

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES FEB 2023

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	0148	1350	0746	2016
2	0550	1933	0235	1437	0831	2052
3	0551	1932	0311	1516	0905	2124
4	0552	1931	0342	1550	0936	2152
5	0553	1930	0411	1621	1004	2219
6	0554	1930	0439	1650	1033	2246
7	0555	1929	0507	1717	1101	2312
8	0556	1928	0534	1744	1129	2338
9	0557	1927	0602	1812	1158	---
10	0558	1926	0631	1840	0004	1229
11	0559	1925	0703	1912	0033	1303
12	0600	1925	0739	1951	0105	1343
13	0600	1924	0825	2045	0145	1435
14	0601	1923	0931	2217	0242	1551
15	0602	1922	1115	---	0416	1830
16	0603	1921	0048	1307	0647	1951
17	0604	1920	0200	1415	0759	2041
18	0605	1919	0251	1508	0851	2122
19	0606	1918	0336	1553	0936	2200
20	0607	1916	0418	1635	1018	2236
21	0608	1915	0458	1713	1057	2310
22	0609	1914	0536	1748	1135	2342
23	0610	1913	0612	1820	1210	---
24	0611	1912	0646	1851	0012	1244
25	0611	1911	0719	1922	0041	1317
26	0612	1910	0753	1954	0111	1352
27	0613	1909	0832	2037	0144	1435
28	0614	1907	0939	---	0234	1554

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

