





Marloth Nature Reserve is named after the pioneer botanist who, together with a deputation of Swellendam residents, petitioned the Minister of Lands and Forestry in 1928 to set aside part of the mountain as a nature reserve. In 1981, the reserve was enlarged to include the rest of the State Forest and the Swellendam hiking trail was opened.

The reserve's vegetation is predominantly mountain fynbos, with patches of forest. There are several species of protea and more than 25 species of erica, most of which flower in November. Marloth, like the rest of the southern Cape, has hot summers and cold winters. The higher mountain peaks are occasionally dusted in snow during the cold winter months.

From Cape Town via N7

From Cape Town: Take the N2 highway towards Swellendam. Just past Swellendam, turn left onto the R60 and then follow signs for Marloth Nature Reserve. Turn right at the signpost and travel about 3km until you reach the reserve gates. There is a short amount of gravel road, approximately 1.2km long, leading up to the reserve gates. The route from Cape Town is about 220km and will take about two and a half hours.

To view Marloth in Google maps, go to https://www.google.com/maps and insert these coordinates: 33 57 56.16 S 20 23 31.2 E Then select search for the map to display.



SELF-CATERING ACCOMODATION UNITS





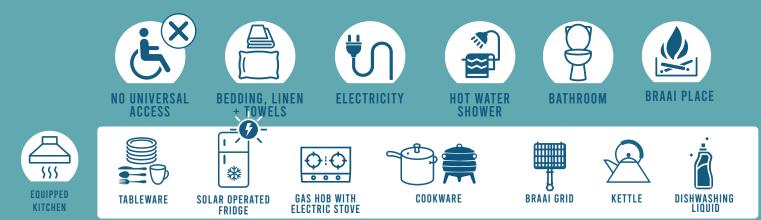
Suikerbekkie cottage accommodates a maximum of 2 people. One bedroom has a double bed The cottage has a fully equipped kitchen with fridge, stove/oven, microwave, toaster and cutlery/crockery. The bathroom is equipped with hot and cold water with shower and flush toilet. There is an inside fireplace and an outside braai area. Guests will need to stock up in Swellendam, as there is no shop on site.







Bushbuck Cottage is a fully equipped self-catering cottage. It is perfect for a weekend getaway or as an overnight stop before starting the six-day Swellendam Trail. Bushbuck Cottage sleeps six people in three separate rooms. One bedroom has a double bed, while the other two rooms have two single beds. Guests will need to stock up in Swellendam, as there is no shop on site.



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