BERG RIVER DAM (33.90935° S, 19.05695° E)

Completed: 2009  |  Type of dam: Rockfill with concrete face  |  Capacity: 130 million m³

Length of wall (top): 929 m  |  Length of dam (longest distance from wall to inflow): 3.7 km

Nearest town: Franschhoek  |  Surface area: 488 ha

Water use: Domestic supply to Cape Town and some towns in the Cape Winelands District.

Capacity compared to Theewaterskloof Dam (also supplying water to Cape Town): 3.6 times smaller

River: Discharges into the Great Berg River.

The Berg River Dam was planned in 1906 as part of the total water scheme for Cape Town.

- 50% of the capacity can supply 1.1 million domestic users with water for 1 year (130 ltr/person/day).
- The surface area is equivalent to 610 rugby fields.

2008 Flood release testing.

References, literature and photos:
- Photos: WAMTechnology (c): Dana Grobler; Faroek Robertson