

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES JUNE 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	0725	1727	1144	----	0540	1753
2	0725	1726	0022	1251	0643	1854
3	0726	1726	0116	1347	0735	1944
4	0726	1726	0205	1437	0821	2030
5	0727	1726	0251	1522	0904	2114
6	0727	1725	0336	1605	0944	2156
7	0728	1725	0420	1645	1023	2238
8	0728	1725	0501	1724	1101	2318
9	0729	1725	0540	1801	1136	2358
10	0729	1725	0617	1837	1211	----
11	0730	1725	0653	1916	0038	1247
12	0730	1725	0732	2001	0121	1326
13	0731	1725	0817	2058	0213	1412
14	0731	1725	0918	2212	0319	1513
15	0732	1725	1038	2324	0442	1635
16	0732	1725	1159	----	0556	1754
17	0732	1725	0021	1302	0651	1852
18	0733	1725	0109	1350	0736	1938
19	0733	1726	0152	1432	0816	2020
20	0733	1726	0234	1512	0854	2059
21	0733	1726	0316	1551	0931	2140
22	0733	1726	0358	1630	1010	2221
23	0733	1726	0440	1710	1048	2304
24	0734	1727	0523	1752	1128	2349
25	0734	1727	0607	1837	1208	----
26	0734	1727	0651	1924	0037	1250
27	0734	1728	0738	2017	0128	1335
28	0734	1728	0830	2118	0225	1427
29	0734	1728	0932	2227	0331	1529
30	0734	1729	1051	2340	0448	1652

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

