

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES OCT 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	0605	1830	0501	1719	1049	2320
2	0604	1831	0535	1753	1121	2353
3	0603	1832	0607	1825	1151	---
4	0602	1833	0638	1856	0024	1223
5	0601	1833	0711	1932	0057	1258
6	0600	1834	0753	2025	0136	1348
7	0558	1835	1120	2345	0237	1812
8	0557	1835	1258	---	0616	1912
9	0556	1836	0103	1337	0714	1945
10	0554	1837	0144	1406	0747	2012
11	0553	1838	0217	1433	0815	2037
12	0552	1839	0247	1459	0840	2103
13	0550	1839	0315	1525	0906	2129
14	0549	1840	0343	1552	0931	2156
15	0548	1841	0411	1619	0957	2223
16	0546	1842	0440	1647	1024	2250
17	0545	1843	0509	1716	1052	2319
18	0544	1844	0539	1747	1122	2351
19	0542	1844	0612	1822	1156	---
20	0541	1845	0650	1906	0028	1239
21	0540	1846	0743	2009	0114	1341
22	0538	1847	0922	2208	0222	1542
23	0537	1848	1156	---	0514	1816
24	0536	1849	0016	1257	0642	1912
25	0535	1850	0117	1343	0729	1955
26	0534	1851	0204	1424	0807	2034
27	0532	1851	0245	1503	0843	2111
28	0531	1852	0324	1540	0917	2146
29	0530	1853	0401	1616	0950	2220
30	0529	1854	0437	1651	1023	2253
31	0529	1855	0511	1724	1055	2325

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

