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Dear Valued Guests,

CapeNature is pleased to welcome visitors back to Algeria Camp following the devastating December 2025 wildfire and May 2026 flood events. While significant progress has been made in restoring infrastructure and reopening selected facilities, recovery and rehabilitation work remains ongoing and is expected to continue over the next 12 to 24 months.

This notice is intended to provide visitors with the latest information on accommodation, access, recreational activities and current restrictions to assist with planning your visit and ensuring realistic expectations.

Accommodation

The following Algeria cottages are open for overnight accommodation from 1 July 2026:

- Garskraal
- Rietdak
- Waterfall
- Cedar
- Maltese Cross
- Klipspringer
- Grey Rhebok
- Wolfberg Arch

The following accommodation remains closed until further notice due to flood damage and road access constraints:

Bosherberge Cottages

- Uitkyk
- Waenhuis
- Prik se Werf
- Peerboom
- Sas se Werf

Road Access

Flood damage has significantly affected access to and within the Cederberg.

- Uitkyk Pass remains closed.

- The road between Jamaka and Algeria remains closed.
- Access to Algeria is currently only possible via Nieuwoudt's Pass and the N7.
- Visitors should expect longer travelling times due to road closures and detours.

CapeNature continues to work with the relevant road authorities and appointed contractors to restore damaged infrastructure.

Hiking and Recreational Activities

The December 2025 wildfire and May 2026 floods resulted in extensive damage throughout the Cederberg Wilderness.

Hiking

- Area A is open for day and overnight hiking.
- Areas B and C remain closed until further notice.
- Hiking permits are available from Kliphuis Camp, approximately 65 km from Algeria.

Algeria Camp

Please note that:

- The Algeria Campsite remains closed while rehabilitation continues.
- There are currently no operational hiking trails directly accessible from Algeria Camp, including the Waterfall and Van der Merwe Trails.

Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is currently not recommended due to extensive flood damage, erosion and unsafe trail and road conditions.

Access to Attractions

Several popular attractions are currently inaccessible or impractical to visit from Algeria due to road closures, including:

- Stadsaal Cave
- Truitjieskraal
- Wolfberg Arch
- Maltese Cross
- Various attractions in the Southern Cederberg

Access to these destinations currently requires travelling via Citrusdal and Op-die-Berg, resulting in an approximate 400 km round trip from Algeria. The traveling time for this trip is approximately 7 hours, which includes traveling on mountain passes on dirt roads.

Visitor Safety

For your safety, visitors are requested to observe all road closures, trail closures and warning signage.

Closed areas may contain:

- Flood-damaged infrastructure
- Unstable terrain
- Unsafe river crossings
- Active construction areas

- Post-fire and post-flood hazards

Please do not enter any restricted areas.

Planning Your Visit

Visitors should be aware that, while overnight accommodation is available, the overall recreational offering remains significantly reduced at this stage.

Current limitations include:

- Restricted road access.
- Closure of Areas B and C.
- No hiking trails from Algeria Camp.
- Closure of the Algeria Campsite.
- Limited hiking opportunities – restricted to Area A and Matjiesrivier Nature Reserve.
- No access to mountain bike trails.
- Restricted access to several of the Cederberg's flagship attractions.

We encourage all visitors to consider these limitations when planning their stay.

CapeNature appreciates your patience, understanding and continued support while the Cederberg recovers from these unprecedented natural disasters.

The rehabilitation of roads, tourism infrastructure, visitor facilities and wilderness areas is a long-term process, with significant work still planned over the next 12 to 24 months.

Our priority remains the safety of our visitors, the protection of this internationally significant wilderness area, and the responsible restoration of tourism facilities.

We will continue to provide updates as additional facilities and recreational opportunities become available.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Cederberg and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,



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