

Come & Experience . . .

. . . dolphins playing in surf
alikekel & perlemoen tasting
light houses limestone fynbos
ship wrecks limestone caves
rubber ducking indigenous milk wood forest
quad biking up franskraal mountain
best whale watching on earth
strandveld museum 1000's of seals
walk along abelone & fishermen trails

Perlemoen Trail

All this in a two or three day GREEN FLAG
accredited slackpacking trail along the south
coast of Africa from Pearly Beach to Gansbaai!

GREEN FLAG
ACCREDITED HIKING TRAIL

Perlemoen Hiking Trail



Classification

The Perlemoen Trail is a 2 or 3-day fully catered,
linear, slackpacking trail
(standard self-catering option also available)
Environment: Day 1: pristine, Day 2: natural
Accommodation: luxury (with standard option)
Difficulty Rating: Day 1: moderate (5/10)
(5 on 10 point scale)
Day 2: moderate (4/10)
Facilities and safety: excellent



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Accreditation underwritten by:
South African Hiking Trail Owners Association (SAHTOA),
Hiking Organization of Southern Africa (HOSA),
Southern Africa Tourism Services Association (SATSA),
Jacana Travel Marketing & Reservations, Boskamproetes & Eco-Trail.

Trail Facilities & Safety

Facilities:

Booking facilities and information: Internet, telephone, fax
 Reception office: On site at B&B
 Road signs to start of trail: Clear
 Access road to start: Tar
 Trail Format: Linear (return by car)
 Map/guide: Hike leader
 Facilities for handicapped: No
 Brochure/guide: Interpretation by hike leader
 Water availability for drink/swim: Sea only
 Portaging: Yes
 Catering: Yes
 Safety:
 Parking: Safe (no shade)
 Accommodation: Safe
 Safety on Trail:
 Markers: Guided
 Warning signs: N/A
 Water potability: N/A
 Hikers' general safety (mugging): Safe (heed warnings)
 Other: (bridges, ladders, stiles, etc): N/A
 Crossings (road/ivers): N/A
 Indemnity Form: Yes
 Emergency:
 Escape routes: Yes
 Telephone/cell: Intermittent
 Medical aid/evacuation system: Yes

Basic Trail Description

"This is a trail for leisure walkers as much as for serious hikers. One of the most impressive trails in the world"

Fiona McIntosh - Author of numerous books on hiking and editor of OUT THERE Magazine

The Perlemoen Green Flag slackpacking trail (with an alternative self-catering option), centered around South Africa's famous Great White shark cage diving and whale watching capital of Gansbaai, basically consists of two days' hiking. The trail provides fascinating insight into the area - famous for its shipwrecks and infamous for its perlemoen poaching! This is a trail for whale watchers, fynbos lovers and cultural enthusiasts with wide open beaches, intimate coves for swimming, sea cliffs with pounding waves and limestone caves.

The location of the trail can be seen on the accompanying map. On Day1 the trail hugs the coast from De Dam to Buffelsjag (15km) with the option of walking right through along the coast to Pearly Beach (another 7 km). Day 2 runs from Gansbaai, along the rocky coast, with its caves and excellent whale watching, to Die Plaat (8km).

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) (optional)
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

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Accommodation Facilities

(fully catered option)

types:



(sleeps 10)

Accommodation: Hotel

- ✓ B & B
- Luxury tent(s)/cottage/guests house (self catering unit) (delete/encircle)
- ✓ **Beds:** Full complement of bedding provided
- Sheets/half-sheets only
- Provide own bedding (sheets & blankets/sleeping bag)
- Food:** *A-la-carte* menu available
- ✓ Basic meal(s) available
- Provide and prepare own food
- Setting:** Rural environment (nature predominates)
- Semi-urban/farm environment
- ✓ Urban neighbourhood
- ✓ **Washing/Ablution:** *En suite* bathrooms for all rooms
- Communal washroom/ablution facilities inside sleeping quarters
- Separate communal washroom/ablution block
- Braai area:** Indoor barbeque facilities
- ✓ Sheltered barbeque area (in lapa) outside
- Barbeque (open) area with grate only or no fires allowed or possible (mark one)
- ✓ **Lighting:** Electric/gas/solar (delete one or describe)
- Candles/paraffin lamps or similar
- None of these provided
- ✓ **Heating:** Air conditioning
- Interior heating/cooling by means of fire place/coal/wood stove/fans/heaters
- None of these provided
- Radio/TV:** DSTV
- ✓ Limited TV
- Radio only
- Telephone:** Private phone in room
- ✓ Telephone on premises
- None available
- ✓ **Cell phone:** MTN/Vodacom/Cell C
- One of two of above (name)
- No reception
- Refreshments:** Drinks/bar facilities in room
- ✓ Bar/shop facilities on/next to site
- None of these
- Room Services:** Full room service (cleaning/meals/drinks on order)
- ✓ Cleaning (only)
- No service
- ✓ **Seating:** Couch/chairs in lounge
- Chairs in bedroom only
- No seating/rustic benches without backrest

Accommodation Facilities

(self-catering option)

types:



Nuwe Hoop Chalets (Sleeps 10)



- ✓ **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 barbecue, 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