

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES APRIL 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	0640	1824	0551	1807	1153	2357
2	0641	1823	0629	1844	1230	----
3	0641	1821	0710	1925	0036	1310
4	0642	1819	0758	2021	0122	1358
5	0643	1818	0921	2324	0236	1522
6	0644	1817	1205	----	0613	1833
7	0644	1816	0056	1314	0717	1928
8	0645	1815	0143	1359	0757	2004
9	0645	1814	0218	1434	0828	2032
10	0646	1813	0249	1505	0854	2058
11	0647	1811	0317	1534	0919	2123
12	0648	1810	0344	1602	0945	2147
13	0648	1808	0409	1629	1010	2213
14	0649	1807	0435	1655	1036	2238
15	0650	1806	0500	1721	1101	2305
16	0651	1804	0526	1746	1128	2333
17	0652	1803	0553	1814	1155	----
18	0652	1802	0623	1845	0003	1226
19	0653	1801	0701	1928	0040	1305
20	0654	1759	0754	2040	0132	1402
21	0655	1758	0924	2323	0301	1547
22	0656	1757	1146	----	0543	1821
23	0656	1756	0038	1257	0650	1912
24	0657	1755	0126	1346	0736	1952
25	0658	1753	0208	1430	0818	2030
26	0659	1752	0249	1512	0858	2107
27	0700	1751	0330	1553	0937	2145
28	0700	1750	0411	1634	1016	2223
29	0701	1749	0452	1713	1056	2304
30	0702	1749	0533	1753	1135	2346

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

