

Trail Facilities & Safety

Facilities:

Booking facilities and information: Good (fax, e-mail, tel)

Reception office: Office in Knysna

Road signs to start of trail: Good

Access road to start: Tar, except last 4 km, well maintained gravel

Trail Format: Linear (shuttle service back to start)

Map/guide: Excellent

Facilities for handicapped: None

Brochure/guide: Very little EE

Water availability for drink: Yes

Portaging: No

Catering: No, however 2 overnight huts are close to tea gardens

Safety:

Parking: Safe

Accommodation: Safe

Safety on Trail:

Markers: Safe

Warning signs: None, but not required

Water potability: All water fine for drinking

Hikers' general safety (mugging): Safe

Other (bridges, ladders, stiles, etc): Excellent condition

Crossings (road/rivers): Safe in dry season, can be impassible when raining

Emergency:

Escape routes: Easily accessible

Telephone/cell: Reception at all camps and most of the route

Medical aid/evacuation system: Efficient (helicopter or mountain rescue)

Basic Trail Description

The Outeniqua Hiking trail is a particularly tough, multiday trail, that should not be considered by novice hikers. Many of the days are particularly strenuous, and a good level of fitness is required. Novice hikers could however opt to do shorter sections of the route over a weekend, or midweek break.

The scenery changes between forestry areas and Natural woodland. One of the biggest problems with the trail however is that it consists largely of forestry roads, with very little walking on single track being done.

Signage and maintenance are exceptional on this trail, with the only concern being that there are very few informative signs, which could make the route more interesting.

Description of trail by means of symbols.

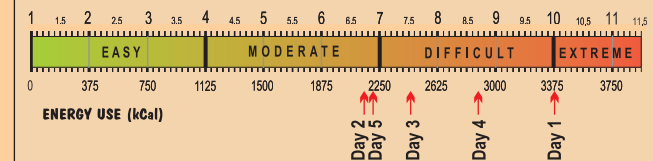
	Walk	Scramble	Climb	Free Rock Climbing
Technical Difficulty				
Energy Rating	Easy	Moderate	Difficult	Extreme
Guiding	Guide (registered)	Guide (learner)	Local Hike Leader	Self-guided
Catering	Fully Catered	Semi-catered	Self Catered	No overnight
Trail format	Linear	Circular	Network (base camp)	Open-ended
Trail type	Ramble (max. 3 h)	Day Walk	Overnight Trail	Portaged
Path character (accessibility)	Handicapped Wheelchair, Blind	Constructed Footpath/trail	Random Walking	Free Range GPS
Accommodation	Luxury	Excellent	Standard	Rustic
Environmental Character	Pristine	Natural	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

(See: www.trailinfo.co.za for definitions)

Green Flag Difficulty Grading Scale

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