



Info Sheet

LIMIETBERG

NATURE RESERVE

Near Wellington

USEFUL NUMBERS AND TIMES

RESERVATIONS	☎ 087 087 8250
RESERVE OFFICE	☎ 087 087 4145 (Tweede Tol: Office hours)
EMERGENCY (Fire & Rescue)	☎ 082 494 9707
LIMIETBERG OFFICE HOURS	08h00 – 16h30 (MONDAY - FRIDAY)
TWEEDE TOL OFFICE HOURS	08h00 – 18h00 (MONDAY - SUNDAY)
CHECK-IN TIME	08h00 – 14h00
CHECKOUT TIME	16h30
GATE TIMES	08h00 – 18h00

HOW TO GET THERE

📍 S 33 ° 43'58.91" E 19 ° 07'16.14"

From Cape Town: Take the Klapmuts/Wellington turn-off on N1. Turn left and drive for 20km until you get into Wellington. At the fifth set of traffic lights, turn left into Piet Retief Street and then right at the next set of traffic lights into Church Street. This will lead you into Bainskloof Pass towards Worcester. Tweede Tol will be on your left, about 16km from the Bainskloof Pass signboard, outside Wellington. Drive cautiously as the road through the pass is narrow.

ABOUT THE RESERVE

It's easy to see where Limietberg Nature Reserve got its name. "Limietberg" means "boundary mountain," and for a long time, this soaring mountain range marked the northern border of what was once the Cape Colony. Nowadays, cars pass through and over the mountains with ease, but Limietberg Nature Reserve is a reminder that this was once a place of limits, where human beings came up against the irrefutable realities of nature.

Visitors can still get lost in this vast reserve, and the strict limits placed on hiking numbers guarantees a feeling of seclusion, even isolation. The region offers visitors the chance to spot increasingly rare endemic bird and plant species, and to plunge into fathomless mountain pools. Despite its popularity, Tweede Tol still feels like a well-kept secret, the kind of quiet getaway that families will return to again and again. The old boundaries have gone, but the towering mountains remain.

ACTIVITIES	
SWIMMING	There are many swimming holes tucked away in the mountains, including the Witte River and Wolwekloof pools. Please ensure you have a valid permit. Note that eating, drinking, and diving are not allowed at any of the swimming holes.
PICNICKING	Tweede Tol is a popular picnicking spot, where day visitors can soak up the sun and play in the Witte River rock pools. This area can accommodate up to 120 visitors per day, on a first-come-first-served basis. Get there early to avoid disappointment! Gates are open from 08:00 to 18:00. Toilets are available. Please note that the hiking trails are for campers only.
FRESHWATER FLY ANGLING	Permits may only be purchased at the fish control society and requires angling licence also.
ROCK ART	Visit Limietberg remarkable examples of San and Khoi rock art. These paintings, found in rocky overhangs and caves, vary between 300 and 6 000 years old. They are an integral part of the wilderness area's value, and we encourage you to discover them on your own. Rock art is protected by the National Monuments Act (1969) and vandals who deface rock paintings face fines of up to R10 000 and/or two years imprisonment.

DAY WALKS / HIKING DAY (7 Majestic hikes on Limietberg Nature Reserves)

► KROMRIVIER 7 KM 5 HOURS

This easy, popular trail starts in Du Toitskloof, immediately to the left after the Worcester exit of the Huguenot Tunnel. Permit holders can park at a fenced parking area about 700m after the tunnel, on the left side of the road.

The trail winds back towards the tunnel. A sign beneath the two bridges shows you where to go. The trail crosses the Krom and Molenaars rivers. After crossing Krom River, the vegetation becomes dense at the top end of the kloof. The path to the Krom River waterfall is about 2.5km. The last section of this path is surrounded by indigenous riverine forest.

After the first waterfall, hikers will come to the second, truly spectacular, waterfall and large plunge pool (remember to bring your costume). Climbing between the first and second waterfalls can be tricky – we suggest that hikers carry a rope. This may be inaccessible in winter after heavy rains, when the river is difficult and dangerous to cross.

DAY WALKS / HIKING DAY CONTINUES

► ELANDSRIVIER 6 KM 5 HOURS

This easy-to-moderate trail is an ideal winter's day hike. It starts in Du Toitskloof, immediately to the left after the Worcester exit of the Huguenot Tunnel. Permit holders can park at a fenced parking area about 700m after the tunnel, on the left side of the road.

The trail heads back towards the tunnel. A sign beneath the two bridges will show you where to go. From there, it is about 3.5km (two hours) to the boundary of the conservation area. The start of the hike is quite difficult, as the path has been cut out against a very steep slope. But it's worth the effort – after this section the route winds along the beautiful river, with some high areas offering panoramic views of the valley.

As the trail leads towards Fisherman's Cave, the vegetation becomes quite dense. From this overhang, the path follows the river for another 0.5km to the boundary, before ending abruptly against steep cliffs. Please note that hikers should not go further than this point as they will be trespassing on private land. Angling is allowed with the appropriate freshwater permit.

► MIASPOORT 8 KM 6 HOURS

This trail starts on the old Du Toitskloof Pass above the eastern entrance of the Huguenot tunnel. It is a long and initially difficult walk as the first two hours are a steep climb to the top of the ridge. An easy walk along the ridge is followed by another steep ascent to the cross at Huguenot Kop, erected in February 1945 by Italian Prisoner-of-War who built the pass. At 1318 m, the hiker is rewarded with unsurpassed view over the entire Boland mountain range and Paarl Valley.

► HAPPY VALLEY 10 KM 6 HOURS

This easy walk is ideal for families and beginners. It starts in Bainskloof at Eerste Tol, leading up a jeep track past the ruins of an old house and a monument commemorating the 1895 Witte River disaster. Remember to bring your costume so you can take a break and enjoy the many beautiful rock pools along the way. The secluded Junction Pools, where two rivers meet, is at the end of the route. Return on the same path. Rivers may be full in winter.

► BOBBEJAANSRIVIER 9KM 5 HOURS

This scenic trail starts at the Eerste Tol parking area, near De Nek. It winds across the Bobbejaans River, a tributary of the Witte River. After about 3.5km, you can plunge into the river's inviting mountain pools (remember to bring your costume). The final steep ascent leads you to a stunning three-tiered waterfall. This trail is particularly beautiful in summer when the colourful disas and giant proteas are in bloom. The Witte River is difficult to cross in winter after heavy rainfall.

The permits must be purchased 48hours before hike to be able to receive the gate code. Failing to purchase 48hours before will disadvantage you from receiving your gate code.

DAY WALKS / HIKING DAY CONTINUES

► MURASIE 7KM 3 HOURS

Take an easy stroll up to the ruins of Hugo's rest, a house seemingly surrounded by ill fortune. The trails start at Eerste Tol. About 150 m from the parking area, you climb over a fence using a wooden stile. Follow a jeep track past a memorial to four people who drowned in 1895 while attempting to save a student from a flooding river. Walk a little further and take your next turn to the right to find the haunted ruin where a young woman was murdered in 1978. This route is ideal for large groups, with some good swimming pools along the way.

► ROCKHOPPER 7.5 KM 5 HOURS

This moderate-to-difficult trail in Bainskloof is for the fun-loving and adventurous hiker. The trail involves rock hopping, swimming, and finding your own way down a boulder-strewn riverbed. Although most of the water obstacles can be avoided, hikers will have to wade through a pool near Tweede Tol.

The trail starts at Eerste Tol in the Bainskloof Pass. It follows the Witte River and ends at the Tweede Tol picnic site, where you can enjoy a well-deserved lunch! It is a linear trail, so hikers will need a car at the start and another at the finish. The route is not open when the river is too full. Hazards include volatile weather, slippery rocks, wind, and ticks.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING

- **Hiking trail permits** may be purchased at the Limietberg Reserve office and Tweede Tol or through CapeNature Central Reservations - www.capenature.co.za. **Picnicking permits** can be purchased online or at the Tweede Tol gate office. Clients are advised to book online; this will assist to know whether it's fully booked or not.
- Please note that you **need a gate code** to enter the Bobbejaansrivier hiking trail.
- Please note that hiking trails might be closed at short notice due to extreme weather conditions or natural disasters.
- No fires are allowed on the hiking trails.
- No water and cell phone reception is available on these trails.
- In summer MTB cyclists should set out early in the morning to avoid the heat of the day.

LIMIETBERG RULES

- Day picnickers are restricted to the picnic area ONLY
- Daily Capacity limits are in place
- NO pets are allowed
- NO loud music (including musical instruments) and radios are allowed.
- Strictly NO eating and/or drinking allowed in the river
- NO alcohol allowed
- NO rowdiness, hooliganism or disturbing the peace will be tolerated
- NO nude bathing is allowed
- NO firearms are allowed
- NO littering allowed
- NO throwing or moving of rocks in and around the river is allowed
- Parents are responsible for their children's behaviour
- Fires are only allowed in the fireplaces provided for that purpose. Please do not break any rocks or chop wood on constructed fireplaces. Always guard your fire and extinguish it thoroughly with water before leaving.
- **NO firewood** is allowed at the reserve, eco logs are sold at the gate office.
- No one may damage or remove any vegetation or notice boards.
- The gathering of firewood from the veld is not allowed
- Please be friendly and considerate towards your fellow picnickers as well as the picnic site staff
- The gates open at 08h00 and close at 18h00.



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Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	50
Total distance in km:	7
Degree of difficulty:	Moderate
Estimated time to complete:	5 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	Sunrise to Sunset
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes
Is a permit required?	Yes



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► ELANDSRIVIER

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Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	50
Total distance in km:	6
Degree of difficulty:	Moderate
Estimated time to complete:	5 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	Sunrise to Sunset
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes
Is a permit required?	Yes

► MIASPOORT

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Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	50
Total distance in km:	8
Degree of difficulty:	Strenuous
Estimated time to complete:	6 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	Sunrise to Sunset
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes
Is a permit required?	Yes



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► HAPPY VALLEY

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Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	50
Total distance in km:	10
Degree of difficulty:	Moderate
Estimated time to complete:	6 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trial to be back before gate closes:	Sunrise to Sunset
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes
Is a permit required?	Yes

► BOBBEJAANSRIVIER

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Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	50
Total distance in km:	8
Degree of difficulty:	Strenuous
Estimated time to complete:	6 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trial to be back before gate closes:	Sunrise to Sunset
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes
Is a permit required?	Yes



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► MURASIE

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Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	50
Total distance in km:	7
Degree of difficulty:	Easy
Estimated time to complete:	3 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	Sunrise to Sunset
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes
Is a permit required?	Yes

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Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	50
Total distance in km:	7.5
Degree of difficulty:	Moderate
Estimated time to complete:	5 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	Sunrise to Sunset
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes
Is a permit required?	Yes

HIKING SAFETY TIPS & RULES

- Wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, and a hat.
- Do not hike alone.
- Carry enough food and water with you.
- Make sure you know what the weather conditions are before you depart.
- Take a warm jacket/raincoat in winter.
- Make sure you have a relevant map of the area.
- Take a field medical kit with you for emergencies.
- Obey all signage.
- Stay in a group and on the trails.
- Leave nothing but footprints.
- Respect the wildlife.
- Stay on the trail.
- Take nothing but picture

HIKING CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING

- Hat
- Sunblock
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sufficient snacks and drinking water.
- Good map of the area
- Communication device in case of emergency