

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

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.

TIDES NOV 2020

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low tide
1	0528	1856	0412	1622	0958	2222
2	0527	1857	0439	1649	1024	2250
3	0526	1858	0506	1716	1051	2318
4	0526	1859	0534	1745	1119	2349
5	0525	1900	0604	1818	1150	---
6	0524	1900	0640	1858	0024	1229
7	0523	1901	0727	1954	0106	1324
8	0522	1902	0841	2125	0205	1454
9	0521	1903	1053	2330	0339	1735
10	0520	1904	1218	---	0548	1843
11	0519	1905	0044	1311	0651	1930
12	0519	1906	0137	1355	0736	2012
13	0518	1907	0223	1438	0817	2053
14	0517	1908	0307	1520	0857	2133
15	0517	1909	0349	1602	0937	2212
16	0516	1910	0430	1643	1017	2251
17	0515	1911	0511	1723	1057	2330
18	0514	1912	0552	1804	1139	---
19	0513	1913	0634	1845	0009	1224
20	0512	1914	0720	1930	0048	1315
21	0512	1915	0820	2028	0133	1424
22	0511	1916	0959	2210	0234	1627
23	0511	1917	1138	2357	0435	1803
24	0510	1918	1236	---	0611	1854
25	0510	1919	0057	1318	0700	1931
26	0510	1920	0140	1353	0737	2003
27	0510	1921	0216	1425	0808	2033
28	0509	1922	0248	1456	0838	2102
29	0509	1923	0319	1527	0907	2132
30	0509	1924	0350	1558	0936	2202

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

