

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES APRIL 2024

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	0745	2017	0115	1352
2	0641	1823	0901	2240	0225	1516
3	0641	1821	1139	----	0521	1835
4	0642	1819	0048	1308	0659	1931
5	0643	1818	0140	1359	0748	2011
6	0644	1817	0224	1444	0830	2047
7	0644	1816	0304	1525	0910	2122
8	0645	1815	0344	1604	0948	2157
9	0645	1814	0422	1641	1025	2231
10	0646	1813	0459	1717	1101	2305
11	0647	1811	0535	1751	1136	2340
12	0648	1810	0611	1825	1210	----
13	0648	1808	0646	1900	0015	1244
14	0649	1807	0724	1941	0054	1322
15	0650	1806	0814	2052	0144	1413
16	0651	1804	1037	----	0501	1700
17	0652	1803	0016	1234	0642	1848
18	0652	1802	0111	1325	0725	1930
19	0653	1801	0147	1402	0756	2000
20	0654	1759	0217	1434	0823	2027
21	0655	1758	0245	1503	0849	2053
22	0656	1757	0312	1532	0916	2120
23	0656	1756	0339	1600	0943	2146
24	0657	1755	0407	1629	1010	2214
25	0658	1753	0435	1657	1038	2242
26	0659	1752	0504	1726	1106	2312
27	0700	1751	0534	1758	1137	2346
28	0700	1750	0608	1833	1211	----
29	0701	1749	0649	1918	0026	1253
30	0702	1749	0742	2025	0119	1347

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

