaries who This mission building is the oldest settler built building still standing in the Free State. The Museum was inaugurated on 20 July 1979. Open: Monday to Friday 08:00 - 16:00 Saturdays and Sundays by appointment only Pellissier House Museum Box 87, Bethulie, 9992 1 Voortrekker Street, Bethulie. Tel.: 051 762 25 Fax.: 051 762 2 Ox-Wagon Monument Ox-Wagon Monument used to depict an oxwagen drawn by oxen and was made from molten metal of discarded cartridge casing After the oxen were stolen in the nineties, the oxwagen was removed and put on display in the Pellissier House Museum up the r Louw Wepener monument Louw Wepener led the Free State commandos in the second Basotho war. He is honoured by this me Bethulie Kamp Kerkhof (Concentration Camp Cemetery)This site is a sad commemoration of what was the largest of the camps u The Dutch Reformed Church The Dutch Reformed Church was completed in 1887 and is now a national monument. Burgher Monument and Graveyard Apart from the Burgher Monument, the graveyard contains the graves of several British soldiers. Recreational Sites The Bethu The Mynhardt Game Reserve The D.H. Steyn Bridge Tussen Die Riviere Game Reserve Gariep (!Xhariep) Dam Gariep Nature Reserve Oviston Resort & Nature Reserve The Bethulie Dam and Resort It was previously known as the Frank Gunn Park. It used to offer facilities for a variety of water sports and various types of accom The D.H. Steyn BridgeThe D.H. Steyn Bridge or Hennie Steyn Bridge is a combined road and rail bridge which spans the Orange The DH Steyn Bridge is a beautiful arched bridge near the town, spanning the Orange River at Bethulie, connecting the Free Stat Tussen-die-Riviere Nature Reserve The Tussen Die Riviere Nature Reserve was established in 1972 and is situated where the Caledon River joins the Orange River The reserve with its wide open plains is home to large herds of blesbock, black wildebeest and springbok. Other antelope include In days gone by San and Cape vultures took refuge on the rocky ledges of Aasvoëlkop. Today, only paintings and whitewashed l Majestic animals, interesting rock formations, beautiful grass plains and river gorges truly make this reserve on the southern tip o From September to the end of April it is run like any other game reserve and is open for visits daily from sunrise to sunset. During Gariep Dam (previously Hendrik Verwoerd Dam) Southwest of Bethulie is the Gariep Dam (Hendrik Verwoerd Dam), an artificial lake over 100km (62miles) long, with an area of 3 The lake offers excellent facilities for water sports. On the north side of the lake is the Hendrik Verwoerd Dam Nature Reserve (area 36,500ha/90,000 ac). Here live many species o GARIEP DAM STATISTICSMaximum height above foundation Crest lenght of dam Gross storage capacity Final area of lake formed Shoreline Construction started Construction completed Official opening (HF Verwoerd Dam) Renamed as Gariep Dam 88 m 914 m 5,673.8 million cubic m 360 km² 435 km 18 November 1966 1971 4 March 1972 1 April 1995 Gariep Nature Reserve The Gariep Dam which is the largest area of water in South Africa, is a 54km drive south from Bethulie along the R701. It also ha This reserve, covering an area of about 12 000 hectares, extends from the Gariep Dam wall all along the Free State border to Be If you set your scope on green issues, then Gariep Nature Reserve has a lot to contribute. A few years ago there were less than o Other animals that you can feast your eyes on include the majestic kudu, gemsbok, springbok, blue wildebeest, the second large For more information on the reserve, its animal and plant life, or accommodation, phone 051 - 754 0026/48 The Gariep Dam whic Other animals that you can feast your eyes on include the majestic kudu, gemsbok, springbok, blue wildebeest, the second large For further Information about Bethulie you can contact: info@Bethulie.za.net Trudie Venter (Tourism Info Centre) 083-630-8849 - Tourisim@Bethulie.za.net Peter Robak (Website Editor) 083-251-3555 - Editor@Bethulie.za.net or the Bethulie Municipality 051-763 0002 or 051-763 0939 Other Contacts: National Museums P/Bag X20543 Bloemfontein Tel no.(051)4054034 Fax no.(051) 4054259 E-mail Address: naln@sac.fs.gov.za Regional and Community Museums P/Bag X20543 Bloemfontein Tel no.(051) 4054034 Fax no.(051) 4054259 E-mail Address: naln@sac.fs.gov.za Bethulie - Freestate - South Africa

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