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NOTICE: POST FIRE AND FLOOD UPDATES - MAY 2026

Dear Tourism Partners, Neighbours and Clients,

CapeNature acknowledges that many neighbouring landowners, local communities, tourism operators and businesses have been significantly affected by the recent floods, infrastructure damage and prolonged road closures. We extend our sincere sympathy and support to all those impacted during this challenging period.

Please take note of the following operational updates, access restrictions and temporary closures within the Cederberg Wilderness Area and associated tourism facilities following recent wildfire and flood damage impacts.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with our partners, municipalities, emergency services, neighbouring landowners, tourism stakeholders and local communities as we collectively navigate the recovery and rehabilitation process. Through continued cooperation and strong working partnerships, we are confident that the Cederberg will recover and rebuild over time.

ACCESS ROADS

Road / Route	Status	Notes
Ou Kaapse Weg (Between Algeria Community and CapeNature Alger Office)	CLOSED	Road and bridge damage between Algeria Community and Algeria CapeNature Office
Ou Kaapse Weg (Algeria community to Clanwilliam)	OPEN	Community can access Clanwilliam
Rondegat Road	OPEN	Access between Citrusdal and Clanwilliam (Back Road)
N7 Olifants Bridge	OPEN	Not under water, but susceptible to flooding and sandbanks

Niewoudtspas (Clanwilliam / Citrusdal / N7 to Algeria)	RESTRICTED ACCESS	Access limited to residents only due to road damage and Uitkyk Pas closure
Uitkyk Pass	CLOSED	Road collapse.
Ceres to Matjiesrivier	OPEN	Several damaged sections of road — proceed with caution.
Op-die-Berg / Citrusdal to Matjiesrivier	OPEN	Several damaged sections of road — proceed with caution.

CapeNature remains in regular contact with the West Coast District Municipality, Roads Departments, engineers and other technical specialists regarding road condition assessments and repair progress updates.

In addition, CapeNature has appointed contractors to assist with damage repairs and rehabilitation work at Boshberge, the Algeria Campsite and selected internal jeep tracks within the Cederberg Wilderness Area and Matjiesrivier.

ELECTRICITY AND CONNECTIVITY

Service Area	Status	Notes
Eskom – Matjiesrivier	PARTIALLY RESTORED	Supply restored on 25 May 2026 after 15-day outage; network remains unstable.
Eskom and Vodacom – Algeria	OFFLINE	No power or cellular connectivity currently available.

CEDERBERG WILDERNESS AREA

Area / Trail	Status	Notes
Area A - HIKING	OPEN	Open for day hiking activities.
Area A - Events	OPEN	Event applications and bookings via info@capenature.co.za
Area A - Overnight Hiking	OPEN	Use of registered local guides strongly encouraged.
Area B	CLOSED	Closed for day and overnight hiking until December 2026.
Area C	CLOSED	Closed for day and overnight hiking until December 2026.
Maltese Cross	CLOSED	Closed pending flood damage assessments. Planned re-opening 1 July
Wolfberg Arch	CLOSED	Closed pending flood damage assessments. Planned re-opening 1 July

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITY STATUS

Facility	Status	Notes
Kliphuis Cottages	OPEN	Reopened on 25 May 2026.
Kliphuis Campsite	OPEN	Reopened on 25 May 2026.
Algeria Cottages	CLOSED	Planned reopening on 08 June 2026, subject to Eskom power restoration.
Bosherberge Cottages	CLOSED	Closed until Uitkyk Pass restoration and completion of internal road repairs.
Algeria Campsite	CLOSED	Closed indefinitely pending infrastructure assessments and recovery.
Stadsaal	CLOSED	Planned reopening date: 01 July 2026.
Truitjieskraal	CLOSED	Planned reopening date: 01 July 2026.

IMPORTANT VISITOR INFORMATION

Visitors are advised that access to Stadsaal, Truitjieskraal, Maltese Cross and Wolfberg Arch will remain unavailable until 01 July 2026. Thereafter, access will only be possible via the Ceres and Citrusdal/ Op-die-Berg roads due to severe flood damage and the collapse of the Uitkyk Pass.

We kindly request that all tourism partners, accommodation establishments and neighbouring stakeholders communicate these operational limitations clearly to visitors and clients in order to prevent inconvenience and support visitor safety.

Further operational updates and reopening timelines will be communicated as infrastructure assessments, rehabilitation works and safety evaluations progress.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, support and partnership during the recovery process.

Kind Regards,



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