



GOUKAMMA

NATURE RESERVE AND MARINE PROTECTED AREA



	RESERVATIONS	087 087 8250
	087 087 3945/6 (office hours)	082 494 1880 (after hours)
	OFFICE HOURS	07h30 - 16h00 Mon-Fri
	CHECK-IN	CHECKOUT
OVERNIGHT BOOKINGS	14h00 - 16h00	10h00
	CHECK-IN	CHECKOUT
DAY VISITORS	08h00 - 15h00	18h00
	GATE TIMES	08h00 - 18h00



Time slips through your fingers at Goukamma Nature Reserve – the passage of the day is marked by the tides, the crashing of the waves, and the lapping of water at the edge of the lake. From the tea-coloured water of the Goukamma estuary, to the limpid green of the Groenvlei lake, the reserve is a hymn to the power and beauty of water. It is one of the Western Cape’s most significant Marine Conservation Areas, providing a safe haven for a variety of indigenous and endemic species. The ancient milkwood and coastal vegetation exert a different but equally compelling pull: after a day on the water, visitors can retreat to the soothing dark of the forest. Living in the forest means sharing it with the creatures who got there first, and guests will quickly get used to the sight of a vervet monkey peering through the window. CapeNature offers a range of accommodation and activities, giving visitors the opportunity to learn the rhythms of this beloved stretch of coastline.



To Goukamma and Buffalo Valley:

From Cape Town, take the N2 highway and travel for about 500km south towards George. Roughly 40km past George and between the towns of Sedgefield and Knysna, take the turn-off to Buffalo Bay. Follow this road for 8km and then turn right (towards the river) and into the reserve.

To Mvubu Bush Camp:

Approximately 2km east of Sedgefield (between Sedgefield and Knysna) on the N2, turn right at the signboard “Lake Pleasant” and continue past the caravan park. The road swerves to the right and becomes a gravel road. Continue with that road ± 1.7km until the first turn-off to the left with the signboard that says “Groenvlei/Mvubu Bushcamp”. Follow the jeeptrack until you get to the gate of Groenvlei. The gate key is on your disk.

To view Goukamma in Google maps, go to <https://www.google.com/maps> and insert these coordinates: 34°4'6.73"S, 22°56'52.29"E. Then select search for the map to display.



SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION UNITS



MVUBU BUSH LODGE 4



PLEASE NOTE:
No fires are allowed due to the high fire risk.

Mvubu Bush Lodge is situated on the western side of the reserve, on the edge of the Groenvlei Lake. This elevated wood and thatch self-catering lodge is nestled in milkwood forest, offering spacious accommodation for four guests in two en-suite bedrooms, one with double bed and the other with two singles. The cottage's expansive decks afford spectacular views of the lake.

BEDROOM 1	BEDROOM 2
 DOUBLE	 2X SINGLE
EN SUITE: 	EN SUITE:



ELECTRICITY



BEDDING + TOWELS



LOUNGE AREA



SUN DECK



SCENIC VIEW



GAS WEBER BRAAI

2 double canoes are available for guest use.



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



TABLEWARE



FRIDGE



GAS HOB /ELECTRIC OVEN



MICROWAVE



COOKWARE



TOASTER



KETTLE



3 COTTAGES:

STUMPSNOSE BLACKTAIL KABELJOU

4 

BEDROOM 1	BEDROOM 2
 QUEEN SIZE <small>2X SINGLES adapted to queen size using a mattress extender</small>	 2X SINGLE

Three charming self-catering cottages overlook the Goukamma River, each with two bedrooms. One bathroom (shower & toilet) is shared between the two bedrooms. Blacktail is situated in the middle of the three cottages which are at least 80m apart, but not secluded. Stumpsnose is situated close to the provincial road. Blacktail and Stumpsnose cottages boast a wood-fired hot tub.



ELECTRICITY



LOUNGE AREA



FIREPLACE



BRAAI WITH GRID



BEDDING + TOWELS



SHOWER
[Solar power]



TOILET



WOOD FIRED
HOT TUB



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



TABLEWARE



FRIDGE



ELECTRIC HOB



MICROWAVE



COOKWARE



TOASTER



KETTLE

SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION UNITS (CONTD.)



OTTER'S REST LODGE 4

BEDROOM 1	BEDROOM 2
 DOUBLE	 2X SINGLE

Set overlooking the ocean and river, the lodge sleeps four in two rooms with the main bedroom featuring a double bed, and the second bedroom two single beds. One bathroom (bath, shower & toilet) is shared between the two bedrooms. An open-plan kitchen, dining room and lounge provides a space to relax and enjoy a crackling fire in the indoor fireplace. The main area opens out onto an expansive deck with braai facilities. Private parking is available.



ELECTRICITY



LOUNGE AREA



FIREPLACE



BRAAI WITH GRID



BEDDING + TOWELS



SOLAR SHOWER + BATH + TOILET



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



TABLEWARE



FRIDGE



GAS HOB / ELECTRIC OVEN



MICROWAVE



COOKWARE



TOASTER



KETTLE



FISH EAGLE LOFT 2

BEDROOM
 QUEEN SIZE 2X SINGLES adapted to queen size using a mattress extender

This duplex unit is located on the top floor of Otters Rest Lodge and sleeps two people in single beds. The loft has fabulous sea and river views, and an open-plan kitchen, dining room and lounge leading onto a deck with private braai facilities. The en-suite bathroom, with skylight, has a shower. Private parking is available.



ELECTRICITY



LOUNGE AREA



FIREPLACE



BRAAI WITH GRID



BEDDING + TOWELS



SUN DECK



TOILET



SHOWER
[Solar power]



SCENIC VIEW



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



TABLEWARE



FRIDGE



GAS HOB / ELECTRIC OVEN



MICROWAVE



COOKWARE



TOASTER



KETTLE

ACTIVITIES



DAY WALKS
A choice of six day trails.



SWIMMING
in the sea and the Goukamma River



PICNICKING
Ten sites with braai places and grids.



BIRD WATCHING



CANOEING
Double canoes and paddle boats for hire.
(No pre-booking of water vessels allowed.)



WHALE WATCHING
(seasonal)



FISHING
at the sea (rod & line only), Goukamma River or Groenvlei Lake

Fishing permits required:

Goukamma River and sea:
Sea angling permit
Groenvlei Lake:
Freshwater fishing permit

CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING



BOOKING CONFIRMATION

This is your entry permit



FOOD + DRINKS



DRINKING WATER



WALKING SHOES



SWIMMING TOWEL



INSECT REPELLANT



TORCH



WARM JACKET/ RAINCOAT (Winter)



WATER BOTTLE



SWIMMING COSTUME



SUN HAT



BINOCULARS



SUNSCREEN



MATCHES + FIRELIGHTERS



CHARCOAL

Please bring **CHARCOAL** or **ECO LOGS** for your braai. These items are sold at selected reserves. Please enquire with the reserve before arrival.



THESE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM RECEPTION



IRON + IRONING BOARD



HAIRDRYER



BABY COT

BUFFALO VALLEY

SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION UNITS

Buffalo Valley is a large conservation area bordering the serene Goukamma River just two kilometers upstream from the warm Indian Ocean. Buffalo Valley has three self-catering timber lodges, each offering privacy and equipped with the items listed below. These lodges can accommodate between four and six people.

THE THREE LODGES HAVE THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES:



SOLAR POWER



BEDDING + TOWELS



LOUNGE AREA



FIREPLACE



PICNIC BENCH



DECK



BRAAI WITH GRID



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



TABLEWARE



FRIDGE [Solar power]



GAS STOVE



COOKWARE



GAS KETTLE



SHOWER [Gas]



FLUSH TOILET



VLEI LODGE

5

LOFT above living area



2X SINGLE



SMALL SINGLE

Separate CABIN HOUSE



KING SIZE

Overlooking a tranquil birdvlei, this magical hideaway has a deck designed around milkwood trees. The living area with its huge fireplace has a character all its own. Linger around the fire at the spacious outdoor braai area. Fall asleep to a chorus of frogs and wake to the sounds of the singing birds.



RIVER LODGE

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The sunny River Lodge has a panoramic view of the pristine Goukamma River. The deck and outdoor braai area offer ringside seats to spectacular sunsets over fynbos hills. It's just a short walk through coastal forest to the grassy banks of the river where you can enjoy a spot of fishing.

BEDROOM 1



DOUBLE

+
upstairs loft area



SINGLE DAY BED

BEDROOM 2



2X SINGLE

+
upstairs loft area



SINGLE DAY BED



FOREST LODGE

4

Hidden in riverine forest right on the edge of the Goukamma River, the spacious sky lit Forest Lodge has a magnificent deck built around bird-filled milkwood trees where you can relax as the river glides by. Follow a short boardwalk to a private jetty from which you can fish, canoe and swim.

BEDROOM 1



DOUBLE

BEDROOM 2



2X SINGLE

GOUKAMMA & BUFFALO VALLEY RULES

Please remember you are in a nature reserve. No plants or animals may be damaged, removed or disturbed in any way.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED



PICKING PLANTS



DISTURBING OF ANY WILDLIFE



CAMPING



CARAVANNING



MOTOR HOMES



MOTORBIKES



FUEL OUTBOARD ENGINES (RIVER/LAKE)



SPEAR FISHING



MAKING FIRES ON THE BEACH



COLLECTING OF BAIT



FIREWORKS



FIREARMS



PETS



COLLECTING OF FIREWOOD



LITTERING



RE-ARRANGING FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT OR TAKING OUTDOORS



LOUD MUSIC & ROWDY BEHAVIOUR



FEEDING OF ANY ANIMALS

WHAT TO REMEMBER BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

MVUBU BUSH LODGE



Keys for Mvubu Bush Lodge must be collected at the Goukamma entrance gate before 16:00. No exceptions will be made due to COVID-19 procedures.



There is no grocery shop on the reserve. Food, beverages and other provisions must be bought beforehand.



It is recommended that you bring your own drinking water as the available water is very brackish.



The Garden Route is not a malaria area, but mosquitos can be a nuisance. Please remember to bring a suitable repellent (lotion, coils).



We highly recommend utilizing a vehicle with a high ground clearance when traversing the reserve.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



ARRIVAL: 14h00 - 16h00

Please remember:

Your booking confirmation is your entry permit.

DEPARTURE: 10h00



Goukamma & Buffalo Valley guests

Return all keys to the Office or gate on departure.



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