

Accommodation Facilities

(Tents, provided except at Bo-kloof & Suikerbosfontein, 5-three men tents along trail)

types:



- Accommodation: (A) Good quality hut/lux.tent/house with several sleeping rooms
- ✓ (B) Basic hut or tent(s) provided (one communal sleeping unit)
- (C) Shelter against elements for sleeping or tent site only
- Toilet: (A) Flush toilet inside hut (1:6 people) and toilet paper
- (B) Separate toilet building, flush facilities outside hut (toilet paper provided)
- ✓ (C) Pit toilet (max 50 m min 20 m from hut) or alt. hygienic system (toilet paper)
- Beds: (A) Single / double beds only
- (B) Bunk beds OR
- ✓ (C) No beds provided
- Mattresses: (A) Thick (10 cm) high density foam or spring
- ✓ (B) Thin
- (C) None
- Washing: (A) Shower and/or bath: with geyser or "donkey" pre-lit by attendant
- (B) Shower and/or bath (hot and cold with "donkey")
- ✓ (C) Shower (cold) or natural place to bath
- Braai area: (A) Under cover barbeque, with windshield, lapa (1:10 people)
- (B) Barbeque area, covered only, with grate,
- ✓ (C) Barbeque (open) area with grate only or no fires allowed or possible
- Fire wood provided: (A) Ample chopped wood (also for campfire)
- (B) One only bundle for braai
- ✓ (C) Dry tree/logs with saw/axe provided or no fires allowed/possible (delete one)
- Kitchenware: (A) Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: provided
- (B) Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided (delete one)
- ✓ (C) NOT provided
- Kitchen: (A) Separate "kitchen"/common room with basin and tap inside hut
- (B) Dish washing / cooking place near or adjacent to hut (with table/surface)
- ✓ (C) No separate facilities provided
- Lighting: (A) Electric/gas/solar
- (B) Candles/paraffin lamps or similar
- ✓ (C) None of these provided
- Heating/facilities for drying clothes: (A) Fire place; coal/wood stove/heaters
- (B) Under cover washing line
- ✓ (C) Outside line OR none of these
- Cooking facilities: (A) Stove/hot plate/burner and kettle, pots & pans
- (B) Stove/Hot plate/burner or kettle, pots & pans
- ✓ (C) None of these

DIFFICULTY RATINGS

5 Day trail

Rock pigeon	Grading (1-10+)	Description
Day 1: Groot Tuin to Brakwater	3	easy
Day 2: Brakwater to Driefontein	6.5	difficult boulder hopping
Day 3: Driefontein to Doltuin	6.3	difficult
Day 4: Doltuin to Pramkoppies	7	difficult
Day 5: Pramkoppies to Groot Tuin	5.2	moderate

7 Day trail

Rameron	Grading (1-10+)	Description
Day 1: Groot Tuin to Kareebos	3.6	moderate
Day 2: Karee to Kameel	5.2	moderate to difficult boulder hopping
Day 3: Kameel to Suikerbos	4	moderate
Day 4: Suikerbos to Swartklip	3	moderate
Day 5: Swartklip to Bokloof	3.6	moderate
Day 6: Bokloof to Olienhoutbos	3.7	moderate
Day 7: Olien to Groot Tuin	5.2	moderate

GREEN FLAG ACCREDITED HIKING TRAIL

Oorlogskloof

Nature Reserve Hiking Trail



View from the Bokkeveld Mountains over the Kneagsvlakte

Classification

ACCREDITED

As a trail

- in a pristine environment
- with rustic accommodation
- varies from moderate to difficult
- with excellent trail facilities



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Trail Facilities & Safety

Facilities:

Booking facilities and information: Internet, telephone, fax

Reception office: No only in Nieuwoudtville

Road signs to start of trail: Clear

Access road to start: Gravel

Trail Format: Circular

Map/guide/leader: Good map no guiding

Facilities for handicapped: No

Brochure/guide: No

Water availability for drink/swim: In summer

Portaging: No

Catering: No

Safety:

Parking: Safe

Accommodation: Safe

Safety on Trail:

Markers: Rock cairns - reasonable

Warning signs: Heed dangerous places

Water potability: No

Hikers' general safety (mugging): Safe

Other: (ladders, stiles, etc): Fair

Crossings (rivers): Heed warning when river in flood, bridges NOT safe

Indemnity Form: No

Emergency:

Escape routes: Reasonable

Telephone/cell: Intermittent

Medical aid/evacuation system: Available

Basic Trail Description

The Oorlogskloof Hiking Trails are situated inside the Oorlogskloof Nature Reserve, 16 km outside the town of Nieuwoudtville in the Northern Cape. It consists of two circular trails; Rock Pigeon (4-5 days), Rameron Pigeon (4-7 days) and two day hikes; Leopard Trap (15.5 km), Rietvlei (17.9 km)

These trails provide breathtaking views over the Oorlogskloof River canyon and the 'Knegsvlakte'. Amazing Table Mountain Sandstone rock formations, San paintings and a spring add to the experience. The Oorlogskloof Nature Reserve hosts a wide variety of fauna and flora like Cape Mountain Zebra (*Equus zebra zebra*), springbok (*Antidorcas marsupialis*), leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and the newly discovered Afrika Clivia (*Clivia mirabilis*). From Karee forests (*Rhus lancea*) next to the river where you find the Rameron pigeon (*Columba arquatrix*) to the Mountain Fynbos on the plateau where the rock pigeon (*Columba guinea*) occur. The unspoiled wilderness character of the reserve presents the opportunity to nature lovers to enjoy a unique wilderness experience.

Description of trail by means of symbols.

Technical Difficulty	Walk	Scramble (use hands)	Climb/ladder	Free Rock Climbing
Energy Rating	Easy	Moderate	Difficult	Extreme
Guiding	Guide (registered)	Guide (learner)	Local Hike Leader	Self-guided
Catering	Fully Catered	Semi-catered	Self Catered	No overnight
Trail format	Linear	Circular	Network (base camp)	Open-ended
Trail type	Ramble (max. 3 h)	Day Walk	Overnight Trail	Portaged
Path character (accessibility)	Handicapped Wheelchair Blind	Constructed Footpath/trail	Free Range* with guide	Free Range* with GPS
Accommodation	Luxury	Excellent	Standard	Rustic (bush camp)
Environmental Character	Pristine Day 1	Natural Day 2	Rural	Semi-urban
Facilities	Excellent	Acceptable	Poor *	No facilities
Environmental Education	Curriculum Based	Guided/Brochure	Standard info on Trail	No Env. Education
Safety	Safe	Safe - heed warnings	Risky	Unsafe

 Relevant category for this particular trail

Contact /Booking Information

Bookings

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