





BAVIAANSKLOOF NATURE RESERVE

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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.

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Bird Watching		R52,00
		R27,00
Hiking Trails		R52,00
		R27,00
Picnicking		R38,00
		R38,00
Cycling		R38,00

NB: Rates for activities are excluding conservation fee



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COMMANDO DRIFT NATURE RESERVE

087 285 7403 🏠
073 543 3498 ☎️

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!

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Fishing



R52,00

Hiking



R38,00

Picnicking



R26,00



R27,00



R20,00



R13,00

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EAST LONDON COAST DOUBLE MOUTH NATURE RESERVE

087 286 6518/9 
082 304 4228 

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.

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Hiking trails		R26,00
		R16,00
Fishing		R26,00
		R16,00
Swimming		R26,00
		R16,00
Bird watching		R26,00
		R16,00
Whale watching		R26,00
		R16,00
Picnicking		R26,00
		R16,00

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DWESA NATURE RESERVE

087 286 6537 
060 978 5548 

Straddling the impressive, 140km Mbashe 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.

ACTIVITIES

Hiking trails



RATE 20/21

R38,00



R20,00

Canoe Hire



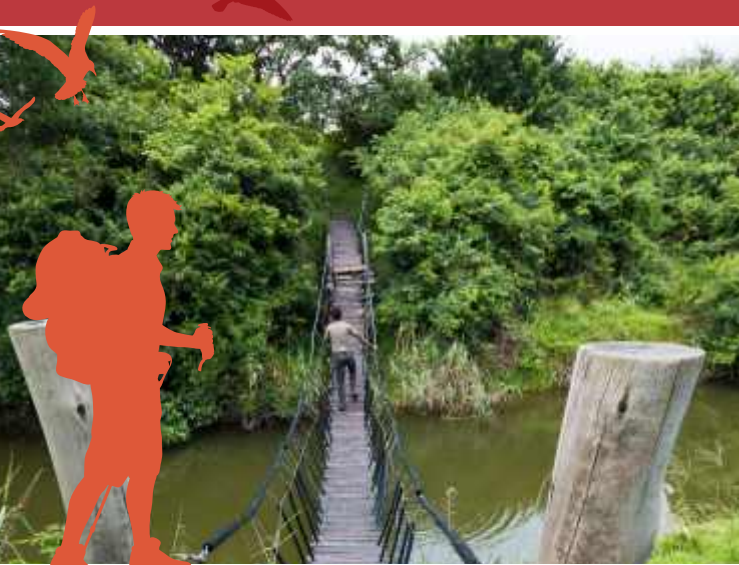
R147,00

Guide Hire

1-2hr

R183,00

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FORT FORDYCE NATURE RESERVE

087 286 6503 
071 609 1409 

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 Mpofu, 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.

ACTIVITIES

Hiking trails



RATE 20/21

R41,00



R20,00

Picnicking

R12,00

R6,00

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ISLAND NATURE RESERVE

087 086 2498 
071 609 1383 

ACTIVITIES		RATE 20/21
Hiking trails		R40,00
		R21,00
Bird Watching		R27,00
		R14,00
Horse trail (Own Horse)		R30,00
		R30,00
Picnic (Peak)		R75.00
		R40.00
Picnic (Off peak)		R69.00
		R34.00

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GREAT FISH NATURE RESERVE

087 286 6545 
060 978 5573 

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 Xhosa 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.

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Guided Game Drive



* Morning Drive



R263.00



R133.00

* Day Drive



R207.00



R104.00

* Sunset Drive



R263.00



R133.00

* Night Drive



R207.00



R104.00

Self-Game Drive



* Morning Drive



R133.00



R67.00

* Day Drive



R104.00



R54.00

* Sunset Drive



R133.00



R67.00

* Night Drive



R104.00



R54.00

Hop on Guides
per guide



R183.00

Adam Krantz Viewpoint



R122.00



R62.00

Hippo Walk



R122.00



R62.00

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GROENDAL NATURE RESERVE

087 086 2499 🏠
073 378 4344 📞

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.

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Hiking trails	🧑	R40,00
	🧑	R26,00
Picnicking [Off-Peak]	🧑	R56,00
	🧑	R26,00
[Peak]	🧑	R62,00
	🧑	R32,00
Bird watching	🧑	R27,00
	🧑	R14,00

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HLULEKA NATURE RESERVE

087 285 7784 🏠
083 765 2416 ☎️

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 streltizias and grassy areas where Burchell's zebra roam and graze.

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Nature walks	🧑	R26,00
	🧒	R13,00
Cultural tours	🧑	R305,00
	🧒	R153,00
Guide Hire	1-2hr	R183,00
Canoeing (Own Canoe)	p/day	R147,00

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MKAMBATI NATURE RESERVE

087 285 7752 
079 796 7924 

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.

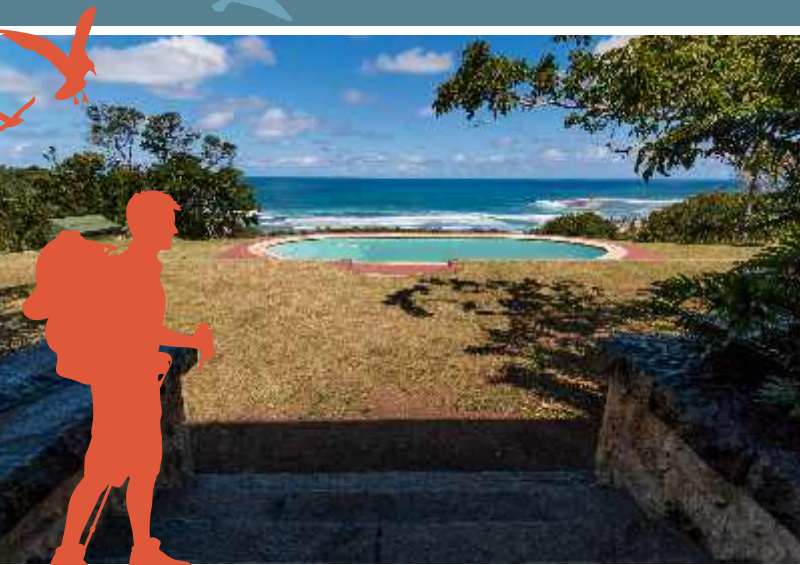
ACTIVITIES

		RATE 20/21
Hiking trails		R38,00
		R20,00
Horse trail		R339,00
(Bring own horse)		R170,00
Guide Hire	1-2hr	R169,00

NB: Rates for activities are excluding conservation fee

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.





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ONGELUKSNEK NATURE RESERVE

087 086 2503 
073 839 4615 

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.

ACTIVITIES

Hiking trails



RATE 20/21

R13,00



R8,00

Picnicking



R13,00



R8,00

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OVISTON NATURE RESERVE












087 285 7390 
066 472 6600 

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.

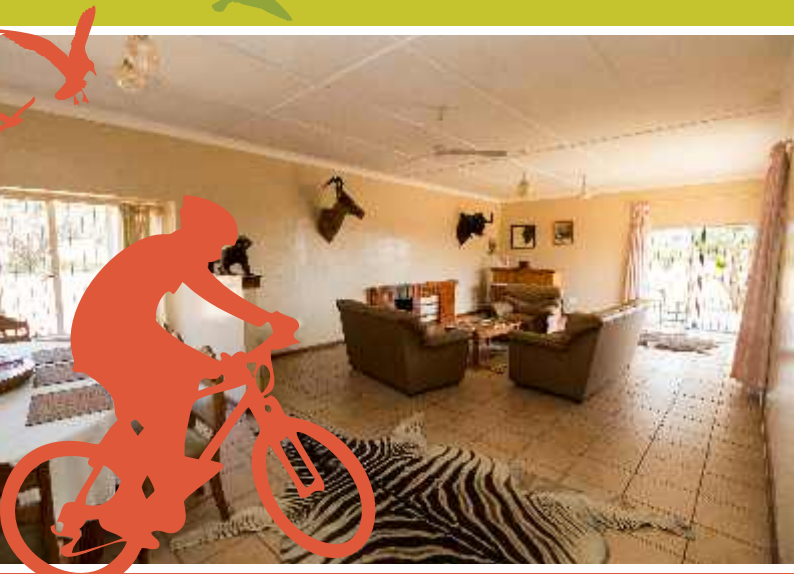
Gariep Dam is perfect for watersports, boating and swimming and is an excellent fishing destination. Anglers can hope to land largemouth yellowfish, Orange River mudfish, moggel and sharp-tooth catfish. The highlight of a day at the reserve is a sunset cruise on the peaceful dam.

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Self-Game drives		
Morning Drive		R133,00
		R67,00
Day Drive		R104,00
		R54,00
Cycling		R38,00
		R20,00
Fishing		R13,00
		R8,00
Picnicking		R26,00
		R13,00

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SILAKA NATURE RESERVE

087 285 7390 🏠
066 472 6600 ☎️

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 foaming 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 of species of wildlife

ACTIVITIES		RATE 20/21
Nature walks /Self walks	🧑	R26,00
	🧑🏿	R13,00
Swimming	🧑	R26,00
	🧑🏿	R13,00
Fishing	🧑	R26,00
	🧑🏿	R13,00
Cycling	🧑	R26,00
Picnicking	🧑	R26,00
	🧑🏿	R13,00

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THOMAS BAINES NATURE RESERVE

087 285 7399 
079 496 7979 

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.

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Hiking 1		R26,00
		R13,00
Interpretation trail		R26,00
Facilitator	1-2hr	R243,00
Team Building		R122,00
Cycling		R26,00
		R13,00
Fishing		R26,00
		R13,00
Self-Game Drive		R26,00
		R13,00
Team Building	p/p	R122

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TSOLWANA NATURE RESERVE

087 285 7400 
073 543 3498 

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!

ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Self-game driving		
Morning Drive		R133,00
		R67,00
Day Drive		R104,00
		R54,00
Picnicking		R26,00
		R13,00
Boma Site		R600,00

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WATERS MEETING NATURE RESERVE

087 286 6541/42 
079 496 7979 

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.

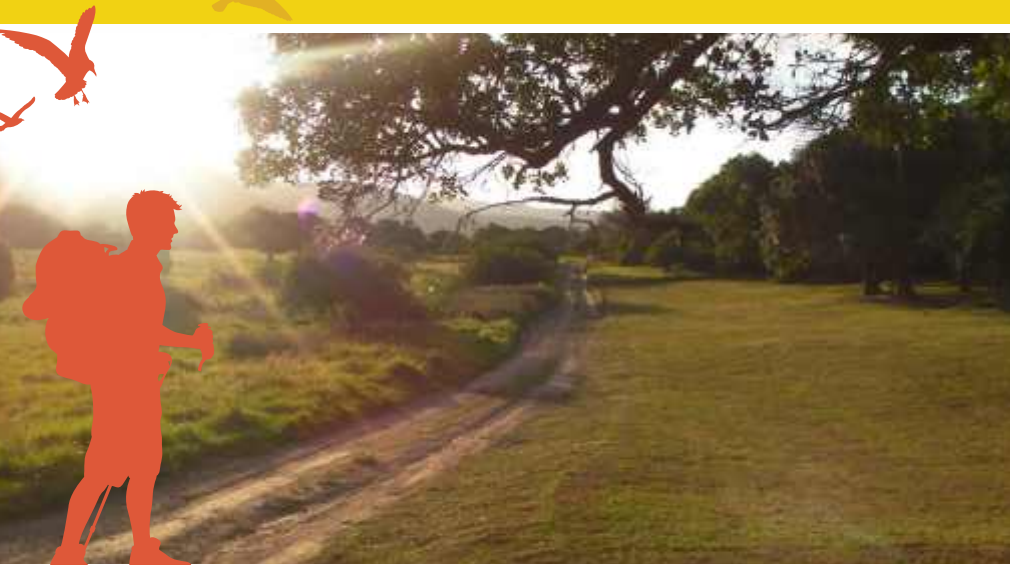
ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Picnic Site		R26.00
		R13.00
Horse Shoe View Point		R26.00
		R13.00
Hiking Trail		R40.00
		R19.00
Bird Watching		R26.00
		R13.00

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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.



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MPOFU NATURE RESERVE

087 286 6500 🏠
071 609 1409 ☎️

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ACTIVITIES

RATE 20/21

Self-game driving	🚗	
Morning Drive	👤	R143,00
	👤	R73,00
Day Drive	👤	R112,00
	👤	R59,00

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