

OTTER TRAIL GUIDE

TIDES DEC 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	0509	1925	0353	1554	0936	2205
2	0509	1925	0425	1628	1009	2238
3	0509	1926	0458	1703	1044	2311
4	0509	1927	0534	1741	1123	2348
5	0509	1927	0613	1823	1206	----
6	0509	1928	0659	1910	0029	1257
7	0509	1929	0756	2008	0115	1359
8	0509	1930	0910	2121	0212	1521
9	0510	1930	1034	2251	0326	1655
10	0510	1931	1147	----	0459	1811
11	0510	1932	0013	1246	0617	1910
12	0510	1932	0118	1338	0715	1959
13	0510	1933	0212	1427	0805	2045
14	0511	1934	0301	1515	0853	2128
15	0511	1934	0346	1600	0938	2209
16	0511	1935	0429	1644	1022	2248
17	0511	1936	0510	1725	1104	2325
18	0512	1936	0549	1803	1145	----
19	0512	1937	0627	1839	0000	1224
20	0513	1937	0705	1914	0034	1305
21	0513	1938	0747	1953	0109	1350
22	0514	1939	0837	2042	0149	1447
23	0514	1939	0941	2153	0238	1605
24	0515	1940	1057	2330	0349	1736
25	0516	1940	1205	----	0522	1844
26	0517	1940	0050	1259	0635	1933
27	0518	1941	0144	1344	0727	2013
28	0518	1941	0227	1426	0811	2050
29	0519	1941	0305	1506	0850	2125
30	0519	1942	0341	1545	0928	2200
31	0520	1942	0418	1624	1007	2235

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

