

RESERVATIONS 087 087 8250 028 492 0001 (office hours) 33°40'17.5"S 082 496 2451 (after hours) NATURE RESERVE 21°53'18.4"E 07h30 - 16h00 **OFFICE HOURS** BEAUFORT WES. 7 days a week CITRUSDAL **CHECK-IN** CHECKOUT WESTERN_CAPE PROVINCE OVERNIGHT 14h00 - 16h00 10h00 BOOKINGS Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve Boosmansbos Wilderness Area RIVERSDALE CAPE TOWN **CHECK-IN** CHECKOUT GFORGE RIVERSDALE 08h00 - 16h00 18h00 SWELLENDAM PLETTENBERG BAY DAY VISITORS MOSSEL BAY AGULHAS GATE TIMES 07h00 - 18h00 200 Km 150



Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve has a magical, fairytale quality, leaving visitors with the lasting impression that they have stepped into another world. Hikers walk in the dappled light of the precious indigenous forest, and swim in the cool tea-coloured river water while shaded by ancient trees. Grootvadersbosch is one of the lesser known reserves in the Western Cape. For those who love its air of self-contained mystery, this is how it should be. Day walks, mountain biking trails, and the Boosmansbos Wilderness Area offer an array of challenges for those who want to immerse themselves in the Wilderness. This is an excellent birding destination with more than 196 bird species regularly spotted. Hikers are likely to bump into bushbuck and spot baboons and smaller animals. A rare highlight would be a sighting the forest emperor butterfly or a subspecies of the elusive ghost frog, as they can only be found in this forest. CapeNature offers a variety of accommodation options, from comfortable and well-equipped cabins to a range of camping styles, from basic to glamping.



Proceed through Swellendam and Buffeljags River. Approximately Ikm after the BP garage (on the right side), turn left at the Suurbraak/ Barrydale signboard. Drive through the little town of Suurbraak. Continue with the road. It will eventually become a gravel road. Go straight over the intersection, and continue until a T-junction. Turn left at the T-Junction. Continue with this gravel road and keep left at a fork in the road (Grootvadersbosch direction signs present). Do not turn off, as the road ends at the entrance gate to the reserve.

FROM PORT ELIZABETH/GEORGE (N2):

Two kilometres before Heidelberg (Engen Stop), turn right at the Barrydale – Tradouws Pass signboard. Continue with this road (R322) that leads through the town. Do not turn off into any street. Continue straight through with the R322. Continue through town and over a railway crossing. The R322 eventually becomes a gravel road. Approximately 4km from where the gravel road started, turn right at the Grootvadersbosch sign on the R322. Continue with this gravel road and keep left at a fork in the road (Grootvadersbosch direction signs present). Do not turn off, as the road ends at the entrance gate to the reserve.

To view Grootvadersbosch in Google maps, go to <u>https://www.google.com/maps</u> and insert these coordinates: 33°59'08.4"S 20°49'24.7"E Then select "search" for the map to display.



SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION UNITS



Built in 2016 and situated on a ridge, with forest on either side. The cabins are arranged in two rows, with the higher cabins having expansive views of the valley, while the lower cabins look on to indigenous forest. Built on an existing footprint, which used to be the site of the forestry staff accommodation, the cabins were made from reclaimed materials from the site to have a low impact on the area.





Scolopia is a wooden house located 500m from the reserve entrance on the edge of the indigenous forest and near the start of a day hike.



CAMPING & GLAMPING

3 CAMPING STYLE OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

BASIC CAMPSITES A1-A5



Sites allow for parking of campervans and caravans.

Kindly note that there are size restrictions which may be imposed on camping vehicles and equipment. Please contact the reserve office for further information.



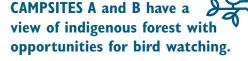


Sites for pop-up tents, each complemented with individual spacious wooden decks and screens for privacy.

No trailer tents, camping trailers or 4x4 trailers permitted at B sites.



PICNIC TABLE BENCH BENCH COMBO



CAMPSITES A AND B SHARE THESE FACILITIES:

- Children's play area/jungle gym
- Communal ablution and scullery facilities
- Thatched communal braai area with a fridge







GLAMPING CAMPSITES



POWER POINT

including USB



BEDDING + Towels







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POWER POINTS

Boekenhout

Yellowwood

SHOWER Red alder, Stinkhout, Sequoia only

ROOFLESS

FIRE PIT

WITH GRID

• Tents are structured and pitched on decks

Red alder | Stinkhout | Sequoia | Boekenhout | Yellowwood

• Situated apart from the main campsite (no shade)

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- The 5 sites are screened off by a wooden fence divider
- Fully furnished for maximum comfort and convenience

FRIDGE

TABLEWARE

Single bed (L 1900mm) suitable for an adult with a pull-out bed (L 1700 mm) to accommodate a person with a maximum weight of 70kg

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

ONLY AT

I BEDROOM



1,9m

SINGLE DAY BED WITH PULL-OUT 2ND BED IN LIVING AREA













INDUCTION STOVE MICROWAVE

COOKWARE

TOASTER KETTLE



ACTIVITIES



DAY WALKS

Bushbuck and Grysbok Trails

From 10 – 15km



OVERNIGHT HIKING

In the adjoining Boosmansbos Wilderness

CYCLING

- 6km cycle trail on the reserve
- MTB trails available on the adjacent **Grootvadersbosch Conservancy Area** (requires a permit, available from the **Conservancy Office**)



BIRD WATCHING

SWIMMING

In the nearby

Duiwenhoks River

Swimming pool at

cabins (cabin and

camping guests only)

2 bird hides More than 196 bird species regularly spotted at the reserve



OUTDOOR GYM CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

At the campsite and the swimming pool, for the use of all overnight guests

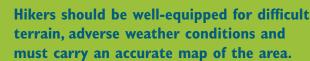


BOOSMANSBOS WILDERNESS AREA ADJACENT TO GROOTVADERSBOSCH



- Hikers should be well-equipped for difficult • terrain, adverse weather conditions and must carry an accurate map of the area.





- As this is a Wilderness Area, there are multiple unmarked paths and hikers may choose their own routes.
 - The circular two-day route of 27km is a popular option. This trail, most of which is an old jeep track, leads up to Loerklip with a basic shelter being provided at Helderfontein. No toilet facility is provided. The trail then winds back down Saagkuilkloof. If heavy rains are experienced during the hike it is advisable to return via the Loerklip path as the Duiwenhoks River may be in flood.



Hikers should note that all refuse must be carried out and that fires are not permitted.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

HIKING SAFELY

- Wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen and a hat.
- Do not hike alone.
- Stay in a group and on the trails.
- Carry enough food and water with you.
- Make sure you know what the weather conditions are before you depart.
- Take a warm jacket/raincoat in winter.
- Make sure you have a relevant map of the area.
- Take a field medical kit with you for emergencies.
- Obey all signage.

PLEASE ALERT RESERVE STAFF **ONCEYOU HAVE COMPLETED** YOUR HIKE, SO THAT THEY **KNOW YOU ARE SAFELY OFF** THE TRAILS.

CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING



THESE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM RECEPTION



IRON + IRONING BOARD





BABY COT



THERE IS NO GROCERY SHOP ON THE RESERVE. FOOD, BEVERAGES AND OTHER PROVISIONS MUST BE BOUGHT BEFOREHAND.

FIREWOOD Please check availability with the reserve office before arrival.

GROOTVADERSBOSCH RULES

PLEASE REMEMBER

You are in a nature reserve. No animals or plants may be damaged, removed or disturbed in any way.



There are baboons on the reserve. Safeguard your food and valuables. DO NOT LEAVE DOORS AND WINDOWS OPEN OR ANY FOOD ITEMS IN SIGHT when not at the cabins and camp, caravan and tented sites. Baboons will cause major damage.



The reserve gate is locked from 18h00 to 07h00. Please be inside reserve before the gate closes.



The tap water is naturally brown and not polluted; however, it is advisable to boil it before drinking.



No credit card facilities available on the reserve. **ONLY CASH IS** ACCEPTED.



Visitors are liable for any loss or damage to reserve property due to negligence.



Keep the surrounds and facilities clean.

ARRIVAL:



Prevent soil erosion by avoiding walking off the trails.



Make sure that all fires are extinguished before you leave or go to sleep.



Cell phone reception is sporadic on the reserve. In the event of an emergency, contact the manager/officer on duty on 082 496 2451.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED

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LOUD MUSIC & **ROWDY BEHAVIOUR**



DISTURBING OF ANY WILDLIFF



LITTERING



RE-ARRANGING FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT OR TAKING IT **OUTDOORS**



COLLECTING FIREWOOD



FEEDING OF ANY ANIMALS







PICKING PLANTS

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



THIS IS YOUR **ENTRY PERMIT**



RETURN ALL KEYS TO THE OFFICE ON DEPARTURE

On the day of departure overnight visitors must check out of their accommodation by 10h00, but are welcome to remain in the reserve until the gates close.





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