



Hluleka Nature Reserve



# VISITOR GUIDE

EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL  
NATURE RESERVES



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The Eastern Cape is *Yours to Explore* and Wazi, representing the welcoming, friendly spirit of the people of the Eastern Cape, is your guide to exploring our magnificent provincial nature reserves - managed and protected for you by the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency.

Wazi indicates the main feature of each of the 16 provincial nature reserves showcased in this visitor guide. From camping and caravanning to wildlife safaris and birding, Eastern Cape provincial nature reserves offer something for everybody.



This visitor guide makes it easy for you to match your interests with the ideal nature reserve for you to explore. **Biodiversity & Heritage** reserves offer unique biodiversity features and recognised heritage sites - such as internationally acclaimed Baviaanskloof with its World Heritage Status. The **Game Management & Recreation** reserves provide additional recreational activities. The **Marine and Coastal** reserves feature fantastic stretches of coastline that make the Eastern Cape so unique and provide excellent viewing opportunities of whales and dolphin.

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or contact our friendly Reservations Team  
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### WARNING

- DO NOT FEED baboons or monkeys.
- STAY IN VEHICLE at all times on self-drive game drives.
- Comply with all reserve rules.

See pages **66** to **67** for  
information on  
accommodation options  
and amenities at reserves.



Please note: information in  
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without notice.

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## DISTANCE TABLE

FROM RESERVE TO EAST LONDON

1 BAVIAANSKLOOF	490km	10 ONGELUKSNEK	580km
2 GREAT FISH RIVER	150km	11 OVISTON	400km
3 GROENDAL	360km	12 TSOLWANA	250km
4 ISLAND	304km	13 DWESA - CWEBE	230km
5 THOMAS BAINES	180km	14 HLULEKA	320km
6 WATERS MEETING	160km	15 LUCHABA	234km
7 COMMANDO DRIFT	90km	16 MKHAMBATHI	465km
8 DOUBLE MOUTH	90km	17 SILAKA	330km
9 MPOFU - FORT FORDYCE	162km		



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**MOUNTAIN  
SPLENDOUR**



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**LILIZELA**  
TOURISM AWARDS

**Lilizela Award Winner**  
for Scenic Beauty

# BAVIAANSKLOOF

## (WORLD HERITAGE SITE)

A UNESCO World Heritage Site as well as a Cape Floristic Region protected area, Baviaanskloof (Valley of the Baboons) is a magnificent mountain kingdom spanning 2 040km, boasting seven of South Africa's nine biomes - fynbos, forest, grassland, succulent Karoo, Nama-Karoo, subtropical thicket and savannah.

At the eastern entrance to the reserve is the World Heritage Site Interpretive Centre with dedicated displays that showcase the reserve. Guides are on hand to show visitors around the centre and explain all about the rich biodiversity, cultural heritage and natural wonders

that make Baviaanskloof one of the most spectacular regions in the country.

In addition to the scenic splendour of the region, Baviaanskloof is fast gaining recognition as one of South Africa's premier adventure destinations. Traversing this reserve by 4x4 or on mountain bike (permission and support vehicle required), up rugged mountain passes, through rivers and across the plateau, is an unforgettable true wilderness experience.

### GATE TIMES

Summer: 06h00 - 16h00  
Winter: 07h00 - 16h00

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30  
Weekends: 08h00 - 16h00



### RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Komdomo Office: 087 286 6494  
Senior Reserve Manager: 079 496 7978

### DIRECTIONS

Access from the east: Travel from the N2 to Patensie along the R331 and from Patensie to Komdomo on the R332 (27km).  
Access from the west: Take N9 from George to Willowmore and from Willowmore to Coleske gate on the R332 (100km gravel).



## DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Komdomo picnic area and bird trail
- World Heritage Interpretive Centre and picnic area
- Poortjies waterfall walk
- Combrink Pass lookout point
- Grasnek lookout point
- Smitskraal picnic area
- Bergplaas Plateau lookout



## ACCOMMODATION

Baviaanskloof offers visitors the chance to embrace true wilderness, with campsites on the banks of the Groot River (Komdomo campsite) and in the Kouga Dam region (Doodsklip and Rooihoek campsites) - in close proximity to awesome deep river pools, ideal for swimming. Bergplaas Trail Hut is a rustic, self-catering hut with breathtaking views and is used as a basecamp for hikers. The magnificent Geelhoutbos Lodge offers comfortable accommodation in the most spectacular natural environment.

### KOMDOMO CARAVAN & TENT CAMPSITE

**(3-STAR):** 27 sites with power point supply, ablutions & hot water (Groot River)

**DOODSKLIP CAMPSITE:** 5 sites

**ROOIHOEK CAMPSITE:** 6 sites (Kouga Dam region)

**BERGPLAAS TRAIL HUT:** 2 bedrooms with bunk beds, 1 bathroom - sleeps 12

**GEELHOUTBOS LODGE (3-STAR):** 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom & en-suite shower with solar power - sleeps 10

*(Please note: a special combination code is required for Doodsklip, Rooihoek and Bergplaas.)*



## PERMITS REQUIRED

Entrance & Activity permits (camping, day visit or drive through).





# MOUNTAIN SPLENDOUR

## BIRDS

- ☐ Hottentot buttonquail
- ☐ Blue crane
- ☐ Knysna woodpecker
- ☐ Crowned eagle
- ☐ Black harrier
- ☐ Orange-breasted sunbird
- ☐ African fish eagle
- ☐ Knysna turaco



## ANIMALS

- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Cape buffalo
- ☐ Klipspringer
- ☐ Cape mountain zebra
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Leopard
- ☐ Mountain reedbuck
- ☐ Red hartebeest
- ☐ Baboon
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Duiker
- ☐ Grysbok
- ☐ Grey rhebok
- ☐ Aardvark
- ☐ Aardwolf
- ☐ Cape clawless otter
- ☐ Honey badger
- ☐ Bush pig
- ☐ Leopard
- ☐ Bat-eared fox
- ☐ Caracal



## PLANTS

- ☐ Protea
- ☐ Erica
- ☐ Cedar
- ☐ Pre-historic cycad
- ☐ Giant Outeniqua yellowwood
- 70 succulent species



## GPS COORDINATES

33°39'47.2"S | 24°32'29.2"E



## A MUST VISIT WORLD HERITAGE SITE!

### ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Bird watching
- Swimming
- Cycling (permission granted & support vehicle compulsory)
- Picnicking at Komdomo and Smitskraal
- Guided tour of World Heritage Centre
- Guided walk to San rock-art
- Wildlife photography
- Wilderness self-drive along the R332
- Cable way at Holgat pass lookout point
- **HIKING:**
  - Bergplaas Hiking Trail to Pete's Pools (day trip hikes only from Bergplaas and only for overnight visitors)
  - Poortjies Waterfall Trail
  - Komdomo River Trail
  - Maqpeek Hiking Trail (day trip hikes only from Bergplaas and only by overnight visitors)



## OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS



### NEAREST TOWNS

- PATENSIE - 35km to Komdomo office
- HUMANSDRP - 79km
- JEFFREY'S BAY - 107km
- PORT ELIZABETH - 120km
- WILLOWMORE - 149,5km to Western Gate

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Kouga Dam
- Sarah Baartman gravesite - Hankey
- Fig tree forest at Baviaanskloof
- Padlang's
- Grootriverpoort
- Tolbos Farm Stall
- Vero's craft shop
- Willowmore
- Largest sundial in Africa / 2nd largest in Southern Hemisphere - Hankey
- Karoo Farm Tour
- Willowmore Golf Course
- Makkedaat Caves

### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

2x4 or 4x4  
(No quad bikes or motocross bikes allowed).





**RICH IN HISTORY,  
WILDLIFE AND  
NATURAL SPLENDOUR**



# GREAT FISH RIVER

The Great Fish River has a rich and varied history, from the earliest movements of San hunter-gatherers in 300 A.D. to the Frontier Wars between settlers and Xhosas in the 19th century. This once was a place of conflict, the Great Fish River forming a boundary between settler and Xhosa territories, with a number of forts, signal towers, fortified farmsteads, barracks and graves - Fort Double Drift, Fort Wilshire and Knott Memorial Church. Memories of turmoil have been replaced by tranquility in this vast and spectacular reserve that stretches as far as the eye can see.

The 45 000ha reserve, including the Andries Vosloo Kudu Reserve, Double Drift Nature Reserve and Sam Knott Nature Reserve, is defined by significant plant biodiversity, ranging from sub-tropical thicket to savannah and grassland. It's a birder's paradise with 245 bird sightings. The Adam's Krantz viewpoint over the twisting Fish River canyon is one of the most iconic Eastern Cape vistas. Magnificent sunsets can be celebrated from a wooden deck perched on the cliff while the Double Drift picnic site alongside the river is the perfect spot for braais.

**GATE TIMES** 05h00 - 17h00 (All overnight visitors to make arrangements with reserve management for late entry)

**OFFICE HOURS** Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30  
Weekends: 08h00 - 16h00

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAPS Alice: 040 653 2222  
Ambulance Service: 10177  
Alice Hospital: 040 653 1141



## DIRECTIONS

Alice is the nearest town, on the R345. The turn-off for Great Fish River is sign-posted in Alice. Travel 27km to the boom gate (gravel road in good condition), and another 6km to the main office. Contact the office for detailed directions and other access points.



## ACCOMMODATION

The reserve has a wonderful variety of accommodation: Mbabala Lodge built by early settlers, Nottingham Lodge - a beautiful colonial farm-style building that can accommodate large groups and Mvubu Lodge - a cluster of four stone cottages, with a swimming pool, a boma fireplace and a deck overlooking the Great Fish River. Six luxury stone and thatch chalets are situated further up-river, with wooden decks overlooking the valley.

- **MBABALA LODGE:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms - sleeps 9
- **NOTTINGHAM LODGE:** 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms - sleeps 10
- **MVUBU LODGE (4) :** 4 stone cottages - each sleeps 8
- **MVUBU CHALETs (6):** 2 bedroom chalets - each sleeps 4

## DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Self-drive game viewing
- Game walks
- Kentucky hide
- Picnicking



SPECTACULAR **ADAM'S KRANTZ VIEWPOINT** WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY



## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Main Office (Senior Reserve Manager): 087 286 6545 | 079 496 7883 | 071 442 0776  
Conservation Manager: 066 484 8364



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### BIRDS

- ☐ Martial eagle
- ☐ Stanley's bustard
- ☐ Blue crane
- ☐ Karoo shrub robin
- ☐ Cape robin-chat
- ☐ Malachite sunbird
- ☐ African fish eagle
- ☐ African finfoot
- ☐ Black-winged stilt
- ☐ South African shelduck
- ☐ Knysna woodpecker
- ☐ Acacia pied barbet
- ☐ Jacobin cuckoo
- ☐ Pearl-breasted swallow
- ☐ Willow warbler
- ☐ African paradise-flycatcher
- ☐ Red-backed shrike
- ☐ Egyptian goose
- ☐ Yellow-billed duck

### PLANTS

- ☐ Spekboom veld
- ☐ Acacia karoo veld
- ☐ Porkbush
- ☐ Honey euphorbia
- ☐ River euphorbia
- ☐ Bitter aloe
- ☐ Climbing aloe

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Elephant
- ☐ Buffalo
- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Hippo
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Red hartebeest
- ☐ Ostrich
- ☐ Plains zebra
- ☐ Baboon
- ☐ Jackal
- ☐ Steenbok



### GPS COORDINATES

33°03'54.7"S | 26°49'13.4"E



### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Makhanda
- Private Game Reserves
- Alice Heritage Sites



## BIODIVERSITY & HERITAGE

### ACTIVITIES

- Self-drive game viewing
- Wildlife photography.
- Kentucky hide
- Game walks from Mvubu Lodge
- Keiskamma cemetery
- Adam Krantz viewpoint
- Picknicking
- Birding
- Fort Wiltshire



**OUTDOOR  
ENTHUSIASTS**



### NEAREST TOWNS

- ALICE - 30km
- MAKHANDA - 35km
- EAST LONDON - 150km
- PEDDIE - 35km
- FORT BEAUFORT - 70km



### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)

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**HIKE THE TRAILS  
OF THE SAN**



# GROENDAL

The 45 000ha Groendal wilderness area protects the water catchment of the Swartkops River (KwaZungha River) and forms part of the spectacular Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site. Although it is situated just 50km from central Port Elizabeth, it is characterised by unspoiled landscape including deep kloofs, gushing streams, ravines and crystal-clear pools. At the centre of the reserve is the tranquil Groendal Dam. Encompassed by the towering Groot Winterhoek Mountain Range, the reserve was first proclaimed a

wilderness area in 1976, making it one of the oldest protected areas in the Eastern Cape. Groendal is important to our cultural heritage, as the protected San rock-art in the area provides an invaluable record of the earliest inhabitants of this region.

Groendal is one of the most popular hiking destinations in the Nelson Mandela Bay area. The predominantly fynbos vegetation is home to a diverse range of bird and animal species.

**GATE TIMES** 07h30 - 21h00  
**OFFICE HOURS** Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30  
Weekends: 08h00 - 16h00 (public holidays)

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Groendal Office: 087 086 2499  
Reserve Manager: 071 609 1383  
Section Ranger (alternative): 073 378 4324



## DIRECTIONS

From Uitenhage, take Durban Street and turn left to Cuyler Street, pass Swartkops River bridge and turn right to Kruiservier Road. Continue with the gravel road until low water bridge is passed. At the T-junction turn left and drive straight through Hebron Quarries until you reach the Groendal gate control.

### ACCOMMODATION

The Groendal Camp has eight sites with beautiful views of the Groot Winterhoek mountains. There is also Rooikrans Lodge for those who prefer a more comfortable sleep!

- **ROOIKRANS LODGE (3-STAR):** 3 bedrooms - sleeps 6
- **ROOIKRANS CAMPSITES (3-STAR):** 8 sites

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAPS: 041 996 3438

Ambulance: 10177

Search & Rescue: 072 324 4985 | 073 755 2250

Emergency Automobile Service: 0800 003 066

### WONDERLAND FOR THE **AVID HIKER**



### DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- 6 x Rooikrans picnic sites with braai stands
- 1 x Lapa

### PERMITS REQUIRED

Entrance permit  
Activity permit  
Accommodation permit



## HIKE THE TRAILS OF THE SAN

### ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Picnicking
- San rock-art
- Old graves and monument
- **HIKING:**
  - 16km Blindekloof Trail to Crystal Cavern Pool & shorter 4km circular trail
  - 32km Upper Blindekloof Trail (advanced - 2 days sleep in tent or cave)
  - Emerald Pool Trail to Groendal Dam (cross Swartskop River to Eel Cave)
  - Dam Trail through riverine forest along KwaZunga River through the Aquilakloof



### BIRDS

- 180 species recorded
- ☐ Buttonquail
- ☐ Fish eagle
- ☐ Knysna turaco
- ☐ Francolin
- ☐ Partridge
- ☐ Yellow-billed duck
- ☐ Black duck

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Baboon
- ☐ Common duiker
- ☐ Cape grysbok
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Grey rhebok
- ☐ Mountain reedbuck



### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Drosty Museum - Uitenhage
- Auto Pavilion Museum - Uitenhage
- Island Nature Reserve
- Addo Elephant Park
- Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site
- Rock-art
- Kwa-Zunga catchment
- Addo Elephant National Park
- Zipline and quadbike in Addo
- Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site



### PLANTS

- ☐ Fynbos
- ☐ Indigenous forest
- ☐ Valley bushveld scrub
- ☐ Sneezewood (Ptaeroxylon Oblíquum)
- ☐ Pork bush (Portulacaria Afra)
- ☐ Big karee thorn (Lycium Astrinum)
- ☐ Bitter aloe (Aloe Ferox)
- ☐ Cycads
- ☐ Real yellowwood (Podocarpus Latifolius)
- ☐ White stinkwood (Celtis Africana)
- ☐ White ironwood (Vepris Undulata)



### GPS COORDINATES

33°40'37.5"S | 25°12'45.2"E

### NEAREST TOWNS

- UITENHAGE (10km)
- PORT ELIZABETH (50km)

### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

All types of vehicles





## EXPLORE ENCHANTED WOODS



### ACCOMMODATION

- DAY VISITORS ONLY

### PERMITS REQUIRED

Entrance & Activity permit

### DIRECTIONS

Approximately 25 km from Port Elizabeth.  
Accessed via the Seaview Road turn off  
on the national road (N2). After the turn  
off, travel for 6km to the entry point of the  
reserve on the left hand side of Seaview  
Road.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Kabega Police Station: 041 397 6886  
Sea-view Satellite Police Station: 041 378 1710  
Ambulance: 10177  
Councillor's Office: 041 775 1096

# ISLAND

480ha of indigenous Alexandria coastal forest, where ancient Outeniqua yellowwoods, hard pear trees and white milkwoods create a wonderful 'enchanted wood'. This forest was once referred to as an 'island' of verdant nature surrounded by a sea of development - giving the reserve its name. The central part of the reserve is a popular picnic site, with spacious braai facilities, wooden tables and seating. Expect to rub shoulders with a sizeable population of vervet monkeys, who share their lush surroundings with bushbuck, bush pigs and numerous colourful bird species. The exquisite coastal forest is also perfect for long walks, mountain biking, birding and game viewing.

### GPS COORDINATES

33°59'11.8"S | 25°21'27.6"E



### GATE TIMES

Mon - Thurs: 08h00 - 16h30  
Fri - Sun: 08h00 - 16h00

## BIRDS

- ☐ Knysna turaco
- ☐ Blue-mantled crested flycatcher
- ☐ Narina trogon
- ☐ Olive woodpecker
- ☐ Olive bush shrike
- ☐ Sweet waxbill
- ☐ Forest canary
- ☐ Forest buzzard
- +120 bird species

## ANIMALS

- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Bushpig

## PLANTS

- ☐ Indigenous Alexandria coastal forest
- ☐ Outeniqua yellowwood
- ☐ White milkwood
- ☐ Cheesewood
- ☐ Cape chestnut
- ☐ White pear tree
- ☐ Hard pear tree

## NEAREST TOWNS

- PORT ELIZABETH - 25KM
- UITENHAGE - 36KM
- JEFFREY'S BAY - 66KM

## BIODIVERSITY & HERITAGE

### DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- 60x picnic sites
- 2x wheelchair friendly ablution blocks
- Braai areas
- 2x laps

### ACTIVITIES

- Nature walks
- Picnicking
- Bird watching
- Trig Beacon lookout
- HIKING:
  - Bushbuck Hiking Trail (16km)
  - Shorter routes (900m to 7,6km)



### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Horse riding (Friends of Island)
- Mountain biking adventures (Sea-View Forest Resort Mountain Biking)
- Predator Park
- Van Stadens
- Groendal
- Addo Elephant Park
- Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site

THE PERFECT PLACE FOR  
**A SHO'T LEFT  
DAY TRIP!**



### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Island Nature Reserve: 087 086 2498  
Reserve Manager: 071 609 1383





# A NATURAL HAVEN



# THOMAS BAINES

Just 12km outside Makhanda, Thomas Baines Nature Reserve is an ideal destination for those wanting to explore the rich historical, cultural and geological history of South Africa's famed Frontier Country. Originally established as a municipal nature reserve in 1961, it was declared a provincial nature reserve in 1980. The reserve comprises a number of farms bordering and incorporating Howison's Poort Reservoir and Settlers Dam - both important water sources for Makhanda.

The 1 000ha reserve teems with birdlife, and the 15kms of dirt tracks make for excellent game drives, nature walks and mountain biking. Look out for eland, zebra, red hartebeest, warthogs and monkeys as you negotiate the reserve's lush fynbos and Albany thicket landscapes. Scenic but basic, non-powered campsites on the banks of Settlers Dam offer a rustic charm, in close proximity to excellent fishing, sailing and hiking sites.

The reserve is named after the famous 19th century artist, who left a valuable record of the rich diversity of flora and fauna in the region, including the now extinct Quagga.

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Manager: 079 496 7979

Section Ranger: 079 423 3492

Office: 087 285 7399 / 7398 / 7397



## GATE TIMES

06h00 - 18h00 (Mar-Oct)

06h00 - 19h00 (Nov-Feb)

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Makhanda EMS Ambulance Services: 046 622 9102

Emergency Line: 10177

Netcare Settlers Hospital: 046 602 5000

Makhanda SAPS: 046 603 9146 / 9147 / 9152

## DIRECTIONS

Thomas Baines Nature Reserve lies just 12km outside of Makhanda, en route to Port Elizabeth on the N2.

### ACCOMMODATION

Dung Beetle Cottage is a self-catering unit that accommodates four people. It is fully equipped, including linen. Settlers Dam Campsites are on the banks of Settlers Dam, with basic ablution facilities and access to all the natural amenities of the reserve. The Environmental Educational Centre offers two dormitories that accommodate 30 people in each, as well as two teachers' quarters.

- **SETTLERS DAM CAMPSITE (3-STAR):**  
5 sites with basic ablution facilities
- **DUNG BEETLE COTTAGE (3-STAR):**  
2 bedrooms, 1 shower - sleeps 4
- **BOYS DORMITORY:** 30 beds and 3 showers
- **GIRLS DORMITORY:** 30 beds 4 showers
- **TEACHERS ROOM:** 2 bedrooms,  
1 shower - sleeps 4

### DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Picnic sites
- Conference hall





# A NATURAL HAVEN

## BIRDS

- ☐ African fish eagle
- ☐ Crowned eagle
- ☐ Jackal buzzard
- ☐ Knysna turaco
- ☐ Fiery-necked nightjar
- ☐ Trumpeter and crowned hornbill
- ☐ Black and grey cuckoo-shrike
- ☐ Fork-tailed drongo
- ☐ Wagtail
- ☐ Starling
- ☐ Flycatcher
- ☐ Malachite sunbird
- ☐ Canary species
- ☐ Weaver species
- ☐ Bulbul species
- ☐ Honeyguide species
- ☐ Woodpecker species
- ☐ Swallow species
- ☐ Dove species
- ☐ Cuckoo species
- ☐ Owl species

## ANIMALS

- ☐ Warthog
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Aardwolf
- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Red hartebeest
- ☐ Mountain reedbuck
- ☐ Common duiker
- ☐ Wildcat
- ☐ Plains zebra

## PLANTS

### BIOMES

- ☐ Albany thicket
- ☐ Fynbos
- ☐ Forest
- ☐ Savanna

### COMMON PLANTS

- ☐ Aloe ferrox (Bitter Aloe)
- ☐ Euphorbia triangularis (River Euphorbia)
- ☐ Olea europaea subsp.african (Wild olive)
- ☐ Cussonia spicata (Cabbage Tree)
- ☐ Acacia karroo (Sweet thorn)
- ☐ Ptaeroxylon obliquum (Sneeze wood)
- ☐ Diospyros lycioides (Quilted bluebush)
- ☐ Sideroxylon inerme (Whitemilk wood)
- ☐ Dovyalis rhamnoides (Common sourberry)
- ☐ Portulacaria afra (Porkbush)
- ☐ Schotia afra (Karoo boer-bean)
- ☐ Pappea capensis (Jacket plum)



## GPS COORDINATES

33°23'26.9"S

26°29'13.2"E





## BIODIVERSITY & HERITAGE

### ACTIVITIES

- Bird watching
- Hiking
- Nature walks
- Camping
- Picnicking
- Self-drive game viewing
- Teambuilding
- Fishing
- Canoeing (bring own canoe & safety gear)
- Cycling



**OUTDOOR  
ENTHUSIASTS**



**GET YOUR SCHOOL  
TO BRING YOU HERE**



### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Makhanda - host of the National Arts Festival
- Albany Museum
- Observatory Museum
- Settlers Monument
- Sunshine Coast - beautiful, pristine beaches

### NEAREST TOWNS

- MAKHANDA - 13km
- KENTON - 47km
- PORT ELIZABETH - 110km
- EAST LONDON - 180km

### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2 x 4 or 4 x 4)



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**A NATURAL  
HAVEN**



# WATERS MEETING

Waters Meeting Nature Reserve was originally established as a forest reserve in 1897 and was declared a nature reserve in 1952 and 1985, and consist of two discontinuous reserves situated on the Kowie River in the vicinity of Bathurst namely Waters Meeting I (198ha) and Waters Meeting II (3 261ha). Sarel Hayward Dam supply water for Port Alfred, Ndlambe Municipality.

Salt water from the sea and fresh water from Kowie River meet at the ebb and flow near the picnic site, hence the name waters meeting.

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reception: 087 286 6540/6541/6543

Reserve Manager: 079 496 7979

Section Ranger: 076 423 3492

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Port Alfred Fire Brigade: 046 624 1140

Port Alfred Hospital: 046 604 4000

**DIRECTIONS:** Waters Meeting is situated in Ndlambe Municipality, north west of Bathurst which is located between Makhanda and Port Alfred on the R67.

From R72 take R67 main road to Bathurst from Port Alfred. Turn left onto first left gravel road after passing Bathurst Police Station. Follow the signs to Nature Reserve (about 6km).

From N2 take the left off-ramp onto R67 to Port Alfred, continue straight at Pig and Whistle/Bathurst Arms interchange, pass the Bradshaw's mill and follow the signs to Nature Reserve (about 5km)



## BIODIVERSITY & HERITAGE

### ACCOMMODATION

**HORSESHOE CABIN:** 15 beds, gas stove and geyser, solar power, fire for heating and cooking

### ACTIVITIES

Kowie Canoe Trail

Picnicking

Hiking:

- Blue Trail 9km
- Red Trail 3km
- Orange Trail 3.5km
- Green Trail 5km



### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Big Pineapple

Pig and Whistle

Horseshoe View Point

### GPS COORDINATES

33°27'01.0"S | 26°42'23.1"E

### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)

### DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Picnic area with braai facilities



### ANIMALS

53 mammal species  
Bats  
Duiker  
Baboon  
Vervet monkey  
Cape porcupine  
Bush pig  
Bushbuck  
Inyala  
Kudu  
Otter  
Small cats - variety  
41 reptiles species  
20 amphibians species  
11 butterfly species  
13 insect species

### PLANTS

Xeric Kaffrarian  
Thicket  
Eurphobia  
Sneezewood  
Knobwood  
Sweet thorn  
Wild Plum  
Yellowwood



### NEAREST TOWNS

- PORT ALFRED - 19 km
- MAKHANDA - 45km



**WATER SPORTS & THE  
GREAT OUTDOORS**



# COMMANDO DRIFT

Roughly 60km from Cradock, in the heart of Eastern Cape hinterland, lies the Commando Drift Nature Reserve with its central geographical feature, the impressive Commando Drift Dam. Fed by four rivers, the dam ensures an abundance of wildlife, including the endangered mountain zebra. Among the most striking features of the reserve is a series of spectacular dolerite and sandstone cliffs, as well as numerous popular hiking and off-road trails, including the Bushman and Endurance hiking trails and Palingkloof jeep track.

A great biking destination, the mountain bike trail has a circular route and a number of alternative trails. It is fairly easy, but includes some challenging hills, rocky terrain and a few devil thorns!

The reserve offers scenic chalets, campsites and direct lake access, making this a great option for the avid fisherman. Snow has been recorded in the surrounding mountains in winter months, so be prepared for cold!

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

TEL: 087 286 6404

**OFFICE HOURS** 08h00 - 16h30

**GATE TIMES** Summer: 06h00 - 19h00  
Winter: 07h00 - 18h00

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police: 10111  
Emergency Services: 10177  
Cradock Hospital: 048 881 2123



## DIRECTIONS

Commando Drift is roughly 60km north of Cradock on the road to Tarkastad.



## GAME MANAGEMENT & RECREATION

### ACCOMMODATION

Lake View Chalet and the Fish Eagle Cabins are comfortable self-catering establishments, with lovely views of the lake and all the basic facilities one needs.

The campsite is grassed and well maintained with excellent access to the dam.

### DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Picnic area
- Braai facilities
- Fishing

- **LAKE VIEW CHALET:** 1 bathroom - sleeps 4
- **FISH EAGLE CABINS:** 3 basic, electrified stone cabins with ablution facility
- **CAMPSITE:** 2 caravan sites (electrified) and 6 tent sites - with ablution facilities



### MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL & FABULOUS FISHING



### PERMITS REQUIRED

Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) permit, Hunting permit, Fishing permit (available at reserve office)





## WATER SPORTS & THE GREAT OUTDOORS

### BIRDS

- ☐ Blue crane
- ☐ Hadedda ibis
- ☐ White-necked raven
- ☐ Black crow
- ☐ Olive thrush
- ☐ Red-winged starling
- ☐ African fish eagle
- ☐ Cape turtle dove
- ☐ Egyptian goose

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Black wildebeest (White-tailed gnu)
- ☐ Cape mountain zebra
- ☐ Bontebok
- ☐ Ostrich
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Aardvark
- ☐ Warthog
- ☐ Springbok
- ☐ Steenbok
- ☐ Grey rhebok
- ☐ Black-backed jackal
- ☐ Porcupine
- ☐ Springhare
- ☐ Rock hyrax
- ☐ Caracal
- ☐ Common duiker

### PLANTS

- ☐ Sweet thorn
- ☐ Blue bush
- ☐ Glossy currant
- ☐ Bitter aloe (Aloe Ferox)
- ☐ Kei apple



### ACTIVITIES

- Hiking
- Bushman Trail (6km)
- Endurance Trail (28km circular)
- Fishing
- Boating (own boat)
- Self-drive game viewing
- Camping
- Picnicking
- Hunting
- Birding
- Rock-art paintings

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Cradock - Schreiner House Museum, Olive Schreiner Museum, Golf Club
- Tarkastad - 4x4 trail
- Commando Drift Dam
- Rock-art
- Bushman Trail
- Cradock Four Garden of Remembrance in Lingelihle
- Mountain Zebra National Park
- Tarkastad rock engravings in Grootvlei
- Tarkastad War Memorial

### NEAREST TOWNS

- TARKASTAD - 35 km
- CRADOCK - 55km
- QUEENSTOWN - 125km



### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)

### GPS COORDINATES

32°04'37.4"S | 26°01'46.4"E







**AWESOME**  
CAMPING EXPERIENCE



# DOUBLE MOUTH & CAPE MORGAN CONFERENCE CENTRE

Nestled alongside the popular holiday town of Morgan Bay, just 50 minutes' drive from East London, Double Mouth Nature Reserve is one of the Eastern Cape's premier coastal camping destinations. Thirty beautiful camp and caravan sites enjoy spectacular sea views and easy access to both the beach and the Quko River Mouth, making this the ideal camp for fishing and water sport enthusiasts. The adjacent estuary and lush forested dunes are home to a large number of bird species, while small game such as bushbuck, blue duiker, mongoose and vervet monkeys are frequent campsite visitors.

Remnants from the shipwreck - Santo Espiritu that ran aground in 1608 just off Black Rock between Haga-Haga - 'money cowries' (cowrie shells used as money to buy goods), carnelian beads (red in colour and were mined in India over a century ago) and Chinese blue and white Ming porcelain shards can be found in the shingle and sand at what has become known as 'Bead Beach', between Black Rock and the Quko River at Double Mouth.

The Cape Morgan Conference Centre is a multi-purpose conference venue with state of the art conferencing facilities and catering services.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Paramedic: 043 726 2247

Police: 10111

Police Station Kei Mouth: 043 841 1080

Net Care: 082 911

Cwili Clinic: 043 841 1274

Fire Rescue: 043 841 1084



## DIRECTIONS

Drive 35 km from East London on the N2 in the direction of Durban. Turn right down the R349 to Morgan Bay (40km). Double Mouth is just 5km south of Morgan Bay along Beach Road.



## ACCOMMODATION

Double Mouth is an incredible secluded campsite, set among the trees overlooking a beautiful stretch of the Wild Coast. The campsite is laid out in a perfect semi-circle, protected on all sides by forest, with a communal ablution block, individual braai facilities and electricity points for each of the 30 sites. A lush, grassy field offers a lovely place for kids to play and families to picnic, and just beyond that is the beach cove, where rock pools abound and waves roll up the pebbly beach.

## DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Parking
- Picnic site
- Braai facilities
- Ablution blocks

- **DOUBLE MOUTH CAMPSITE:** 30 sites  
- with electrical points and ablution facility with hot water.
- **CAPE MORGAN CONFERENCE CENTRE**



## PERMITS REQUIRED

Fishing and Bait Collecting permit  
(from post office)

Day visit and overnight permit (receipt)

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Manager: 071 476 4418 | 087 286 6519  
Double Mouth: 087 285 7385  
Cape Morgan: 043 841 1188





**AWESOME**  
CAMPING EXPERIENCE

### BIRDS

- ☐ Cape gannet
- ☐ White-breasted cormorant
- ☐ Cape cormorant
- ☐ Reed cormorant
- ☐ Grey heron
- ☐ Black-headed heron
- ☐ Little egret
- ☐ Cattle egret
- ☐ Hadeda ibis
- ☐ Cape vulture
- ☐ Kelp gull
- ☐ African wood owl
- ☐ Spotted eagle owl
- ☐ African grass owl
- ☐ Barn owl
- ☐ African fish eagle
- ☐ Jackal buzzard

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Bush Pig
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Mongoose
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Clawless otter
- ☐ Dolphin
- ☐ Whale
- ☐ Porcupine
- ☐ Rock dassie
- ☐ Black-backed jackal
- ☐ Rock monitor lizard
- ☐ Great white shark

### PLANTS

- ☐ Wild banana (Ikhamanga)
- ☐ Milkwood (Umntunzi)
- ☐ Sweet thorn (Umnga)
- ☐ Fig tree (Umthombe)
- ☐ Wild date palm (Isundu)
- ☐ Coastal silver oak (Igqange)
- ☐ Cat thorn claw tree (Ispingo)
- ☐ African potato (Inongwe)

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- The Morgan Bay Cliffs
- Gxara Village visits
- Climbing and abseiling
- Morganville Motorcycle Museum
- Golf at Kei Mouth Country Club
- Cape Morgan Lighthouse
- Kei Mouth
- The Bushbuck Trail
- Bowls at the Morgan Bay Bowling Green
- Wild Coast Horseback Adventures
- Pont at Kei River
- Morgan Bay Hotel
- Miarestate Hotel and Spa
- Haga Haga
- Double Mouth Photo Frame





## ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Caravanning
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Bird watching
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Surfing
- Canoeing
- Conferencing



## NEAREST TOWNS

- PORT ELIZABETH 400km
- MTHATHA 213km
- EAST LONDON 90km
- KEI MOUTH 14km
- MORGAN BAY 5km



## GPS COORDINATES

32°43'25.8"S | 28°18'50.4"E

## RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)  
Sedan



**RICH IN HISTORY  
& NATURAL WONDERS**



# MPOFU – FORT FORDYCE

Covering +/-15 000ha, the reserve is situated 25km northwest of Fort Beaufort, on the escarpment and lower valleys of the Amathole catchment, with magnificent views of the Katberg and Amathole Mountains. Comprising Mpoфу, Fort Fordyce and Bosnek, the reserve is of great cultural and historical significance, with incredible San rock-art and sites of the 8th Frontier War. The remnants of two forts built during the Frontier Wars can be seen on the high ground of Horseshoe Valley. Both became known as Fort Fordyce, after Lieutenant Colonel John Fordyce who was shot and killed by Xhosa warriors during the attack in 1851 on Chief Maqoma - the most renowned Xhosa chief of the Frontier Wars. Fullers Hoek is a kloof with huge caves used by Maqoma and his followers as a hide out.

The indigenous forest hosts amongst the most diverse and richest species in southern Africa and the reserve serves as an excellent birding destination. Bass fishing is a popular activity as is rock climbing - Fort Fordyce features ten bolted routes with names like the Fever Ward, the Labour Ward and the More Mojo Sector.

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Office: 087 086 2500 | 087 286 6500  
Reserve Manager: 079 496 7818 | 073 950 1155



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAPS: 046 645 1133  
Dr Lochner (Fort Beaufort): 046 645 1177  
Dr Black (Adelaide): 046 684 0162  
Fort Beaufort Hospital: 046 645 1111  
Adelaide Hospital: 046 684 0274  
Fire Brigade: 046 645 1174

## DIRECTIONS

**FORT FORDYCE SECTION** – from Fort Beaufort drive 10km on the R67 towards Queenstown. Turn left to Fort Fordyce. Drive 1km and turn left again. Drive 12km up a mountain pass to Fort Fordyce Section Office.  
**MPOFU SECTION** – from Fort Beaufort drive 12km on the R67 towards Queenstown. Turn left at the Post Retief turn off. Drive 12km up a mountain pass until you get to the sign stating Mpoфу Office. Turn left and continue for 2km until you get to the Mpoфу Section Office.



## DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Picnic sites
- Braai areas



**OFFICE HOURS** 08h00 - 16h30  
**GATE TIMES** 24 hours



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## ACCOMMODATION

Mpofu Lodge is a spacious lodge with a stunning view of the Katberg Mountains. There is also a conference facility available. Louries Rest has a wonderful view of the Amathole Mountains whilst Maqoma's Den is nestled against the edge of the forest. Harris Hut is situated alongside a stream in an indigenous Forest. Phakamisa Hut is almost literally 'on top of the world', with awesome views of the Katberg and Amathole Mountains. All accommodation is self-catering.

- **CAMPING:** Basic facilities at the dam at Fort Fordyce
- **MPOFU LODGE (3-STAR):** 7 en-suite bedrooms - sleeps 14
- **LOURIES REST:** 5 bedrooms - sleeps 18
- **MAQOMA'S DEN:** 2 bedrooms - sleeps 4
- **HARRIS HUT:** 2 bedrooms - sleeps 4
- **PHAKAMISA HUT:** 3 bedrooms - sleeps 6





## RICH IN HISTORY & NATURAL WONDERS

### BIRDS

- ☐ Narina trogon
- ☐ Rameron pigeon
- ☐ Cape parrot
- ☐ Starred robin
- ☐ Knysna turaco
- ☐ Sparrowhawk
- ☐ Rufous-breasted spurfowl
- ☐ Red-necked starling
- ☐ Cape glossy starling
- ☐ Common starling
- ☐ African stork
- ☐ Greater double-collared sunbird
- ☐ Grey sunbird
- ☐ Southern thick-knee
- ☐ Spotted thrush
- ☐ Green wood owl
- ☐ African warbler
- ☐ Yellow-throated woodpecker
- ☐ Cardinal woodpecker
- ☐ Knysna woodpecker
- ☐ Olive hammerkop
- ☐ Eurasian honeybird
- ☐ Brown-backed honeyguide
- ☐ African hornbill
- ☐ Crowned house-martin
- ☐ Common ibis
- ☐ African sacred ibis
- ☐ Rock kingfisher
- ☐ Brown-hooded kite
- ☐ Black-shouldered kite
- ☐ Cape martin
- ☐ Rock moorhen
- ☐ Common mousebird
- ☐ Red-faced mousebird
- ☐ Speckled neddicky
- ☐ Fiery-necked nightjar
- ☐ Olive pigeon

- ☐ Olive buzzard
- ☐ Forest buzzard
- ☐ Jackal buzzard
- ☐ Yellow-fronted chat
- ☐ Familiar cisticola
- ☐ Levallant's cisticola

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Leopard
- ☐ Baboon
- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Burchell's zebra
- ☐ Black wildebeest
- ☐ Red hartebeest
- ☐ Blesbok
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Mountain reedbuck
- ☐ Cape buffalo
- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Honey badger
- ☐ Cape clawless otter
- ☐ Tree hyrax (dassie)
- ☐ Rock hyrax (dassie)
- ☐ Plains zebra
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Warthog
- ☐ Impala
- ☐ Springbuck
- ☐ Common reedbuck
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Waterbuck
- ☐ Jackal
- ☐ Bushpig
- ☐ Aardvark
- ☐ Small grey mongoose
- ☐ Porcupine
- ☐ Small-spotted genet
- ☐ Cape clawless otter

- ☐ Caracal
- ☐ Striped mouse
- ☐ Pygmy mouse
- ☐ Vlei rat
- ☐ Smith's red rock rabbit
- ☐ Forest shrew
- ☐ Dark-footed forest shrew

### PLANTS

- ☐ Afromontane forest
- ☐ Grassland
- ☐ Thicket
- ☐ Sourveld
- ☐ Sneezewood



## NATURE LOVER



### GPS COORDINATES

32°40'44.8"S  
26°29'23.0"E

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Post Retief Ruins
- Katberg Pass
- Martello Tower
- Military Museum
- Baddafort Farmstall
- Hogsback
- Katberg Eco Golf Estate

## UNLEASH THE HISTORIAN IN YOU – A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME.



### ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Rock climbing (by management approval only)
- Self-drive game viewing
- Hiking - 3hrs to full day
- Fishing - catch and release bass fishing - only 'dry bait' (lures and spinners) permitted
- Educational tours on request
- San rock-art viewing
- Fullers Hoek caves
- Historic sites
- Bird watching
- Picnicking



### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2 x 4 or 4 x 4)  
Sedan

### NEAREST TOWNS

- FORT BEAUFORT - 25km
- MAKHANDA - 110km
- QUEENSTOWN - 150km
- EAST LONDON - 180km
- PORT ELIZABETH - 220km





WHERE ADVENTURE  
**BEGINS**



# ONGELUKSNEK

The Ongeluksnek area was so named in about 1860 after one of the trekkers in the Griqua trek to 'Nomansland' died from a gunshot wound. The reserve forms part of the Maloti Drakensberg Transfrontier Park (MDTP) and is renowned for its natural beauty, verdant wetlands and perilous mountain pass. Much of the reserve is covered with east Griqualand grassland, with lush wetlands at Lake Letsie in the north, bordering Lesotho. Unique features include a spectacular waterfall and a vulture 'restaurant' where the rare bearded vulture can be spotted.

This reserve is a hiker's paradise – with trails to suit all levels of competence. There are a number of marked trails, ranging from 1km to 12km in distance, as well as longer trails that require a good contour map and experienced mountaineers. Enthusiastic birders are in for a treat with some 241 different bird species found in the area.

The rugged Ongeluksnek pass (which traverses the length of the reserve) is strictly for off road vehicles and has humbled many fearless travellers! The track is usually rutted, muddy and quite difficult to negotiate, but the challenge offers great rewards.

In the 1970s four San rock-art sites were recorded in the vicinity of the Mariazell Mission Station. The Natal Museum revisited and confirmed these sites in 2005.

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Manager: 079 496 7954

Hospitality Supervisor: 082 056 1500

Office: 087 086 2503 | 039 492 0076



## DIRECTIONS

From Matatiele, head west along tarred R56 for 10km. Turn right onto a gravel road. Continue heading in a westerly direction for 35km. You will have a good view of the beautiful church and buildings of the Mariazell Mission station. Carry on for a further 5km to the entrance gate of the Ongeluksnek Nature Reserve.



## ACCOMMODATION

Gateway Lodge is a beautiful sandstone farmhouse located at the entrance to the reserve. It was built in the 1920s and provides rustic accommodation with wonderful views of the surrounding mountains. The lodge is self-catering. Two small rondavels are also available.

- **GATEWAY LODGE:** 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom - sleeps 10
- **RONDAVELS (2):** 1 with 2 single beds, 1 with one double bed - sleeps 2

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ongeluksnek Pass: 039 256 3010

SAPS: 10111

Ambulance: 10177

Netcare: 082911

ER24: 084 124

Avondale Police Station: 039 256 3002

Local Clinic: 079 340 0290

Matatiele: 039 737 3107

Mt Fletcher: 039 257 0043

Working on Fire: 082 312 9456

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Horse riding
- Mehlooding Hiking Trail
- 4x4 (drive through border up to Lesotho to the Lake Letsie wetland area - 24 km from lodge)
- Iron-age site
- Mariazell mission



## RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (4 x 4)



# WHERE ADVENTURE BEGINS

## BIRDS

- 241 different bird species

- ☐ Cape vulture
- ☐ Bearded vulture
- ☐ Lammergeier
- ☐ Secretary bird
- ☐ Amur falcon
- ☐ Lanner falcon
- ☐ Jackal buzzard
- ☐ Spotted eagle owl
- ☐ Marsh owl
- ☐ African harrier-hawk
- ☐ Crowned crane
- ☐ Blue crane
- ☐ Southern ground hornbill
- ☐ Denham's bustard

## ANIMALS

- ☐ Mountain reedbuck
- ☐ Baboon
- ☐ Black wildebeest
- ☐ Black backed jackal
- ☐ Caracal
- ☐ Hyrax (dassie)
- ☐ Grey duiker
- ☐ Grey rhebok
- ☐ Zebra

## PLANTS

- ☐ East Griqualand grassland
- ☐ Wetlands

**CALLING ALL HIKERS  
- SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE!**



## ACTIVITIES

- Picnicking
- Hiking - 1km to 12km
- Waterfall
- Mountain biking
- 4x4
- San rock-art
- Old grave sites
- Vulture 'restaurant'
- Mariazell Mission  
(guided tours by arrangement)
- Lot's Wife pillar (basalt formation)
- Camping



## NEAREST TOWNS

- MATATIELE - 45km
- KOKSTAD - 130km
- MACLEAR - 130km

## GPS COORDINATES

30°19'48.5"S  
28°21'57.7"E







WATER & WILDERNESS  
**GETAWAY**



# OVISTON

Initially established to preserve the False Upper Karoo vegetation and to support a breeding programme for buck, the 16 000ha reserve is one of the Eastern Cape's best-kept secrets. It is a secluded, peaceful reserve situated on the southern shores of the Gariep Dam – South Africa's largest standing body of fresh water. A visit to the quiet waterside village of Oviston in the Little Karoo is well worthwhile – spend afternoons fishing and boating on the dam, and enjoy a self-drive game drive through this awesome reserve. The Karoo climate is characterised by blazing hot days, followed by cool evenings and extraordinary sunsets. The landscape of wide-open grasslands, little 'koppies' and deep blue skies is a photographer's dream.

Gariep Dam is perfect for watersports, boating and swimming and is an excellent fishing destination. Anglers can hope to land largemouth yellowfish, Orange River mudfish, moggel and sharptooth catfish. The highlight of a day at the reserve is a sunset cruise on the peaceful dam.

**DIRECTIONS** From Venterstad's main street, take the Oviston turn off. Proceed straight along the tar road until you reach the main gate. About 2 km from the main gate turn right to Oviston and at about 5 km arrive at Oviston Nature Reserve office.



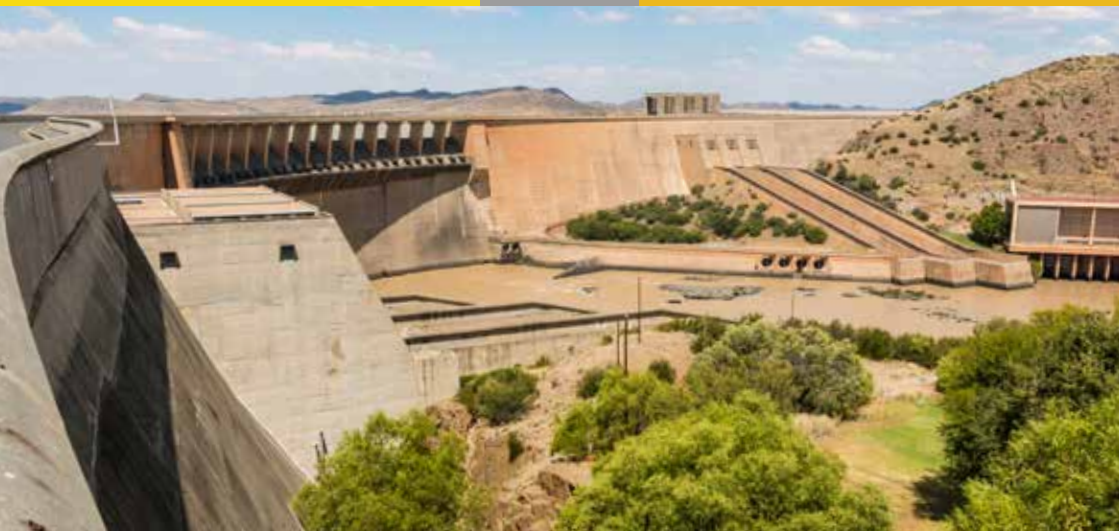
## ACCOMMODATION

Komweer Lodge is a beautiful old farmhouse and Apies Bay Cabin is a rustic stone cabin with a thatched roof, in close proximity to the Gariep Dam. Ihodi Campsite is available for those who travel with tents and caravans. The name is derived from the Xhosa word ihodi, meaning aardvark, referring to the tenacious animal found in the area.

- **KOMWEER LODGE (3-STAR):** 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms - sleeps 12
- **APIES BAY CABIN:** 2 bedrooms, outside bathroom - sleeps 4
- **IHODI CAMPSITE (3-STAR):** 2 wilderness sites with ablution facility - sleeps 4 each

## DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Ihodi Campsite
- Game viewing routes
- Red hartebeest hills



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire Brigade: 1023  
SAPS Venterstad: 051 654 0091  
Burgersdorp Hospital: 051 653 1881  
Burgersdorp/Venterstad Ambulance: 10177

## PERMITS REQUIRED

- Entry permit
- Transport permit (for hunting clients)
- Hunting permit and hunting license (for hunting clients)
- Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) permit for the hunting/culling of black wildebeest

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Office: 087 285 7390  
Reserve Manager: 066 484 8364  
Fax: 087 287 9293





## WATER & WILDERNESS GETAWAY

### BIRDS

- ☐ Verreaux's eagle
- ☐ Blue crane
- ☐ Steppe buzzard
- ☐ Helmeted guinea fowl
- ☐ Giant kingfisher
- ☐ African fish eagle
- ☐ Blue crane
- ☐ Burchells starling
- ☐ Pintailed whydah
- ☐ Secretary bird
- ☐ Blacksmith plover
- ☐ Pied crow
- ☐ House sparrow
- ☐ Glossy starling
- ☐ Yellow-eyed canary
- ☐ African hoopoe
- ☐ Grey heron
- ☐ Red bishop
- ☐ Red warbler
- ☐ Garden weaver
- ☐ Masked flycatcher
- ☐ Fiscal shrike
- ☐ Fiscal pigeon
- ☐ Rock spotted eagle owl
- ☐ Laughing dove
- ☐ Dikkop
- ☐ Spotted wagtail
- ☐ Cape crowned plover
- ☐ Bokmakierie
- ☐ Darter barbet
- ☐ Crested weaver
- ☐ Cape mousebird
- ☐ Cattle egret
- ☐ Greater flamingo
- ☐ Kori bustard

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Buffalo
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Burchells zebra
- ☐ Red hartebeest
- ☐ Black wildebeest
- ☐ Gemsbok
- ☐ Springbok
- ☐ Steenbok
- ☐ Mountain reedbuck
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Chacma baboon
- ☐ Caracal
- ☐ Black backed jackal
- ☐ Aardvark
- ☐ Mongoose
- ☐ Blesbok
- ☐ Cape rabbit
- ☐ Springhare
- ☐ Bat-eared fox
- ☐ Porcupine
- ☐ Warthog
- ☐ Duiker
- ☐ Aardwolf
- ☐ African wild cat
- ☐ Meerkat
- ☐ Cape fox

### PLANTS

- ☐ Acacia karoo
- ☐ Wild lettuce
- ☐ Boetebos
- ☐ Doctyloopsis
- ☐ Rooibessiebrak
- ☐ White goosefoot



### GPS COORDINATES

30°36'51.0"S  
25°54'40.9"E





## ACTIVITIES

- Fishing
- Cycling
- Birding
- Hiking
- Hunting (permit required)



**TEACH YOUR CHILDREN  
WELL... ON A FAMILY  
FISHING TRIP.**



## NEAREST TOWNS

- VENTERSTAD - 12km
- BETHULIE - 50km
- GARIEP DAM - 47km
- STEYNSBURG - 77km
- BURGERSDORP - 70km
- ALIWAL NORTH - 130km
- COLESBERG - 85km

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Gariep Dam wall
- Bethulie railway bridge
- Oviston tunnel
- Anglo Boer War sites
- Blokhuis
- Orange fish tunnel
- Jobhuis - contemporary art
- Philippolis Old Jail

## RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

Sedan  
High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)





A STRIKING LANDSCAPE  
**BECKONS**



# TSOLWANA

8 500ha in extent and marking the beginning of the Karoo plains, Tsolwana is situated on the northern slopes of the commanding Winterberg mountain. The landscape is strikingly beautiful. Tsolwana, the Xhosa word for spike, refers to a conical shaped hill within the reserve.

Game viewing and birding are major attractions at Tsolwana. The mountainous slopes, grassy plains and acacia thornveld support abundant wildlife and 241 different bird species. Tsolwana's experienced rangers are available to take visitors on self-drive game drives, combining 4x4 adventure with wildlife viewing opportunities. Guided game walks are also offered. The hiking trails, following game tracks and gravel roads, vary in length from a couple of hours to a two-day overnight trail in the western part of the reserve.

The climate can be extreme, with greatly varying temperatures and unpredictable heavy summer rainstorms with hail. In winter, snow falls frequently - so be prepared!

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve: 087 285 7400



**OFFICE HOURS** 08h00 - 16h30

**GATE TIMES** 08h00 - 18h00

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Kleinbulhoek SAPS: 040 845 1395

Rocklands SAPS: 040 845 9901

Tarkastad Hospital: 045 845 0053

## DIRECTIONS

Located 60km west of Queenstown and 30km south-east of Tarkastad



## DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Braai facilities
- Picnic sites
- Conference centre
- Boma facility



## ACCOMMODATION

Tsolwana has three luxury lodges to cater for different tastes and party sizes. All of them are fully equipped and self-catering. Tibet Park Lodge is located near to the conference facility and the office and staff facilities, but is far away enough to enjoy the spacious luxury that this old homestead offers. The Lodge also has two flatlets. Otterford Lodge is a beautiful old farmhouse, situated in a secluded, shady and cool spot in the reserve. It's an inviting venue for larger families, surrounded by mountains in one of the country's most beautiful nature areas. Indwe Lodge is the smallest of the lodges. Situated a distance from the others, it also has a secluded atmosphere in a beautiful setting with views of the Winterberg mountains that surround it.

- **OTTERFORD LODGE:** 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms - sleeps 8
- **INDWE LODGE:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms - sleeps 8
- **TIBET PARK LODGE:** Fully equipped, 2 en-suite bedrooms, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms - sleeps 10
- **TIBET PARK LODGE FLATLETS (2):** en-suite bedroom - sleeps 2



## PERMITS REQUIRED

Hunting permit, Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) permit





## A STRIKING LANDSCAPE BECKONS

### BIRDS

- ☐ Blue crane
- ☐ Cape vulture
- ☐ Ostrich

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Bat-eared fox
- ☐ Antbear
- ☐ Black wildebeest
- ☐ Cape mountain zebra
- ☐ Black backed jackal
- ☐ Baboon
- ☐ Springbok
- ☐ Mountain reedbuck
- ☐ Gemsbok
- ☐ Bontebok
- ☐ Rock hyrax (dassie)
- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Gemsbok
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Caracal
- ☐ Mongoose
- ☐ Meerkat
- ☐ Buffalo

### PLANTS

- ☐ Grassy plains
- ☐ Acacia thornveld

**ESCAPE TO TSOLWANA**  
BUT TAKE ALL YOUR  
FRIENDS ALONG TOO!



### GPS COORDINATES

32°11'07.2"S  
26°30'12.2"E

### ACTIVITIES

- Self-drive game viewing (guide on request)
- 4x4
- Game walks (guided on request)
- Hiking trails (some short – some overnight 2-day)
- Mountain biking
- San rock-art



### NEAREST TOWNS

- TARKASTAD - 30km
- WHITTLESEA - 47km
- QUEENSTOWN - 65km
- EAST LONDON - 250km

### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Tsolwana Trail
- Tarkastad - Olive Schreiner Museum





**A HAVEN FOR  
BIODIVERSITY**



# DWESA - CWEBE

Straddling the impressive, 140km Mbhashe River on the Wild Coast, the Dwesa and Cwebe Nature Reserves are situated in one of the Eastern Cape's most unspoilt coastal conservation areas. Birdlife at these reserves is truly incredible. More than 200 terrestrial and coastal species have been recorded including the globally threatened spotted ground thrush, which breeds here. The coastal mangroves hold the only protected breeding population of mangrove kingfisher in South Africa. Featuring a range of low-, medium- and high-impact hiking trails through thick coastal forest, this is the ideal setting for visitors wanting to get back to nature.

While similar in vegetation, the two reserves nonetheless have individual identities. Dwesa, the larger of the two, features a bigger variety of game, while Cwebe boasts a more diverse habitat, from forest and grassland to lush mangroves. Situated on the edge of a tranquil lagoon, seven exquisite timber chalets are hidden deep in the trees. A short walk through the dune forest reveals a perfect, unspoiled shelly beach with fascinating rock pools. The campsite is sheltered by the forest and bluff.

Spectacular views from Kobole Point and of the nearby waterfall are definite highlights.

## **DIRECTIONS**

Idutywa to Willowvale 30km  
Willowvale to Dwesa Nature Reserve 48km  
(gravel road)



## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Police Station: 047 576 9296  
Madwaleni Hospital: 047 564 1207



## ACCOMMODATION

These timber chalets are situated on the edge of a tranquil lagoon - hidden deep in the trees. A short walk through a dune forest reveals a perfect, unspoiled shelly beach with pristine rock pools. The campsite is sheltered by the forest and bluff, with a communal ablution block offering steaming hot showers.

- **TWO-SLEEPER CHALETs (3):** 2 single beds and a shower each - sleeps 2 per chalet
- **FOUR-SLEEPER CHALETs (3):** 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom each - sleeps 4 per chalet
- **FOREST HOUSE:** sleeps 4
- **DWESA CAMPSITE:** 40 sites with ablution facility and bush showers - sleeps 6 per site

*All accommodation is 3-star rated.  
No accommodation or campsite at Cwebe Section.*

## DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Braai facilities



## O'BELLS SHIPWRECK SITE

The O'Bell ran aground in the early 1900s. Scant information has survived, but it is suggested the vessel was en route to Maputo (then Lorenzo Marques) when she floundered off the Dwesa coast in rough seas. Fortunately all aboard survived and made it safely to land.



## PERMITS REQUIRED

- Entry permit
- Fishing permit (subsistence and recreational-catch and release fishing is allowed)
- Cycling, birding and hiking permit
- Transport permit (for hunting clients)
- Hunting permit and hunting license (for hunting clients)
- Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) permit for the hunting of African buffalo



## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Admin Office: 087 286 6536

Reserve Manager: 079 496 7923 | 087 286 6535



# A HAVEN FOR BIODIVERSITY

## BIRDS

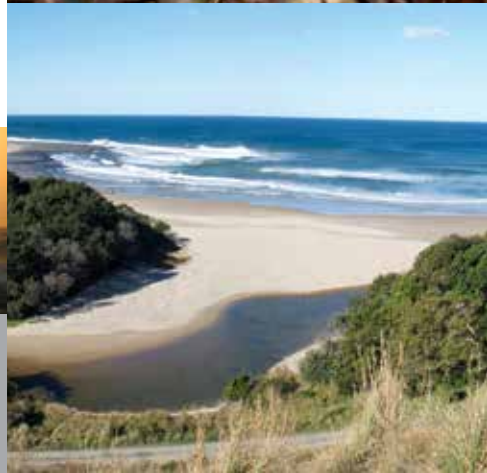
- ☐ Spotted ground thrush
- ☐ Red-necked spurfowl
- ☐ Lemon dove
- ☐ Trumpeter hornbill
- ☐ Crowned hornbill
- ☐ Knysna turaco
- ☐ Olive woodpecker
- ☐ Forest buzzard
- ☐ Crowned eagle
- ☐ Rufous-breasted sparrowhawk
- ☐ African wood owl
- ☐ African black oystercatcher
- ☐ Narina trogon
- ☐ Kelp gull
- ☐ Black headed heron
- ☐ Mangrove kingfisher

## ANIMALS

- ☐ African buffalo
- ☐ Burchell's zebra
- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Crocodile
- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Caracal
- ☐ Spotted genet
- ☐ Black backed jackal
- ☐ Dolphin
- ☐ Whale

## PLANTS

- ☐ Coastal coral tree
- ☐ Big num-num
- ☐ Cape box
- ☐ Common cabbage tree
- ☐ Forest num-num
- ☐ Natal box
- ☐ Stink ebony
- ☐ Forest false nettle
- ☐ Forest iron plum
- ☐ Real yellowwood
- ☐ Cape plane
- ☐ Common yellowwood
- ☐ Quinine tree
- ☐ River euphorbia
- ☐ White milkwood
- ☐ Sweet thorn
- ☐ Red pear
- ☐ Forest bushwillow
- ☐ Cross berry
- ☐ Red-stem corkwood
- ☐ Dog ash
- ☐ Woolly cape bush
- ☐ Dog plum
- ☐ Forest knob wood
- ☐ Small bone-apple
- ☐ Spiny gardenia
- ☐ Weeping bride's bush
- ☐ Bitter aloe
- ☐ Red beech
- ☐ Cape ape
- ☐ Laburnum
- ☐ Skunk bush
- ☐ Dune myrtle
- ☐ Cheesewood
- ☐ Large-leaved dragon tree



## GPS COORDINATES

32°15'14.9"S | 28°52'36.5"E





## ACTIVITIES

- Swimming
- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Bird watching
- Fishing (catch & release - only keep one fish per day - do not leave with it)
- Camping
- Caravanning
- Guided and non-guided game viewing (only designated private tour guide)
- Forest walks
- Cycling
- Explore:
  - O'Bell Shipwreck site (1916)
  - Mbashe River Estuary (fish breeding site)
  - Kobolo Viewpoint - game viewing (crocodiles may be seen)
  - Dwesa Point - game viewing
  - Magonya Hills - whale and dolphin watching
  - Mendu point - whale and dolphin lookout
  - Mbanyana Falls (Cwebe)
  - Coastal indigenous forest



**CALLING ALL  
BIRDERS...**

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Nqabara River Mouth with boat launching site
- King Hintsa gravesite
- Collywobbles Cape vulture colony



## NEAREST TOWNS

- WILLOWVALE - 50km
- IDUTYWA - 80 km
- MTHATHA - 160km



## RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)



## A COASTAL PARADISE



# HLULEKA

Hluleka is a 772ha coastal paradise. From the top of the grassy hill at the entrance to Hluleka, an incredible panoramic view along the coastline sets the scene for a perfect getaway with coves, white sandy beaches lined with palms, and magnificent indigenous coastal forest. Hluleka is an excellent birding destination and sightings of dolphins and whales add to the joy of the wildlife wonder that Hluleka offers.

The accommodation at Hluleka is superb - seven chalets with exquisite views situated on a small hilltop covered in old indigenous trees, striking orange strelitzias and grassy areas where Burchell's zebra roam and graze.

### GPS COORDINATES

31°49'16.1"S | 29°17'55.3"E

### DIRECTIONS

Take the R61 (Port St Johns Road) and turn right onto the Hluleka Nature Reserve gravel road, which continues for 47km until the entrance.



### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Office Number: 087 285 7784

Senior Field Ranger: 083 765 2416

Nkanunu Clinic: 087 310 8324

Ngqeleni Police Station: 047 568 0003

CPF Supervisor: 072 101 9983

## ACCOMMODATION

Partially hidden on the hillside, overlooking the beach, are seven beautiful double-story chalets with luxurious bathrooms, big windows and sun decks overlooking the Indian Ocean. Each chalet offers modern interior spaces fully equipped with appliances, a television and all the amenities necessary for a relaxing stay. Accommodation is self-catering.

- **FAMILY CHALETs (7):** Double-story chalets - 2 bedrooms (with 1 double and 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  beds), 2 bathrooms - each sleeps 4

*All accommodation is 4-star rated.*

Although there is a small shop 5km outside the main gate for a few basic supplies, all catering requirements need to be brought in with you, including drinking water.



## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve: 087 285 7784 • Reserve Manager: 079 4933 566  
Admin Clerk: 082 056 2637 • Hospitality Supervisor: 078 541 1676





# A COASTAL PARADISE

## BIRDS

- ☐ Natal spurfowl
- ☐ Brown-hooded kingfisher
- ☐ Trumpeter hornbill
- ☐ Black cuckoo
- ☐ Diderick cuckoo
- ☐ Burchell's coucal
- ☐ Knysna turaco
- ☐ African goshawk
- ☐ Long-crested eagle
- ☐ Double-collared sunbird

## ANIMALS

- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Rock hyrax (dassie)
- ☐ Tree hyrax (dassie)
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Mongoose
- ☐ Spotted genet
- ☐ Dolphin
- ☐ Whale
- ☐ Burchell's zebra

## PLANTS

- ☐ Coral tree
- ☐ Mzembeet
- ☐ Sneezewood
- ☐ Fig tree
- ☐ Red milkwood
- ☐ Natal plum
- ☐ Yellowwood



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## ACTIVITIES

- Swimming
- Picnicking
- Bird-watching
- Hiking
- Walking
- Dolphin & whale watching
- Self game-drive
- Fishing outside the reserve (fishing  $\pm 100\text{m}$  from main gate)

*All activities are at own risk. Additional fees apply for certain activities and conservation fees apply to day visitors.*



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**WILD COAST  
PARADISE ... FOUND!**



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## NEAREST TOWNS

- NGQELENI - 60km
- MTHATHA - 89km
- PORT ST JOHNS - 110km



## RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

Sedan / High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)







**WATER &  
WILDERNESS**



# LUCHABA

The charming 460ha Luchaba Nature Reserve is made up of a series of wetlands and grasslands and is home to a variety of wildlife. The reserve is adjacent to the Mthatha Dam and is managed together with the Nduli Nature Reserve, which lies on land owned by King Sabata Dalindyebo. The landscape is made up of dolerite dykes, rocky outcrops, shale and sandstone, as well as regions of highland sourveld. This Mthatha Moist Grassland biome supports a variety of wildlife.

Two conference halls make up a beautiful conference centre for 150 guests. The restaurant, catering for 136 guests, looks out over the dam. A marquee is also available for 600 guests.

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Luchaba Nature Reserve: 087 286 6527 | 082 304 4228

Email: nobusika.makeleni@ecpta.co.za

## NEAREST TOWNS

- MTHATHA - 3km

## GATE TIMES

06h00 - 22h00



## DIRECTIONS

Located on the N2 National Road, 3km from Mthatha



## ACCOMMODATION

- DAY VISITS ONLY

## BIRDS

- ☐ Crowned crane
- ☐ Stanley's bustard
- ☐ Many wetland species
- ☐ Hammerkop
- ☐ Hadida ibis
- ☐ Cape glossy starling
- ☐ Red winged starling
- ☐ Yellow billed-duck
- ☐ Egyptian goose

## ANIMALS

- ☐ Blesbok
- ☐ Red hartebeest
- ☐ Plains zebra
- ☐ Impala
- ☐ Fallow deer

## PLANTS

- ☐ Cycads
- ☐ Acacia
- ☐ Sweet thorn
- ☐ Splendid thorn
- ☐ Buffalo thorn
- ☐ Sickle bush
- ☐ Mountain aloe
- ☐ Flame pod thorn
- ☐ Bitter aloe
- ☐ Wormwood
- ☐ Coral tree
- ☐ African olive
- ☐ African potato



## ACTIVITIES

- Picnicking
- Bird watching
- Mthatha Dam
- Self-drive game drives
- Mountain biking
- The Garden Rock Trail (1km walk)
- Conferencing (150-seat conference centre)
- Restaurant (catering for up to 136 guests)
- Tooke Garden of Remembrance

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- The Nelson Mandela Museum - (Bhunga building in Mthatha, Mvezo, where Mandela was born, and Qunu, the cultural village where he grew up)
- Bulungula Homestay Experience
- Coastal Hike to Hole In The Wall
- Mthatha Dam
- Mthatha Airport
- Mhlontlo Municipal Reserve

THE PERFECT GETAWAY FOR  
YOUR NEXT CONFERENCE



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Nelson Mandela Hospital: 047 502 4400  
Mthatha Police Station: 047 532 4479  
Disaster Management: 047 532 4183  
Fire Brigade: 047 501 4182 | 047 532 4444

## GPS COORDINATES

31°35'34.6"S  
28°45'10.3"E

## RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)





**WONDERFUL  
WATERFALLS  
& GOLDEN GRASSLANDS**



# MKHAMBATHI

The reserve, comprising 7 720ha including coastal land, is situated on the coast of northeastern Pondoland, between Port Edward and Port St Johns. The Mkhambathi River makes its way through the reserve, over a series of cliffs forming breathtaking waterfalls (Horseshoe Falls, Strandloper Falls and Mkhambathi Falls) and a series of pools, before tumbling into the Indian Ocean. Other attractions include a secluded cave in the forest, +/-100m up river from the coast, the spectacular Misty Falls, Four Falls and the Mtentu and Msikaba River gorges where endangered Cape vultures can often be seen circling high above. The Gwe Gwe River and lagoon nearby is ideal for fishing and swimming. Mkhambathi is the perfect place for adventurous travellers.

Mkhambathi has a diverse natural habitat – ranging from grasslands and wetlands, dune forests and swamps to indigenous forests. It is part of the Pondoland Centre of Endemism – one of 235 sites identified worldwide as having important biodiversity and ecology. Mkhambathi is an International Bird Area and also offers great game viewing opportunities.

The accommodation is rustic, offering visitors a real chance to experience true African wilderness.

## DIRECTIONS

From Flagstaff, travel the R61 for 70km to Mkhambathi Nature Reserve on the Holy Cross Hospital Road.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Mthontsasa Police Station: 039 252 2031/3131  
Holy Cross Hospital: 039 252 3000/1/2047



Mkhambathi was once a leper colony, before being proclaimed a nature reserve in 1977. Today it is co-managed by the ECPTA and the Mkhambathi Land Trust - a partnership resulting from a settlement agreement through the land restitution process. The local community benefits from the recreational use of the land and protection of its precious resources.

## ACCOMMODATION

The fully equipped accommodation is rustic and offers visitors a real chance to experience the African wilderness. The Gwe Gwe River and lagoon nearby is ideal for fishing and swimming. Up river is Main Lodge, a beautiful large sandstone lodge, fully equipped, with a swimming pool to relax at after a day of exploring the bush and beach. All accommodation is self-catering.

- **MAIN LODGE (3-STAR):** Fully equipped, self catering, 5 en-suite bedrooms with bath & shower and swimming pool - sleeps 10
- **STONE COTTAGE (2):** Fully equipped, self catering, 3 bedrooms - sleeps 6.



**SPECTACULAR  
WATERFALLS!**

## RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Office: 063 698 1556 | 087 285 7752  
Reserve Manager: 063 698 1558  
Hospitality Supervisor: 079 496 7824

## PERMITS REQUIRED

Fishing (in designated areas)



# WONDERFUL WATERFALLS & GOLDEN GRASSLANDS

## BIRDS

- ☐ Cape griffon vulture
- ☐ Ground hornbill
- ☐ Trumpeter hornbill
- ☐ Kingfisher
- ☐ Oyster catcher
- ☐ Secretary bird
- ☐ Grey heron
- ☐ White and black-breasted cormorant
- ☐ Seagull species
- ☐ White necked raven
- ☐ Green pigeon

## PLANTS

- ☐ Rare and endemic plants and trees:
  - Pondo coconut palm
  - Raspalia
  - Jubaeopsis cafra
- ☐ Indigenous species:
  - Silver tree
  - White stinkwood
  - Forest fever berry
  - Water berry
  - Orange lily
  - Natal mahogany



## ANIMALS

- ☐ Eland
- ☐ Plains zebra
- ☐ Red hartebeest
- ☐ Blesbok
- ☐ Reedbuck
- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Kudu
- ☐ Chacma baboon
- ☐ Black backed jackal
- ☐ Bush pig
- ☐ Common duiker
- ☐ Porcupine
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Clawless otter
- ☐ Whale
- ☐ Dolphin



## GPS COORDINATES

31°15'54.1"S  
29°59'02.2"E





## ACTIVITIES

- Fishing (in designated areas with permits)
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Bird watching
- Mountain biking
- Whale & dolphin watching
- Game drives (stick to the designated route)
- Self-guided nature walks
- Picnicking



## NEAREST TOWNS

- FLAGSTAFF - 70 KM
- LUSIKISIKI - 90KM
- PORT EDWARD - 170km
- MTHATHA - 240km



## RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2x4 or 4x4)





## A PRISTINE BAY



# SILAKA

400ha of unspoiled wilderness, Silaka is an idyllic coastal reserve, seven kilometres south of Port St Johns. Silaka stretches from Second Beach to Sugarloaf Rock and up the valley where lush green indigenous forests cover the hills.

The pristine beach is perfect for fishing and swimming. Hiking trails lead up onto the bluff, affording incredible views of the coastline. The Gxwaleni River flows through the valley, trickling through a wetland and forming a small lagoon before entering the sea. Bird Rock stands like a sentinel in the middle of the bay. This rocky outcrop is the perfect perch for white-breasted cormorant and other sea birds. Silaka is an excellent birding destination and a haven for many species of wildlife.



### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police: 10111 | 074 564 1189  
PSJ Health Centre: 047 564 1255

### DIRECTIONS

From Port St Johns, continue past Second Beach onto the gravel road, which leads to the Reserve.

### ACCOMMODATION

Seventeen rustic thatched chalets spread across the forested hillside, some with magnificent views overlooking the bay. All accommodation is self-catering. A conference venue is available for 40 people.

- **4 SLEEPER CHALETs (15):** - 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom - each sleeps 4
- **2 SLEEPER CHALETs (2):** - 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom - each sleeps 2

*All accommodation is 4-star rated.*

### DAY VISITOR FACILITIES

- Picnic sites
- Braai facilities just off the beach



### RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Office: 087 286 6526  
Reserve Manager: 071 607 6690

### PERMITS REQUIRED

Fishing



## A PRISTINE BAY

### BIRDS

- ☐ Fish eagle
- ☐ Crowned eagle
- ☐ Knysna turaco
- ☐ Paradise flycatcher
- ☐ Kingfisher species
- ☐ White-breasted cormorant
- ☐ Rameron pigeon
- ☐ Trumpeter hornbill
- ☐ Redshouldered hawk
- ☐ Yellow throated longclaw
- ☐ Common waxbill,
- ☐ Croaking cisticola
- ☐ Orange throated long-claw
- ☐ Ground hornbill
- ☐ Gurneys
- ☐ Greater double-collared sunbird
- ☐ Black-eyed bulbul
- ☐ Red-eyed dove
- ☐ Hadedda ibis
- ☐ Red-winged starling
- ☐ Glossy starling
- ☐ Black headed oriole
- ☐ Southern boubou

### ANIMALS

- ☐ Bushbuck
- ☐ Blue duiker
- ☐ Mongoose
- ☐ Samango monkey
- ☐ Vervet monkey
- ☐ Bush pig
- ☐ Porcupine
- ☐ Spotted genet
- ☐ Caracal
- ☐ Whale
- ☐ Blue dolphin
- ☐ Tree hyrax (dassie)

### PLANTS

- ☐ Cycad
- ☐ Impatiens flanaganiae (vulnerable)
- ☐ Begonia dregei (endangered)
- ☐ Milkwood
- ☐ Umzimbeet
- ☐ Strelizia
- ☐ Sweet Thorn
- ☐ Forest knobwood
- ☐ Wild plum
- ☐ Hainy flat-bean
- ☐ Common spikethorn
- ☐ Forest grape
- ☐ Wild peach
- ☐ Wild banana
- ☐ Aloe





## MARINE & COASTAL

### ACTIVITIES

- Picnicking
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Bird watching
- Whale watching (seasonal)



### NEAREST TOWNS

- PORT ST. JOHNS - 7KM
- LUSIKISIKI - 46KM
- LIBODE - 74KM
- UMTATA - 90KM

### FISHERMEN'S HIDEAWAY



### GPS COORDINATES

31°39'12.8"S  
29°30'09.6"E

### RECOMMENDED VEHICLE

High clearance (2X4 or 4x4)

# INFORMATION & ACCOMMODATION

## BIODIVERSITY & HERITAGE

BAVIAANSKLOOF	Komdomo Campsite 3-star	Rooihoek Campsite	Doodsklip Campsite	Bergplaas Trail Hut	Geelhoutbos Lodge 3-star
UNITS	27	6	5	1	1 house
BEDROOMS	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	4
BEDS	n/a	n/a	n/a	12 bunk beds	8 sngl & 1 dbl
BATHROOMS	3 ablutions	long drop	long drop	1	1 plus en-suite shower with solar power
CARRYING CAPACITY	6 pax max	6 pax max	6 pax max	12 pax max	10 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	yes
ELECTRICITY	yes	yes	yes	solar	gas & solar
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	yes
REFRIGERATOR	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	yes
BRAAI FACILITY	yes (bring grid & wood)	yes (bring grid & wood)	yes (bring grid & wood)	yes (bring wood)	yes (bring wood)
DRINKING WATER	bring own	bring own	bring own	bring own	bring own
CELL RECEPTION	no	no	no	yes	no
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	no	no	no	no	no
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair	very bad	very bad	very bad	very bad
REC. VEHICLE	sedan or high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)				

GREAT FISH RIVER	Myubu Chalets	Mbabala Lodge	Myubu Lodge	Nottingham Lodge
UNITS	6	1	4 huts	1
BEDROOMS	2 open plan	4	1 each	5
BEDS	1 dbl, 2 sngl	1 dbl, 8 sngl	1 dbl	10 sngl
BATHROOMS	1 each	2	1 each	5
CARRYING CAPACITY	4 pax max	10 pax max	8 pax max	10 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes	yes	yes
ELECTRICITY	solar/gas	solar/gas	solar/gas	solar/gas
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes	yes	yes
REFRIGERATOR	yes	yes	yes	yes
BRAAI FACILITY	yes	yes	yes	yes
DRINKING WATER	no	no (bring own)	no	yes
CELL RECEPTION	no	poor	no	poor
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	no	no	no	no
ROAD CONDITIONS	bad	fair (gravel)	bad	fair (gravel)
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)			

GROENDAL	Rooikrans Campsites 3-star	Groendal Picnic Sites	Rooikrans Lodge
UNITS	8	8	1 house
BEDROOMS	no	no	3
BEDS	no	no	yes
BATHROOMS	yes	yes	yes
CARRYING CAPACITY	48 pax max	144 pax max	6 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	no	no	yes
ELECTRICITY	yes	yes	yes
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	no	no	yes
REFRIGERATOR	no	no	yes
BRAAI FACILITY	yes	yes	yes
DRINKING WATER	no	no	yes
CELL RECEPTION	no	yes	no
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	no	no	no
ROAD CONDITIONS	good	good	good
REC. VEHICLE	sedan or high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)		

ISLAND	Island Picnic Sites
UNITS	24
BATHROOMS	yes
CARRYING CAPACITY	144 pax max
ELECTRICITY	yes
BRAAI FACILITY	yes (bring grid)
DRINKING WATER	yes
CELL RECEPTION	yes
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	yes
ROAD CONDITIONS	good
REC. VEHICLE	sedan

THOMAS BAINES	Boys Dormitory	Girls Dormitory	Teachers' Room	Settlers Dam Campsites 3-star	Dung Beetle Cottage 3-star
UNITS	1	1	2	5 sites	1
BEDROOMS	dorm room	dorm room	2	n/a	2
BEDS	30 beds	30 beds	4 beds	n/a	4 sngl beds
BATHROOMS	3 showers	4 showers	1 shower	ablutions	1 shower
CARRYING CAPACITY	30 pax max	30 pax max	4 pax max	6/site	4 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	no	yes	no	n/a	yes
ELECTRICITY	yes	yes	no	no	yes
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes (available at conference facility)	yes (available at conference facility)	no	yes	yes
REFRIGERATOR	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
BRAAI FACILITY	yes (bring wood)	yes (bring wood)	yes (bring wood)	yes (bring wood)	yes (bring wood)
DRINKING WATER	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
CELL RECEPTION	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	no	no	no	no	no
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)				

WATERS MEETING	Horseshoe Cabin
UNITS	1
BEDROOMS	4 rooms
BEDS	14 (bunk beds with mattress)
BATHROOMS	1x shower & 1x toilet
CARRYING CAPACITY	14
LINEN PROVIDED	Bring your own linen
ELECTRICITY	No electricity. Gas stove, gas geysers and solar power for light
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	Provided
REFRIGERATOR	Gas
BRAAI FACILITY	Yes
DRINKING WATER	Bring your own drinking water
CELL RECEPTION	No
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	No
ROAD CONDITIONS	Fair (Gravel)
REC. VEHICLE	High clearance (2x4 & 4x4 only when it's raining or after heavy rain)

## GAME MANAGEMENT & RECREATION

COMMANDO DRIFT	Fish Eagle Cabins	Lake View Chalet	Caravan Sites	Tent Site
UNITS	3	1	2	6
BEDROOMS	open plan	1	n/a	n/a
BEDS	2	4	n/a	n/a
BATHROOMS	ablution	1	ablution	ablution
CARRYING CAPACITY	2 pax max	4 pax max	6 pax max	6 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes	n/a	no
ELECTRICITY	yes	yes	6 points	no
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes	n/a	no
REFRIGERATOR	yes	yes	n/a	no
BRAAI FACILITY	yes	yes	yes	yes
DRINKING WATER	yes	yes	yes	yes
CELLULAR RECEPTION	poor	poor	poor	poor
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	no	no	no	no
ROAD CONDITIONS	poor	poor	poor	poor
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)			

DOUBLE MOUTH DOUBLE MOUTH & CAPE MORGAN	Double Mouth Campsite
CONFERENCE CENTRE	
UNITS	30
BEDROOMS	n/a
BEDS	n/a
BATHROOMS	2 ablution facilities with hot water
CARRYING CAPACITY	6/site (180 people at full capacity)
LINEN PROVIDED	n/a
ELECTRICITY	yes (provide own connection)
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	n/a
REFRIGERATOR	n/a
BRAAI FACILITY	yes
DRINKING WATER	yes
CELLULAR RECEPTION	yes (close to office)
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	n/a
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)
CAPE MORGAN CONFERENCE CENTRE	

MPOFU FORT FORDYCE	Mpofu Lodge 3-star	Maqoma's Den Hut	Harris Hut	Louries Rest Hut	Phakamisa Hut
UNITS	1	1	1	1	1
BEDROOMS	7	1	2	5	3
BEDS	12 sngl + 1 dbl	4 x ½	4 sngl	18 sngl + 1 dbl	6 sngl
BATHROOMS	all rooms en-suite	1 inside	1 outside	1 inside + 2 outside	1 x inside
CARRYING CAPACITY	14 pax max	4 pax max	4 pax max	20 pax max	6 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
ELECTRICITY	Solar	yes	gas only	yes	gas only
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
REFRIGERATOR	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
BRAAI FACILITY	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
DRINKING WATER	rain water partial	rain water partial	rain water partial	rain water partial	rain water partial
CELLULAR RECEPTION	no	no	no	no	no
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	no	no	no	no	no
ROAD CONDITIONS	poor	poor	poor	poor	poor
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)				

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## GAME MANAGEMENT & RECREATION

ONGELUKSNEK	Gateway Lodge	Rondavels
UNITS	1	2
BEDROOMS	3	-
BEDS	3 dbl, 1 dbl bunk	1 with d/bed 1 with 2 sngl
BATHROOMS	1	-
CARRYING CAPACITY	10 pax max	2 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	-
ELECTRICITY	solar	-
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	-
REFRIGERATOR	yes	-
BRAAI FACILITY	yes	-
DRINKING WATER	good	-
CELL RECEPTION	only Vodacom	-
WHEELCHAIR	yes	-
ACCESS	-	-
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair	-
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance ( 2x4 or 4x4)	

OVISTON	Komweer Lodge 3-star	Apies Bay Cabin	Ihodi Campsite 3-star
UNITS	1	1	2 sites
BEDROOMS	4	2	na
BEDS	12 single	4 single	na
BATHROOMS	3	4 outside	ablation
CARRYING CAPACITY	12 pax max	4 pax max	4 pax max each
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes	na
ELECTRICITY	solar/gas	gas	no
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes	na
REFRIGERATOR	yes	yes	na
BRAAI FACILITY	-	yes (bring wood)	-
DRINKING WATER	borehole water	yes	yes
CELL RECEPTION	yes	no	no
WHEELCHAIR	no	no	-
ACCESS	-	-	-
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair	fair	fair
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance ( 2x4 or 4x4)		

TSOLWANA	Tibet Park Lodge	Otterford Lodge	Indwe Lodge	Tibet Flatlet	Conference
UNITS	1	1	1	2	1
BEDROOMS	5	5	4	1 en-suite each	-
BEDS	3 dbl, 8 sngl	2 dbl, 6 sngl	2 dbl, 4 single	dbl in each room	-
BATHROOMS	2 + 2 en-suite	2	2	1 each	-
CARRYING CAPACITY	10 pax max	8 pax max	8 pax max	2 pax max each	40 pax
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes	yes	yes	-
ELECTRICITY	yes	yes	yes	yes	-
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes	yes	no	-
REFRIGERATOR	yes	yes	yes	no	-
BRAAI FACILITY	-	yes (bring wood)	-	-	-
DRINKING WATER	yes	yes	yes	yes	-
CELL RECEPTION	poor	poor	poor	no	-
WHEELCHAIR	no	no	no	-	-
ACCESS	-	-	-	-	-
ROAD CONDITIONS	poor	poor	poor	poor	-
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)				

## MARINE & COASTAL

SILAKA	4 Sleeper Chalets 4-star	2 Sleeper Chalets	Conference Venue 4-star
UNITS	15	2	1
BEDROOMS	2	1	-
BEDS	3 or 4	1 dbl	-
BATHROOMS	1	1	-
CARRYING CAPACITY	4 pax max	2 pax max	40 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes	-
ELECTRICITY	yes	yes	-
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes	-
REFRIGERATOR	yes	yes	-
BRAAI FACILITY	yes (bring wood)	yes (bring wood)	-
DRINKING WATER	yes	yes	-
CELL RECEPTION	yes	yes	-
WHEELCHAIR	no	no	-
ACCESS	-	-	-
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair	fair	-
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)		

## MARINE & COASTAL

DWESA	2 Sleeper Chalets 3-star	4 Sleeper Chalets 3-star	Dwesa Campsite 3-star	Forest House 3-star
UNITS	3	3	40 sites	1
BEDROOMS	1 each	2 each	n/a	2
BEDS	1dbl, 1 sngl	1 dbl, 1 bunk	n/a	1 dbl, 2 sngl
BATHROOMS	shower	1 each	1 ablation	1
CARRYING CAPACITY	2 pax max	4 pax max	6/site	4pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes	n/a	yes
ELECTRICITY	solar & gas	solar & gas	solar & gas	solar & gas
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes	no	yes
REFRIGERATOR	yes (gas)	yes (gas)	no	yes (gas)
BRAAI FACILITY	yes	yes	yes	yes
DRINKING WATER	yes	yes	yes	yes
CELL RECEPTION	-	Vodacom	-	yes
WHEELCHAIR	no	-	no	no
ACCESS	-	-	-	-
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair	fair	fair	fair
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)			

HLULEKA	Family Chalets 4-star
UNITS	7
BEDROOMS	2 in each chalet
BEDS	3 in each chalet (1 x dbl and 2x 3/4)
BATHROOMS	2 in each chalet
CARRYING CAPACITY	4 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes
ELECTRICITY	yes
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes
REFRIGERATOR	yes
BRAAI FACILITY	no Webers, only braai areas
DRINKING WATER	no
CELL RECEPTION	limited
WHEELCHAIR	chalet no.2
ACCESS	
ROAD CONDITIONS	bad
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)

LUCHABA	Conference	Optional Marquee
UNITS	2	1
BEDROOMS	-	-
BEDS	-	-
BATHROOMS	-	-
CARRYING CAPACITY	150 pax	600 pax
LINEN PROVIDED	-	-
ELECTRICITY	-	-
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	-	-
REFRIGERATOR	-	-
BRAAI FACILITY	-	-
DRINKING WATER	-	-
CELL RECEPTION	-	-
WHEELCHAIR	-	-
ACCESS	-	-
ROAD CONDITIONS	-	-
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)	

MKHAMBATHI	Main Lodge 3-star	Stone Cottage
UNITS	1	2
BEDROOMS	5	3
BEDS	2 sngl & 4 dbl	4 sncls & 1 dbl
BATHROOMS	5 en-suites with bath & shower	1 bath no shower & 1 separate toilet
CARRYING CAPACITY	10 pax max	6 pax max
LINEN PROVIDED	yes	yes
ELECTRICITY	-	Eskom power supply
CUTLERY/CROCKERY	yes	yes
REFRIGERATOR	deep freezer & fridge	fridge
BRAAI FACILITY	available	available
DRINKING WATER	self provision	self provision
CELL RECEPTION	poor mtn	poor mtn
WHEELCHAIR	no	no
ACCESS	-	-
ROAD CONDITIONS	fair	fair
REC. VEHICLE	high clearance (2x4 or 4x4)	

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## 1. Damage/Loss/Death

It is a distinct condition of admission to any protected area that the ECPTA accepts no responsibility arising from a visit(s) however caused:

- For any death, injury or illness sustained or suffered by any person.
- For theft/loss/damage to any property, whether allegedly due to the negligence of the board/officers/ employees/agents or arising from the use of any facilities supplied/ made available.
- From any alleged defect in any utensil/equipment/services.
- From any other conveyance supplied/made available, or from any liquid/food supplied.
- From any other matter arising, in any other manner and from any other cause whatsoever.

## 2. Disclaimer of Liability

ECPTA, its Directors and employees shall not be liable to any person or any legal entity for:

- Any loss or damages caused by or as a result of any theft or burglary or any other cause and/or
- Any incident, injury, loss of life, loss or damage whether by ECPTA, its Directors or its employees, consequential or otherwise caused to such person or entity from whatever cause arising while upon or while using the said premises or any portion thereof however such accident, delay, injury, loss of life or loss or damage may arise occasionally as a result of negligence or breach of contract.

## 3. Booking Fees

- The ECPTA reserves the right of admission to all its facilities. ECPTA only confirms a booking on receipt of full payment by the deadline date (within 72 hours of making booking or prior to arrival, whichever is the lesser) as specified on the provisional booking.
- It is the client's responsibility to ensure that full payment is made before the specified date on provisional booking to avoid automatic cancellation, as the ECPTA cannot be held responsible for this.
- ECPTA reserves the right to cancel the booking if no or only partial payment is received, or should the payment be referenced incorrectly.

Any money paid will be kept as credit for the customer for another 14 day period after the cancellation of the booking for the above mentioned reason, after which the money will be forfeited and automatically become an administration fee.

- No EFT/Direct Debits are accepted for online bookings

## 4. Online Bookings

- All new reservations made online will require immediate and full payment by credit card. If this is not possible, please use one of the alternative booking methods.
- The available information is real-time updated (unless interrupted by technical difficulties) between our reservation system and the website. As ECPTA accepts reservations on a first-come-first-served basis we cannot guarantee that accommodation clients saw as available online will still be available by the time a reservation is attempted.
- Online payments are processed in South African Rand. All transactions, including refunds, are calculated at the current exchange rates.
- All online reservations may receive a discount on bookings for accommodation and camping, unless specific promotional or seasonal discounts advertised explicitly as being available to online reservations, are announced, in which case the latter will apply at the discretion of ECPTA.
- The reservation is only guaranteed once you've received a confirmation email from ECPTA reservations
- Our online reservations system makes use of, and requires, JavaScript and Cookie technologies.

## 5. Cancelling

- Cancellation of a reservation made could result in cancellation fees. These are calculated on the total value of the reservation that was cancelled.
- Cancellation greater than 45 days prior to arrival is 10% of total booking.
- Cancellation within 30-44 days prior to arrival is 25% of total booking.
- Cancellation within 15-29 days prior to arrival is 50% of the total booking.

- Cancellation within 14 days or less prior to the arrival is 100% of the total booking.

- If the arrival date of the itinerary is postponed prior to or on date of arrival and then cancelled at a later stage, the fees that applied at the time of amendment will be enforced if the amount is greater than the new cancellation fees.
- Guests who consider postponing a reservation (at same or higher cost and subject to availability) as alternative to cancellation, will be required to pay in the difference should reservation cost increase as a result. If reservation cost decreases the booking will be subject to the rules that apply for downgrading a reservation. Note that any subsequent cancellation or downgrading will consider the initial reservation arrival date to calculate modification or cancellation charges.
- Should ECPTA cancel the booking due to any unforeseen reason, the guests have the option to reschedule or receive a full refund.
- All cancelling must be done in writing by clients if booking has been paid.

## 6. Booking Credit

- Booking credits are valid on the system only for a period of a year starting from the arrival date. Credits not utilised within a period of a year are forfeited.
- Credit that has been kept on the system within a period of a year can only be utilised for making bookings only and cannot be transferred to cash refund.
- When making a booking utilising credit, it will be subject to availability, rates applicable at the time of booking and any other charges as deemed necessary by ECPTA.

## 7. No Show

- Should the reservation not be taken up on the arrival date the accommodation will be held until 09:00 am the following day after which the reservation will be cancelled and any monies paid will be forfeited.
- No correspondence will be entered into after the above has taken effect and ECPTA's decision is final.

## 8. Booking Adjustments

- Any adjustments of confirmed bookings that result in price increase or do not affect the price, will be dealt with on a case by case basis subject to availability and the impact on the nature reserve. Any additional monies owed must be settled in full by due date as stated on the Provisional bookings.
- If the arrival date of itinerary is postponed prior to or on the date of the arrival and cancelled at a later stage, the fees that applied at the time of amendment will be enforced if the amount is greater than the new cancellation fees.
- Guest may consider postponing a reservation (at same or higher cost subject to availability) as an alternative to cancellation. Guest will be required to pay in the difference should the reservation cost increase as a result and if the reservation cost decreases the booking will be subject to the rules of modification that applied.

## 9. Booking Fees & Cancellation of Provisional Bookings

- Right of admission is reserved.
- All bookings are made on a first come first serve basis and no exceptions will be made.
- ECPTA accepts bookings up to a full financial year (from April this year to March next year, with bookings opening for the following year in February).
- ECPTA only confirms a booking on receipt of full payment reflecting on ECPTA bank statement by the deadline date as specified on the provisional booking. Failure to make full payment by the due date will result in bookings being cancelled and any monies received held as credit.
- It remains the client's responsibility to ensure that full payment is received by the reservation office BEFORE THE FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATE.
- ECPTA reserves the right to cancel the booking without prior notification if only partial payment is received or the payment is referenced incorrectly and results in the payment not being able to allocate the payment to the booking resulting in a system cancellation of the booking. Any money paid by that date will be forfeited and be deemed an ECPTA donation.

## 10. Rescheduling

- The following conditions apply to any rescheduled booking:
- Bookings rescheduled will be subject to a 25% of the total booking as an administration fee. The total booking fee plus the administration fee must be paid in full before access to the reserve is granted.
  - Bookings may only be rescheduled twice.
  - Rescheduling of bookings must be made within 12 months of the original arrival date or money paid will be forfeited.
  - When rescheduling, the monetary value of the cancelled booking will go as credit against the new booking (not the quantity of days booked.)
  - Bookings cannot be rescheduled should guests choose to leave earlier than expected due to illness, emergencies, Force Majeure or change of plans.
  - All rescheduling must be done in writing by clients if booking has been paid.

## 11. Refund Process

- The client is required to send a letter requesting a refund to reservation office.
- All refunds can only be processed provided the refund meets the criteria as stipulated by the terms and conditions of ECPTA.
- Approved refunds will be fully processed within a period of approximately 21 working days, excluding weekends and holidays, from approval.
- Bookings cannot be rescheduled or refunded should guests choose to leave earlier or arrive later than expected date, due to illness, emergencies, change of plans, late arrivals or natural disaster etc.
- Should ECPTA inconvenience a client, a refund may be considered.
- Should ECPTA cancel a confirmed booking for any reasons then the guest has the option to either change the booking to another ECPTA reserve (subject availability) or receive a full refund.

- ECPTA will not contend with any rescheduling or cancellation requests as a result of unpleasant weather conditions - this is out of the ECPTA's control. Should the ECPTA be advised by its reserve staff that conditions are unsafe for visitors, then and in such event the ECPTA will contact the affected clients and offer alternative arrangements.

## 12. Visitors

- All visitors to the reserve are required to pay a daily conservation fee when entering the reserve. These conservation fees vary from reserve to reserve and are applicable to both day and overnight guests.
- No bookings will be confirmed until all the monies have been paid (conservation fee, activities, camping and accommodation).

## 13. Discount

- South African senior citizens aged 60 years and above who would like to make use of specially reduced pensioner senior citizen rates, should produce South African Identity Document or SASSA Card upon making a booking and must use one of the alternative booking methods to make or amend their reservation.
- Only bookings in a provisional status will be eligible for a discount.
- It is the sole responsibility of the visitor/s to apply for the discount if eligible - ECPTA or its staff cannot be held responsible for clients stating they did not receive the discount or were not made aware of the discount.

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## Tariffs

ECPTA tariffs are subjected to change without prior notice.

## RESERVE RULES & REGULATIONS & OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

ECPTA reserves the right to deny access or to evict guests who do not adhere to the rules and regulations of the ECPTA and/or its reserves. Money paid will be forfeited. These rules include, but are not limited to the following:

- No pets allowed on all nature reserves (except registered guide dogs).
- ECPTA does not recommend booking different accommodation types in the same camp over consecutive dates as this creates problems. Guests who decide to book different accommodation types in the same camp over consecutive dates must understand that they would need to move from one unit to another and they must take note of check in and check out times, which will apply.
- No collection of bait, removing, damaging or disturbing of fauna & flora.
- No rowdy and unbecoming behaviour.
- Gate times must be strictly adhered to and travelling inside the ECPTA nature reserves outside of these hours is not allowed.
- Overnight visitors are only to stay at a booked overnight facilities and must report to reception before occupying accommodation / camping site.
- Check in time is 14:00, check out time is 10:00.
- The feeding or disturbing of animals is considered to be a serious offence.
- Tariff prices do not include meals, however meals are included at certain parks at an additional cost.
- Adult is 12 years and above.
- Child (2-11 years), under 2 years Gratis.
- All tariffs are in South African Rand. Tariffs are subject to alteration without advance notification.
- No exceeding the specified number of persons per booking.
- No unsealed firearms permitted on nature reserves.
- No motorbikes, quad bikes, motorised watercraft of any nature are allowed off public roads in all the nature reserves.
- Camping or overnight stays are only permitted in designated areas.
- Visitors are only permitted on marked tourists routes and roads. No off-road driving is permitted.
- Day visitors must be out of the nature reserve by sunset or 18h00, whichever is the earliest.
- Picnics, swimming, fishing and fires may only be undertaken in designated areas.
- Entrance to nature reserves may only be made with the appropriate entry permit and payment of prescribed fees.
- South African residents 60 years and over are granted a discount of 20% on accommodation tariffs during off-peak season, for bookings that are 3 nights or more. This discount excludes trails and overnight hiking. South African residents qualify for the above discount on presentation of identification and proof of age for pensioners, failing which, full rates will be charged.
- Thomas Baines offers a student rate, however, to qualify for the applicable students must provide a valid student card for authenticating purposes.
- Normal road and traffic regulations are applicable in all nature reserves.
- Consult our Reservation Staff for details for out of season discounts and promotions.
- The Conservation Fees are applicable to Day & Overnight Visitors.
- Peak Season is defined as all South African school holidays, Easter and long weekends (public holiday on a Friday or Monday).
- Off-peak Season is defined as the period excluding those defined as Peak Season.
- No refunds will be considered should visitors experience bad weather as weather conditions are out of our control.
- Campsite and Accommodation numbers are to be strictly adhered to, as reflected on bookings.
- All activities at applicable nature reserves are undertaken at client's own risk.

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