

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES FEB 2020

DAY 1

HUT: Ngubu
DISTANCE: 4.8 km
TIME: 3.5 hours

NOTES:
Swim at the water-fall. The huts are not too much further so there is no rush to get there.

DAY 2

HUT: Scott
DISTANCE: 7.9 km
TIME: 5.5 hours

NOTES:
One of the toughest days. Don't miss Bloubaai beach - see Profile Map below.

DAY 3

HUT: Oakhurst
DISTANCE: 7.7 km
TIME: 5.5 hours

NOTES:
Keep costume and sandals close to hand for two river crossings.

DAY 4

HUT: Andre
DISTANCE: 13.8 km
TIME: 8 hours

NOTES:
Major river crossing at Bloukraans River*. See Profile Map below.

DAY 5

HUT: De Vasselot
DISTANCE: 8.8 km
TIME: 3 hours

NOTES:
Only one major climb left. Order the special Otter Drink at the restaurant at Natures Valley and you'll get a certificate too!

* Your starting time on the 4th day will depend on the time of low tide - this may be very early in the morning. You need to be at the Bloukraans half an hour either side of low tide. Crossing at high tide is exceptionally dangerous. It will take approximately 4.5 hours from Oakhurst to the Bloukraans (about 10 kilometers). If you are walking in the dark (the trail is well marked at this point if you do need to start walking before dawn) allow half an hour extra.

It is better to wait for the tide to soften than get there after it has started pushing in, resulting in the chance of having to take the escape route round. If you cannot cross the river then walk up the escape route shown on your Sanparks map, when you reach the top of the cliff call the ranger on duty and they will take you around and drop you at the top of the cliff about half an hour walk from the Andre huts.

Please note: This document is only intended to supplement your map and documents issued by Sanparks. The Tidal information is to be used as a **rough guide only**, it has not been officially verified and we do not accept any responsibility for incorrect tidal information or incidents that occur as a result of using this guide.

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low tide
1	0549	1934	0819	2020	0133	1426
2	0550	1933	0916	2124	0217	1531
3	0551	1932	1038	2317	0326	1712
4	0552	1931	1213	---	0534	1853
5	0553	1930	0106	1323	0709	1951
6	0554	1930	0204	1417	0804	2036
7	0555	1929	0250	1505	0849	2117
8	0556	1928	0332	1549	0931	2156
9	0557	1927	0413	1632	1013	2233
10	0558	1926	0454	1713	1054	2310
11	0559	1925	0534	1752	1135	2347
12	0600	1925	0614	1831	1216	---
13	0600	1924	0654	1910	0024	1257
14	0601	1923	0736	1951	0101	1341
15	0602	1922	0822	2040	0142	1430
16	0603	1921	0920	2155	0232	1537
17	0604	1920	1055	---	0348	1809
18	0605	1919	0021	1248	0629	1935
19	0606	1918	0141	1355	0745	2024
20	0607	1916	0232	1443	0831	2059
21	0608	1915	0311	1522	0907	2130
22	0609	1914	0345	1555	0938	2157
23	0610	1913	0416	1625	1007	2223
24	0611	1912	0445	1652	1035	2248
25	0611	1911	0512	1718	1102	2312
26	0612	1910	0538	1743	1130	2336
27	0613	1909	0604	1808	1158	---
28	0614	1907	0631	1835	0000	1227
29	0614	1906	0659	1904	0026	1259

THE OTTER TRAIL HEIGHT PROFILE

Thanks to Magnetic South (who organise the Otter Trail Run) for the use of this height profile. www.theotter.co.za

