



Info Sheet

HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND

NATURE RESERVE

Near Grabouw



USEFUL NUMBERS AND TIMES		GPS: 34 4 26.64 S 19 3 42.41 E
RESERVATIONS	☎ 087 087 8250	
RESERVE OFFICE	☎ 028 841 4301/02	(Office hours)
EMERGENCY (Fire & Rescue)	☎ 082 413 5258	
OFFICE HOURS	07h30 – 16h00	(Monday – Friday)
CHECK-IN TIME	07h30 – 13h00	
CHECKOUT TIME	Overnight: 10h00	
GATE TIMES	07h30 – 16h00	(Monday-Sunday)

HOW TO GET THERE	📍 34 4 26.64 S 19 3 42.41 E
<p>Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve is about an hour's drive from Cape Town. Take the N2 over Sir Lowry's Pass, turn left on the R321, go through Grabouw and go on towards Villiers Dorp. Up in Viljoen's Pass, watch out for Nuweberg and the reserve entrance signposted on your left.</p>	

ABOUT THE RESERVE
<p>The reserve's mountainous terrain ranges between altitudes of 500m and 1 590m. Summers are generally hot and dry, while winters are cold with annual rainfall as high as 3 300mm on the Dwarsberg plateau. Weather conditions in the mountains can be unpredictable and dangerous.</p>

The entrance to the reserve is at Nuweberg, high in Viljoen's Pass between Grabouw and Villiers Dorp. About 7 000 hectares of private and state property around the reserve is co-managed by the Theewaterskloof Conservancy, which includes CapeNature and various landowners.

HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND HIKING TRAILS

Hikes range from day excursions to overnight experiences on the Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve. Please note that hikers will not be allowed to start hiking later than stipulated times per hike, in order to ensure that they are safely able to complete the various hikes within daylight hours. You can choose your route, covering either one, two or three days of hiking, but note that it is advised that hikers are fit, experienced and well-equipped for extreme weather. Hottentots Holland trails are not suitable for first time hikers, the terrain is rough, the trails are long and can be difficult to navigate. Local weather systems change drastically between the lower and high lying areas and hikers must be prepared for all weather conditions

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Hiking trail permits available via Booking office or online
- Picnicking permits are available at the gate and via Booking office
- 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.


HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND 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
- 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 07h30 and close at **16:00 sharp**

OVERNIGHT HIKING TRAIL RULES

- Hikers use all hiking trails at their own risk
- Porterage or transport services are not provided.
- Hikers must ensure they bring only what they need, as they are expected to carry all their own items.
- Driving to the huts or along the management tracks are not permitted.
- In emergency situations, rescue services will be contacted. These may include the Wilderness Search and Rescue or Metro. Please note that hikers will be held liable for rescue costs incurred. Much of the terrain is not accessible by vehicle and thus rely on Rescue Helicopters.
- Hiking groups are restricted to a maximum of 30 persons (which is linked to the number of beds in each hut) a minimum of two (for safety reasons)
- The minimum age limit to hike in the Reserve is 12. All persons between the age of 12 and 18 must be accompanied by supervising adults.
- Permits must be carried with the group at all times and must be available for inspection by the Reserve Staff.
- Hikers should remain within their hiking groups, hike single file and only on the demarcated trails.
- Do not lure, disturb, harm, feed or kill any animal in the reserve.
- Do not pick, uproot, remove, cut or in any way damage any plant or part thereof in the reserve
- Do not deface, etch into, scratch on or in any way cause damage to any geological or historical feature or structure in the Reserve.
- Littering & dumping is not permitted, regardless of whether it is a natural item (e.g. banana peel) or not. Bins are provided at the overnight huts for overnight clients.
- Do not pollute any rivers and streams with soap, shampoo or and other harmful substance.
- Open fires (including gas braais, candles etc.) are strictly prohibited anywhere other than the designated braai areas at the hiking huts.
- Do not discard cigarette butts anywhere, except in the ashtrays provided at the hiking huts, alternatively take them with you when you exit the reserve.
- Please leave the hiking huts in the condition you would like to find them, clean and neat, ready for use by the next group

 OVERNIGHT TRAILS	
Boesmankloof route (Landroskop & shamrock to Boesmankloof & Aloe huts) Currently closed	
Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	30
Total distance in km:	17km
Degree of difficulty:	Strenuous
Estimated time to complete:	8-9 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	10h00 closed
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes, if space is available. Trails are preferred to be booked via booking office to secure space
Is a permit required?	Yes

 OVERNIGHT TRAILS	
Nuweberg to Landroskop Hut (Sphinx Route)	
Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	30
Total distance in km:	12km
Degree of difficulty:	Moderate
Estimated time to complete:	3-4 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	13h00
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes, if space is available. Trails are preferred to be booked via booking office or online. To secure space
Is a permit required?	Yes



OVERNIGHT TRAILS

Nuweberg to Boesmankloof Hut (Orchard route)

Maximum people allowed on trail per day:	30
Total distance in km:	14km
Degree of difficulty:	Moderate
Estimated time to complete:	6-7 hours
Cut-off time to set off on trail to be back before gate closes:	12:00 noon
Must trails be booked before arrival at reserve?	Yes, if space is available. Trails are preferred to be booked via booking office or online. To secure space.
Is a permit required?	Yes

HIKING HUTS

PLEASE NOTE: All overnight huts are basic dormitory style huts. They can be booked per bed or per room. Please confirm requirements with the bookings office as accommodation is shared.

1. Landroskop Hiking Hut (with six rooms sleeping a total of 30)

- a. Sphinx – 2 x bunk beds & 1 x triple bunk bed (sleeps 7)
- b. Indalo – 2 x bunk beds & 1 x triple bunk bed (sleeps 7)
- c. Sneeukop – 2 x bunk beds (sleeps 4)
- d. Nebulosus – 2 x bunk beds (sleeps 4)
- e. Aku-Aku – 2 x bunk beds (sleeps 4)
- f. Landrosia – 2 x bunk beds (sleeps 4)

2. Shamrock Lodge Hiking Hut (with three rooms sleeping a total of 30)

- a. Disa: 4 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 12)
- b. Erica – 3 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 9)
- c. Brunia – 3 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 9)

3. Boesmankloof Hiking Hut (with three rooms sleeping a total of 30)

- a. Visarend - 4 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 12)
- b. Bridge Farr – 3 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 9)
- c. Bergadder – 3 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 9)

4. Aloe Ridge Hiking Hut (with three rooms sleeping a total of 30) (Closed)

- a. Bontebok - 4 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 12) currently closed
- b. Eland – 3 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 9)
- c. Leopard – 3 x triple bunk beds (sleeps 9)

Please note that these are rustic hiking facilities so please be advised of following provisions at all the huts and what you should bring from home:

Items	CapeNature Provides	Bring own
Cooking	A braai area and braai grid Rubbish bins Chopped “kaggel” wood. Please note: guests pay per bundle, ensure you request sufficient bundles for larger groups.	Drinking water, Lighter, fire fighters, axe/saw Braai-tongs, pots, pans any cooking equipment you require All food, drink, cutlery and washing up supplies
Beds Ablutions	Beds and Matrass Eco-toilet and an outside tap with drinking water Note no shower / bath facilities are available	Bedding and Pillows Toilet paper, Towel and toiletries
Room Heat	Jetmaster fireplace Shamrock, Boesmanskloof and Aloe ridge – have a fireplace in each room Landroskop only has a central fireplace in the central boma area.	Any warm clothing and blankets required

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE IN A NATURE RESERVE AND WILL BE SHARING FACILITIES WITH OTHER USER GROUPS. RESPECT NATURE AND OTHER USERS NEED FOR QUIET TIME AND PEACE.

THERE ARE WATER TANKS AT THE HUTS, THE WATER IS NOT SAFE FOR DRINKING, GUEST TO BRING THEIR DRINKING WATER. PLEASE USE THE TANK WATER SPARINGLY.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS PROPERLY CLOSED AND LOCKED. THIS WILL ASSIST IN PROTECTING THE FACILITY AGAINST WILD ANIMALS AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

BABOONS DO FREQUENT THE AREA, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE FOOD OR OTHER ITEMS LAYING AROUND WHERE THEY CAN ACCESS IT.

PLEASE REPORT ANY VANDALISM OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE RESERVE IMMEDIATELY

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

- Drinking water
- Hat
- Sunblock
- Comfortable walking shoes
- **Sufficient snacks**
- **Good map of the area**
- **Communication device in case of emergency**