

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES NOV 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	0528	1856	0344	1548	0927	2154
2	0527	1857	0412	1615	0955	2221
3	0526	1858	0440	1643	1022	2249
4	0526	1859	0509	1713	1052	2318
5	0525	1900	0539	1744	1123	2350
6	0524	1900	0612	1821	1200	----
7	0523	1901	0654	1908	0028	1248
8	0522	1902	0754	2016	0117	1358
9	0521	1903	0940	2204	0228	1601
10	0520	1904	1135	2352	0437	1754
11	0519	1905	1235	----	0612	1852
12	0519	1906	0056	1322	0703	1938
13	0518	1907	0146	1406	0746	2020
14	0517	1908	0231	1448	0826	2100
15	0517	1909	0315	1530	0905	2140
16	0516	1910	0356	1611	0945	2218
17	0515	1911	0437	1652	1025	2257
18	0514	1912	0516	1732	1105	2334
19	0513	1913	0556	1812	1148	----
20	0512	1914	0637	1853	0012	1233
21	0512	1915	0722	1940	0052	1326
22	0511	1916	0824	2044	0138	1445
23	0511	1917	1009	2226	0240	1654
24	0510	1918	1139	2355	0423	1809
25	0510	1919	1232	----	0554	1856
26	0510	1920	0052	1311	0646	1931
27	0510	1921	0136	1345	0725	2003
28	0509	1922	0213	1417	0759	2034
29	0509	1923	0248	1449	0831	2104
30	0509	1924	0320	1521	0903	2134

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

