

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES FEB 2024

DAY 1

HUT: Ngubu
DISTANCE: 4.8 km
TIME: 3.5 hours

NOTES:
Swim at the water-fall. The huts are not too much further so there is no rush to get there.

DAY 2

HUT: Scott
DISTANCE: 7.9 km
TIME: 5.5 hours

NOTES:
One of the toughest days. Don't miss Bloubaai beach - see Profile Map below.

DAY 3

HUT: Oakhurst
DISTANCE: 7.7 km
TIME: 5.5 hours

NOTES:
Keep costume and sandals close to hand for two river crossings.

DAY 4

HUT: Andre
DISTANCE: 13.8 km
TIME: 8 hours

NOTES:
Major river crossing at Bloukraans River*. See Profile Map below.

DAY 5

HUT: De Vasselot
DISTANCE: 8.8 km
TIME: 3 hours

NOTES:
Only one major climb left. Order the special Otter Drink at the restaurant at Natures Valley and you'll get a certificate too!

* Your starting time on the 4th day will depend on the time of low tide - this may be very early in the morning. You need to be at the Bloukraans half an hour either side of low tide. Crossing at high tide is exceptionally dangerous. It will take approximately 4.5 hours from Oakhurst to the Bloukraans (about 10 kilometers). If you are walking in the dark (the trail is well marked at this point if you do need to start walking before dawn) allow half an hour extra.

It is better to wait for the tide to soften than get there after it has started pushing in, resulting in the chance of having to take the escape route round. If you cannot cross the river then walk up the escape route shown on your Sanparks map, when you reach the top of the cliff call the ranger on duty and they will take you around and drop you at the top of the cliff about half an hour walk from the Andre huts.

Please note: This document is only intended to supplement your map and documents issued by Sanparks. The Tidal information is to be used as a **rough guide only**, it has not been officially verified and we do not accept any responsibility for incorrect tidal information or incidents that occur as a result of using this guide.

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low tide
1	0549	1934	0731	1937	0059	1334
2	0550	1933	0809	2020	0132	1417
3	0551	1932	0902	2126	0215	1518
4	0552	1931	1020	2337	0324	1707
5	0553	1930	1209	----	0533	1915
6	0554	1930	0125	1333	0719	2012
7	0555	1929	0221	1431	0816	2055
8	0556	1928	0307	1520	0903	2135
9	0557	1927	0350	1604	0947	2212
10	0558	1926	0431	1646	1029	2248
11	0559	1925	0511	1725	1109	2323
12	0600	1925	0550	1802	1149	2357
13	0600	1924	0628	1838	1228	----
14	0601	1923	0706	1913	0030	1307
15	0602	1922	0745	1950	0104	1347
16	0603	1921	0829	2034	0141	1432
17	0604	1920	0928	2150	0227	1537
18	0605	1919	1135	----	0359	1844
19	0606	1918	0111	1322	0724	1956
20	0607	1916	0212	1419	0817	2037
21	0608	1915	0251	1459	0853	2108
22	0609	1914	0324	1533	0923	2134
23	0610	1913	0353	1603	0949	2159
24	0611	1912	0420	1630	1015	2224
25	0611	1911	0446	1656	1040	2247
26	0612	1910	0511	1721	1105	2311
27	0613	1909	0535	1746	1131	2335
28	0614	1907	0559	1811	1157	2359
29	0614	1906	0625	1836	1224	----

THE OTTER TRAIL HEIGHT PROFILE

Thanks to Magnetic South (who organise the Otter Trail Run) for the use of this height profile. www.theotter.co.za

