

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES AUG 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	0721	1748	0221	1457	0843	2054
2	0720	1749	0309	1540	0923	2135
3	0719	1749	0352	1617	0958	2211
4	0718	1750	0429	1652	1029	2244
5	0717	1751	0502	1724	1058	2315
6	0717	1752	0532	1754	1125	2346
7	0716	1752	0559	1823	1152	---
8	0715	1753	0627	1852	0016	1218
9	0714	1754	0655	1923	0049	1247
10	0713	1754	0727	1959	0125	1318
11	0712	1755	0806	2048	0207	1358
12	0711	1756	0902	2201	0303	1459
13	0710	1756	1042	2344	0430	1704
14	0709	1757	1251	---	0627	1859
15	0708	1758	0105	1350	0733	1953
16	0706	1758	0200	1434	0818	2035
17	0705	1759	0247	1514	0858	2115
18	0704	1800	0330	1553	0935	2154
19	0702	1800	0411	1632	1011	2233
20	0700	1801	0451	1711	1047	2312
21	0658	1802	0530	1750	1123	2352
22	0657	1803	0609	1829	1159	---
23	0656	1803	0647	1909	0033	1236
24	0655	1804	0728	1953	0115	1317
25	0653	1805	0815	2045	0201	1404
26	0652	1805	0919	2201	0259	1510
27	0651	1806	1130	---	0449	1743
28	0650	1807	0004	1311	0659	1920
29	0649	1808	0127	1407	0757	2012
30	0648	1808	0221	1450	0838	2051
31	0647	1809	0303	1526	0911	2124

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

