



# KEURBOOMS RIVER NATURE RESERVE

## Whiskey Creek Canoe Trail

ALL CAPENATURE RESERVES ARE "SAFE TRAVEL" DESTINATIONS IN TERMS OF COVID-19 COMPLIANCE. REFER TO OUR 4 AND 5 STEP CHECK-IN INFORMATION SHEETS.

	<b>RESERVATIONS</b>	<b>087 087 8250</b>
	<b>087 087 3937/3949</b> (office hours)	<b>082 418 7925</b> (weekends)
	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	<b>08h00 - 16h30</b> Mon - Fri
	<b>CHECK-IN</b>	<b>CHECKOUT</b>
<b>OVERNIGHT BOOKINGS</b>	<b>14h00 - 16h00</b>	<b>10h00</b>
	<b>CHECK-IN</b>	<b>CHECKOUT</b>
<b>DAY VISITORS</b>	<b>08h00</b>	<b>16h00</b>
	<b>GATE TIMES</b>	
	<b>07h00 - 18h00</b>	April - 31 August
	<b>07h00 - 20h00</b>	Sept - 31 March



**At Keurbooms River Nature Reserve,** visitors might find themselves thinking of Rat's sage words to Mole in *The Wind and The Willows*: "There is nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." Just 8km away from the busy seaside town of Plettenberg Bay, Keurbooms gives visitors the chance to experience the drifting, hypnotic rhythms of life on the river, to spend days messing about in boats, gliding through silky water while gazing up at the forest above, listening to the chorus of birds.

Named after the Western keurboom tree, the reserve is a sanctuary for indigenous trees, including the Cape beech, giant stinkwoods and the beautiful Outeniqua yellowwoods. A lush destination filled with an abundance of plant life, the reserve can be explored on walks, boat trips and canoe trails.



### FROM CAPE TOWN (N2):

The Keurbooms River Nature Reserve lies 8 km beyond Plettenberg Bay. On the N2 towards Nature's Valley and Port Elizabeth, turn left at the "Ferries" signboard. Proceed to the entrance gate of Keurbooms River Nature Reserve.

### FROM PORT ELIZABETH (N2):

On the N2, 8km before Plettenberg Bay, turn right at the "Ferries" signboard. Proceed to the entrance gate of Keurbooms River Nature Reserve.

To view Keurbooms River Nature Reserve in Google maps, go to <https://www.google.com/maps> and insert these coordinates: 34°0'6.57"S 23°24'8.18"E Then select "search" for the map to display.



# SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION

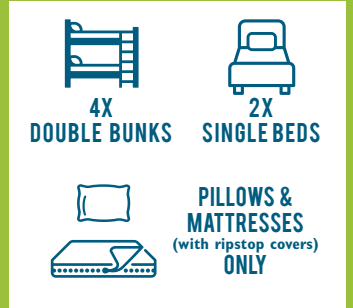


## WHISKEY CREEK CABIN

A 400m walk from canoe mooring point.

CAPACITY **10** 

An open plan cabin with four double bunks and two single beds, with mattress and pillows only (no bedding or towels supplied). The outdoor kitchen is equipped with stainless steel utensils, a two burner gas stove, solar lighting and solar fridge freezer. There is a braai on the deck with fold up chairs, picnic table bench combos and umbrellas. A log splitter and axe are provided for chopping wood (fire logs available).



SOLAR POWER



TOILET



SHOWER  
[Solar power]



NO BEDDING  
OR TOWELS



DECK WITH  
UMBRELLAS



FOLDING  
CHAIRS



PICNIC TABLE  
BENCH COMBO



BRAAI  
WITH GRID



FIRE LOGS  
& AXE



FRIDGE/FREEZER  
[Solar power]



2 PLATE  
GAS STOVE



COOKWARE



TABLEWARE



KETTLE

## ACTIVITIES



CANOEING



KAYAKING



BIRD WATCHING



**PICNICKING**  
3 picnic areas  
along the river route  
with flush toilets and  
picnic tables.



**ANGLING**  
Freshwater fishing  
at the cabin.  
Freshwater fishing permits must  
be obtained from the office.



**SWIMMING**  
in the river.

# KEURBOOMS RIVER RULES

Please remember you are in a nature reserve.

You are not allowed to cut bait, disturb, remove or damage the fauna and flora in any way.

## THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:



**DISTURBING OF ANY WILDLIFE**



**PICKING PLANTS/ COLLECTING SEEDS**



**FIREARMS**



**NO FIRES**

Except in designated areas



**PETS**



**CUTTING OF BAIT**

## RIVER SAFETY

- It is compulsory that each client wear a lifejacket and helmet (supplied at the reserve).
- Each visitor must sign an indemnity form before embarking on the journey.
- CapeNature reserves the right to cancel the booking at any time should indemnity form not be signed or conditions prove to be dangerous.
- The route is not suitable for children between 0-8 years and school-going children must be accompanied by adults.
- If you paddle into high tide you can have a gentle ride up to the mooring point, but should you embark on your trip during low tide, be prepared to exit your canoe and **PULL IT ACROSS RAPIDS**.
- When exiting a canoe, extreme care must be taken on slippery rocks – water shoes are compulsory.
- There is a flat 400 m walk to the cabin, after mooring your canoe. Please make sure that you leave your canoe way above the high watermark
- There is no cell phone reception in the gorge.
- Pack lightly – whatever you take you must be able to fit into the 30-liter dry bag and double canoe. You need to carry the items from the mooring area 400m to the cabin
- Remember a hat, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

## THE FOLLOWING IS COMPULSORY:



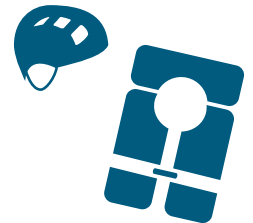
**SIGNED INDEMNITY FORMS**



**ADULT SUPERVISION for children under 18**



**WATER SHOES**



**Wearing a LIFE JACKET AND HELMET**

## PLEASE REMEMBER:



Be on the **LOOKOUT** and **SAFEGUARD** YOUR FOOD AGAINST **VERVET MONKEYS** at all times



**SUNSCREEN**



**INSECT REPELLANT**



**SUN HAT**



**NO CELL PHONE RECEPTION IN THE GORGE**



**PACK LIGHTLY!**



**0-8 YEARS NOT SUITABLE FOR SMALL CHILDREN**

# CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING



## BOOKING CONFIRMATION

This is your entry permit



## FOOD + DRINKS



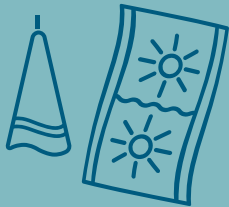
## TOILETRIES



## BEDDING



## TORCH



## TOWELS



## CHANGE OF CLOTHES (if you get wet in the canoe)



## WATER SHOES



## SWIMMING COSTUME



## MATCHES + FIRELIGHTERS



## WARM JACKET/ RAINCOAT (Winter)



## INSECT REPELLANT



## SUN HAT



## FIELD MEDICAL KIT



## SUNSCREEN



## BINOCULARS

# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

## CHECK-IN

14h00 - 16h00



THIS IS YOUR  
ENTRY PERMIT



Please check-in at the gate guard house at the entrance gate. Keys to the cabin will be handed over when you show your confirmed booking or proof of payment to the gate guard.

Included in the tariff is a double canoe (2 persons), dry bag for your belongings, paddle, helmet and lifejacket per person.

## ALL DEPARTURES FOR THE TRAIL CLOSE AT

16:00 [SUMMER]

14:00 [WINTER]

Please be at the gate at least 30 minutes before the required departure time.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

## CHECKOUT

On the day of departure from the reserve overnight visitors must check out of Whiskey Creek cabin by 10h00.



KEYS MUST BE  
RETURNED TO THE  
GATE GUARD ON  
DEPARTURE



DRIVE SAFELY

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