



## Info Sheet

# ASSEGAAIBOSCH

## NATURE RESERVE

Near Stellenbosch



### USEFUL NUMBERS AND TIMES

RESERVATIONS	☎ 087 087 8250
RESERVE OFFICE	☎ 087 087 4118 (Office hours)
EMERGENCY (Fire & Rescue)	☎ 082 467 0405
OFFICE HOURS	08h00 – 16h30 (Monday – Friday)
CHECK-IN TIME	08h00 – 14h00
CHECKOUT TIME	16h30
GATE TIMES	08h00 – 16h30

### HOW TO GET THERE

📍 33°96'76.62"S 18°92'76.89"E

From Cape Town: Take the N2 highway out of Cape Town towards Stellenbosch. Take exit 33 for Baden Powell Drive towards the R310/Stellenbosch/Macassar. Approach Stellenbosch from the R310, turn left on the R44 and then right into Merriman Avenue. Continue straight at traffic circle continue with Jonkershoek road. Follow the winding Jonkershoek road to the gates/guard house of Jonkershoek, Assegaaibosch Picnic Area situated on your right-hand side.

### ABOUT THE RESERVE

Assegaaibosch is a small nature reserve in the Jonkershoek valley. It is about 9km from Stellenbosch and 204 hectares in size. The reserve lies next to the Eerste River, which forms the northern boundary and extends up the north-eastern slope of Stellenbosch Mountain, which forms the southern boundary. Along with Jonkershoek Nature Reserve, Assegaaibosch is a World Heritage Site.

ACTIVITIES	
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Small stream
<b>PICNICKING</b>	There are 11 Sites that can be booked, including a larger corporate site. The daily maximum number of persons that can be accommodated is 80.
<b>DAY WALKS / HIKING</b>	Two hiking routes available. A short 3km walk and 5.5km trail. <b>Please note trails are currently closed for maintenance.</b>
<b>MOUNTAIN BIKING/CYCLING</b> There are cycling routes at the MTO property further down the road, but not at Assegaaibosch Nature Reserve	

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING

- **Hiking trail permits** must be booked and are available at the **gate only** [TRAILS CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE]
- **Picnicking permits** are available at the **gate only**
- Parking and toilet facilities are available
- 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.

## ASSEGAAIBOSCH RULES

- Day picnickers are restricted to the picnic area **ONLY**
- **Daily Capacity limits** are in place
- NO pets are allowed
- NO 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. Guard your fire at all times and extinguish it thoroughly with water before leaving
- 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 **16h30 sharp**



## DAY TRAILS / WALKS

### ROUTE 1

*This is a short circular route from the Assegaibosch Picnic area. Visitors can expect to enjoy beautiful views of the reserve and the valley as well as river crossings along the way.*

<b>Maximum people allowed on trail per day:</b>	100
<b>Total distance in km:</b>	3
<b>Type of route:</b>	Circular
<b>Degree of difficulty:</b>	Easy
<b>Estimated time to complete:</b>	1 hour
<b>Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:</b>	15h00
<b>Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?</b>	Yes
<b>Is a permit required?</b>	Yes – available at the gate

### ROUTE 2

*This is a circular route from the Assegaibosch Picnic area. Visitors can expect to enjoy beautiful views of the reserve and the valley as well as river crossings along the way. The walk along the paved road crossed over into a single track through the mountains into Jonkershoek and back into Assegaibosch.*

<b>Maximum people allowed on trail per day:</b>	100
<b>Total distance in km:</b>	5.5
<b>Type of route:</b>	Circular
<b>Degree of difficulty:</b>	Easy
<b>Estimated time to complete:</b>	2 hours
<b>Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:</b>	14h00
<b>Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?</b>	Yes
<b>Is a permit required?</b>	Yes – available at the gate

## HIKING SAFETY TIPS

- 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.

## 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***