

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES JUNE 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	0725	1727	0739	2010	0127	1331
2	0725	1726	0832	2117	0228	1422
3	0726	1726	0938	2236	0345	1527
4	0726	1726	1100	2344	0509	1654
5	0727	1726	1213	---	0613	1807
6	0727	1725	0036	1309	0701	1859
7	0728	1725	0119	1355	0740	1941
8	0728	1725	0158	1434	0816	2019
9	0729	1725	0234	1510	0850	2054
10	0729	1725	0310	1544	0923	2129
11	0730	1725	0345	1617	0956	2204
12	0730	1725	0421	1650	1029	2240
13	0731	1725	0457	1725	1103	2317
14	0731	1725	0534	1802	1138	2357
15	0732	1725	0612	1842	1214	---
16	0732	1725	0654	1929	0041	1255
17	0732	1725	0741	2024	0132	1341
18	0733	1725	0837	2129	0232	1435
19	0733	1726	0945	2242	0343	1544
20	0733	1726	1107	2353	0503	1709
21	0733	1726	1229	---	0618	1829
22	0733	1726	0057	1337	0722	1934
23	0733	1726	0156	1435	0817	2031
24	0734	1727	0251	1526	0907	2123
25	0734	1727	0343	1613	0953	2212
26	0734	1727	0432	1658	1036	2258
27	0734	1728	0517	1740	1116	2342
28	0734	1728	0558	1820	1153	---
29	0734	1728	0636	1858	0023	1228
30	0734	1729	0712	1937	0102	1302

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

