

# ROCHERPAN NATURE RESERVE



**RESERVATIONS** 087 087 8250



NATURE RESERVE

**087 087 4177** (office hours)



**OFFICE HOURS** 08h00 - 16h30  
7 days a week



OVERNIGHT BOOKINGS

**CHECK IN** 14h00 - 16h00  
**CHECK OUT** 10h00



DAY VISITORS

**CHECK IN** 08h00  
**CHECK OUT** 16h00

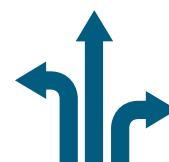


**GATE TIMES** 08h00 - 18h00

24 hour remote control access to both gates for in-house guests



**Rocherpan** exists because of a happy accident. In 1839, a local farmer closed off the mouth of Papkuils River in an attempt to find improved summer grazing for his livestock. By forcing the river to flow behind the dunes that separate the sandveld from the sea, he inadvertently created a perfect habitat for water birds. The rhythms of nature took over. At Rocherpan, visitors adjust to those rhythms. Time moves differently here, as guests while away hours watching water birds wade peacefully in the pan, or simply staring out at the beautiful blue Atlantic Ocean. Rocherpan boasts an impressive variety of endemic and endangered bird species and has become a sanctuary for many of the birds who have made it their home. The reserve is synonymous with birding, but its nearby unspoilt beaches and thoughtfully constructed eco-cabins beckon those who simply want to explore the best that the West Coast has to offer. In spring, a brilliant carpet of wildflowers transforms the reserve, competing with the birdlife to put on the most spectacular display.



Rocherpan lies 25 km north of Velddrif on the coastal road. Velddrif can be reached on the West Coast Road (R27) that starts in Cape Town and goes through Milnerton before running along the coast through Bloubergstrand, Melkbosstrand and Langebaan. From Melkbosstrand, continue straight on the R27 until you reach Velddrif. Once in Velddrif, turn left at stop. Continue straight to next stop then turn right (SAPS on the right). Continue for 9km to the town of Dwarskerbos. Continue straight for 14km and Rocherpan will be on your left.

To view Rocherpan in Google maps, go to <https://www.google.com/maps> and insert these coordinates:

32°36'53.47"S, 18°18'6.73"E.

Then select search for the map to display.



# SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION UNITS



**4x ECO-CABINS**

**Coot | Moorhen | Egret | Shoveler**

**BEDROOMS 2**

**CAPACITY 6**

The windows in the cabins are of rectangular shape, perfect for watching birds from inside the cabins in a relaxed, comfortable setting.



DOUBLE

**x1**



SINGLE

**x2**



SINGLE DAY BED

**x2**



UNIVERSAL ACCESS



BEDDING + TOWELS



ELECTRICITY



BATHROOM



WATERLESS TOILET



FIREPLACE



OUTSIDE BRAAI



DECK



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



TABLEWARE



FRIDGE



GAS HOB + OVEN



MICROWAVE



COOKWARE



TOASTER



KETTLE



**4x COTTAGES**

**Sandpiper | Oystercatcher  
Kingfisher | Flamingo**

**OPEN PLAN**

LOUNGE/BEDROOM

**CAPACITY 4**

**2x adults + 2x small children**

Keen birders will enjoy the easy access to the reserve's bird hides and bird spotting can also be done from the comfort of the private deck overlooking the reserve.



DOUBLE

**x1**



DOUBLE FUTON

**x1**



NO UNIVERSAL ACCESS



BEDDING + TOWELS



ELECTRICITY



BATHROOM



WATERLESS TOILET



FIREPLACE



OUTSIDE BRAAI



DECK



EQUIPPED KITCHEN



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# ACTIVITIES

To gain access to the beach and the bird hides, visitors need to leave the accommodation area and drive to the next gate, where clearly marked signboards will guide you.



**BIRD WATCHING**  
3 bird hides along the pan



**SWIMMING**  
**POOL:**  
Overnight guests only  
**OCEAN:**  
Not recommended due to strong currents



**DAY WALKS**  
2 easy walks  
7 km each



**PICNICKING**  
2 picnic sites



**SHORE ANGLING ONLY**  
Sea angling permit required, available from any Post Office.



**WHALE WATCHING**



**PUTT PUTT**



**JUNGLE GYM**

# CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING



**BOOKING CONFIRMATION**

**This is your entry permit**



**FOOD + DRINKS**



**TOILETRIES**



**SUNSCREEN**



**WATER BOTTLE**



**SUN HAT**



**WALKING SHOES**



**WARM JACKET/  
RAINCOAT (Winter)**



**CHARCOAL**



**BEACH TOWEL**



**TORCH**



**BINOCULARS**



**SWIMMING COSTUME**

**THESE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM RECEPTION**



**IRON + IRONING BOARD**



**HAIRDRYER**



**BABY COT**

## WATER

- Rocherpan is off the municipal water grid and relies on rainwater harvesting. **Water on reserve must be boiled before consumption.**
- Visitors are urged to bring along drinking water to supplement the available supply.
- Bottled water is available for sale at reception.



## FIREWOOD

Please check with the reserve regarding availability of firewood before you arrive.



# ROCHERPAN RULES

## PLEASE REMEMBER



Visitors are liable for any loss or damage to reserve property due to negligence.



Keep the surrounds and facilities clean.



Fires may only be made in designated fireplaces.



Make sure that all fires are extinguished before you leave or go to sleep.



Look out for the small tortoises on the reserve, particularly when driving.



Keep the mesh shutters closed at all times to prevent animals from entering the units.



Stay on existing tracks – careless driving through the veld destroys plants and small creatures.



Prevent soil erosion by avoiding walking off the trails.



Avoid light pollution – do not leave outside lights on all night.



Keep all noise to a minimum after 22h00.

## THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED



LOUD MUSIC & ROWDY BEHAVIOUR



LITTERING



PICKING PLANTS



PETS



COLLECTING FIREWOOD



FEEDING OF ANY ANIMALS



DISTURBING OF ANY WILDLIFE



OVERNIGHT BEACH CAMPING



SMOKING IN UNITS



THROWING CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE VELD



TAKING FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT OR UTENSILS OUT OF THE COTTAGE

## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



THIS IS YOUR ENTRY PERMIT



RETURN ALL KEYS TO THE OFFICE ON DEPARTURE

ARRIVAL:  
14h00 - 16h00

On the day of departure overnight visitors must check out of their accommodation by 10h00, but are welcome to remain in the reserve until the gates close.



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