



# Mike Dawes Flies

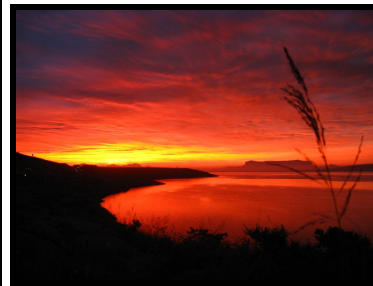
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## Sterkfontein Yellow Fishing Safari



**Destination:** Sterkfontein Dam. This high altitude Dam is situated in the Eastern Freestate. It borders the Drakensberg and Maluti Mountains offering sublime mountain scenery and unque game sightings. Sterkfontein Dam can be reached with two and half hours drive from JHB or a three hours drive from Durban.

**Season:** November through to end or March

**Duration:** Single and Multi day Options. Multi day trips are advisable to truly appreciate this world class fishery.

**Accommodation:** Comfortable chalets situated in the Private Qwantani Resort.



**Angling (species and methods):** Small mouth yellow fish, and to a lesser degree large mouth yellow fish.

Sterkfontein Dam offers arguably the finest fresh water sight fishing Africa has to offer, on par with top international destinations. The crystal clear water, combined with a healthy yellow fish population make this destination a firm favourite amongst all fly anglers privileged enough to hunt her waters.

With over 100km's of pristine grassland shore-line and a thriving aquatic ecosystem, small mouth yellow in Sterkfontein are treated to a myriad of both terrestrial aquatic invertebrates on which to feed. The results being that fly anglers can confidently target these fresh water speedsters with dry flies throughout the season, a method we strongly encourage.

Stalking and sight fishing to cruising small mouth yellowfish (often referred to as a fresh water bone fish due to the power and speed) in the 2 - 8lb range is bound to get your heart pumping.



**Tackle:**

Rods - 5 wht fast action 9 ft  
Reels - Smooth drags with at least 50m of 20lb backing  
Fly Lines - 5 or 6 WF floating lines. Neutral colours are best  
Leaders - 9 ft 2x and 3x tapered leaders  
Tippets - 3x 4x and 5x fluorocarbon  
Dries Flies - Elk wing caddis (less the hackle on body) size 12, 14, and 16, DDD 14, Klinkhammer 14, Stimulator 12 and 14, Foam beetles 12 - 14, Dave's Hopper in yellow and black, Flying Ant size 18, CDC caddis

Nymphs: - GRHE, P.T.N, Flashback (black and brown), Zac, and Prince nymph in sizes 12 to 18, with size 16 being most commonly used. Bead head and non bead head versions where applicable. Dragon and damsel flies also have there place.

Note: Your guides will carry a selection of all currently productive flies.  
Extras: Lead putty, fly floatant and strike indicators.

**Clothing:**

- Hat
- Polarised sunglasses
- Light weight long sleeve shirts in neutral colours (light browns, khaki and greens)
- Light weight long pants in neutral colours (light browns, khaki and greens)
- Suitable walking shoes that can be wet
- Waterproofs and warm clothes
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Camera

**Pick up and drop off point (if not self driving):** Harrismith, Durban, Pietermaritzburg or Johannesburg

**Other activities:** Sundowner cruises and game walks, game cruising and cultural excursions. The world renowned Royal Natal National Park and Natal Drakensberg are close by and definitely worth visiting.

**Cost: POR**

**\* Note:**

- **Price includes**, boats, fuel, fishing, activities, all meals, teas/coffee and cordials, skippers, services of professional fishing guide/s and accommodation for the duration of the trip.
- Prices subject to change depending on fluctuating exchange rates.
- Single supplement rates on request
- Price **does not include** flights to stipulated pick up point, visas if necessary, drinks, optional excursions and transfer costs