

# OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

## TIDES FEB 2025

### 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	0600	1810	1157	----
2	0550	1933	0638	1846	0005	1237
3	0551	1932	0717	1924	0039	1318
4	0552	1931	0759	2005	0116	1403
5	0553	1930	0849	2059	0157	1457
6	0554	1930	1000	2241	0254	1620
7	0555	1929	1201	----	0457	1857
8	0556	1928	0115	1333	0727	2005
9	0557	1927	0219	1431	0825	2050
10	0558	1926	0304	1517	0908	2126
11	0559	1925	0342	1555	0943	2157
12	0600	1925	0416	1628	1014	2224
13	0600	1924	0446	1658	1043	2250
14	0601	1923	0515	1725	1110	2315
15	0602	1922	0541	1750	1136	2339
16	0603	1921	0606	1814	1202	----
17	0604	1920	0630	1839	0003	1228
18	0605	1919	0656	1904	0028	1257
19	0606	1918	0724	1934	0055	1329
20	0607	1916	0801	2015	0126	1409
21	0608	1915	0856	2135	0212	1513
22	0609	1914	1045	----	0346	1852
23	0610	1913	0105	1308	0659	1951
24	0611	1912	0159	1405	0754	2029
25	0611	1911	0238	1447	0834	2102
26	0612	1910	0314	1526	0912	2134
27	0613	1909	0350	1604	0948	2206
28	0614	1907	0426	1640	1025	2238

## 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](http://www.theotter.co.za)

