



## Spring weekend weather 31 August to 1 September 2019

**What sort of weather can we expect over South Africa this weekend? It is the beginning of the Spring season and the weather has been fairly warm and settled of late, however some parts of the country, especially the Cape provinces and Drakensberg are going to be particularly chilly on Saturday 31 August 2019, as a cold front sweeps across the country.**

A cold front will be positioned over the central parts of the country on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> August resulting in isolated (30%) showers and rain along the southern and eastern coasts and their adjacent interior, stretching to the Lowveld of Mpumalanga and the south-eastern part of Limpopo Province.

Cold temperatures, varying from 12 to 16 °C can be expected (refer to Figure 1) over the interior of the three Cape provinces as well as over Lesotho on Saturday 31 August 2019. By contrast, the northern and north-eastern parts of the country will be much warmer. In particular, hot conditions can be anticipated over the Lowveld and Limpopo River valley regions. In other words, there will be a marked contrast between the cold conditions in the south and the hot conditions in the north-east of the southern African subcontinent.

Moreover, warm, dry and windy conditions on the eastern highveld of Mpumalanga on Saturday 31 August 2019 will lead to a dangerously high risk of runaway veld fires. The public are therefore urged not to discard lit cigarettes or matches or to light fires in bush or grassland areas.

The marine fishing community (especially small craft and ski boat fisherman) should take note that strong winds and very rough seas are expected Saturday along the Cape south coast, spreading in the afternoon to the east coast of Eastern Cape.

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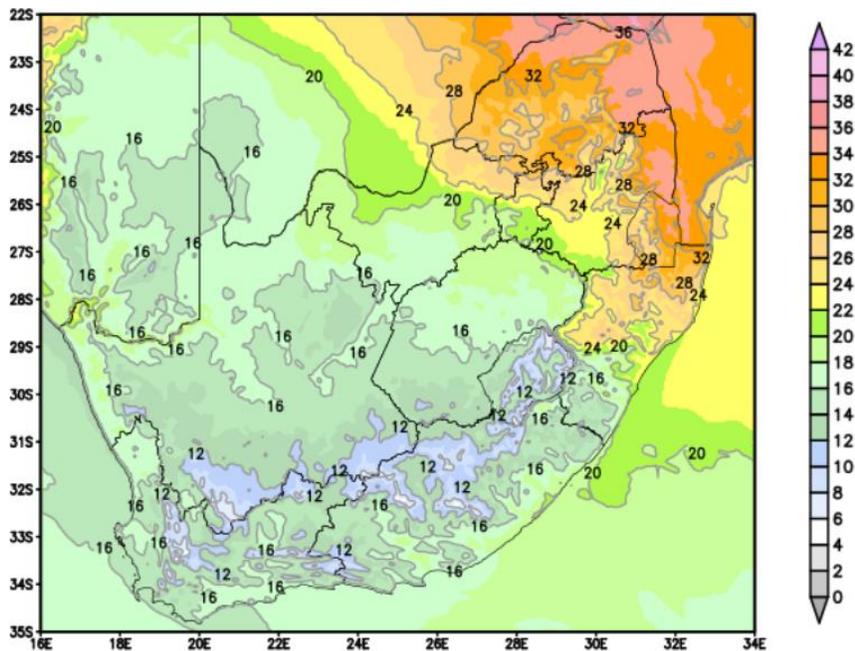


Figure 1: Maximum temperature (deg C) predicted for Saturday 31 August 2019 (Source: ECMWF)

On Spring day, Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, the cold front will be northeast of South Africa resulting in isolated (30%) rain and showers in the Lowveld of Mpumalanga and Limpopo Province. As per Figure 2, cold conditions can be expected over parts of the eastern interior, otherwise fine and cool weather is expected over remainder of the country.

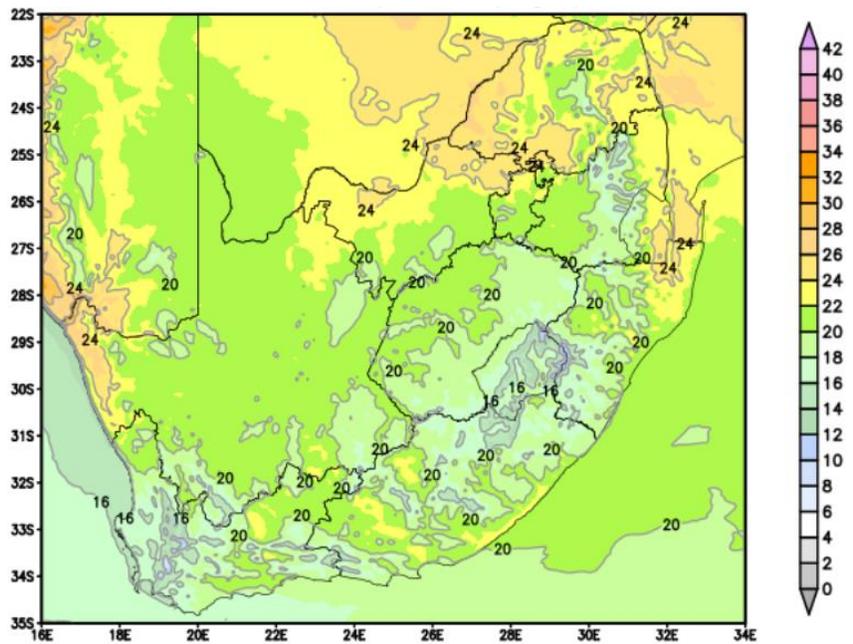


Figure 2: Maximum temperature (deg C) predicted for Sunday the 01<sup>st</sup> September 2019 (Source: ECMWF)

The South African Weather Service will continue to monitor any further developments relating to this weather system and will issue subsequent updates as required. Furthermore, the public is urged to regularly follow weather forecasts on television and radio.

Updated information in this regard will regularly be available at [www.weathersa.co.za](http://www.weathersa.co.za) as well as via the SA Weather Service Twitter account **@SAWeatherServic**

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