




Accommodation Facilities

Jakkalshok	Classification:  Excellent
Gert du Toit se Baai	 Standard
Helga's Heights & Camp David	 Rustic
Kliphuis	
Accommodation: Good quality hut/lux.tent/cottage/house-with several sleeping rooms OR	
✓✓✓	Basic hut or tent(s) provided OR
✓✓✓	Shelter against elements for sleeping/tent site
✓✓✓	Toilet: Flush toilet inside hut (1-6 people) OR
✓✓✓	Separate toilet building, flush facilities outside hut
✓✓✓	Pit toilet (max 50 m min 20 m from hut) or alternative hygienic system
✓✓✓	Drinking water: clean drinking water INSIDE hut, OR
✓✓✓	Clean drinking water on site, or nearby stream/pool/tank (20 m max), easily accessible OR
✓✓✓	Stream/fountain or no water
✓✓✓	Beds: Single / double beds only OR
✓✓✓	Bunk beds OR
✓✓✓	No beds provided
✓✓✓	Mattresses: Thick (10 cm) high density foam or spring, OR
✓✓✓	Thin OR
✓✓✓	None
✓✓✓	Washing: Shower and/or bath (hot and cold with geyser or "donkey" pre-lit by attendant) OR
✓✓✓	Shower and/or bath (hot and cold with "donkey") OR
✓✓✓	Shower (cold) or nearby stream/dam
✓✓✓	Barbeque area: Under cover barbeque, with windshield, lapa (1:10 people) OR
✓✓✓	Barbeque area, covered only with grate, OR
✓✓✓	Barbeque (open) area with grate only or no fires allowed or possible
✓✓✓	Fire wood provided: ample chopped wood (also for campfire) OR
✓✓✓	One only bundle for braai OR
✓✓✓	Dry tree/logs with saw/axe provided or no fires allowed/possible (Cape H. no fires allowed)
✓✓✓	Kitchenware: Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: provided OR
✓✓✓	Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided OR
✓✓✓	Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: NOT provided
✓✓✓	Kitchen: Separate "kitchen"/common room with basin/tap inside hut OR
✓✓✓	Dish washing / cooking place near or adjacent to hut (with table/surface) OR
✓✓✓	No separate facilities provided. Water available nearby stream/dam/fountain
✓✓✓	Lighting: Electric/gas/solar OR
✓✓✓	Candles/paraffin lamps or similar OR
✓✓✓	None of these provided
✓✓✓	Sheets and pillow AND mirror(s) provided OR
✓✓✓	One sheet or mirror(s) provided OR
✓✓✓	None of these
✓✓✓	Heating: Air conditioning OR
✓✓✓	Interior heating/coal / wood stove OR (2 houses)
✓✓✓	None of these
✓✓✓	Cooking facilities: Hot plate/Burner and kettle, pots & pans OR
✓✓✓	Stoves/Hot plate/Burner or kettle, pots & pans OR
✓✓✓	None of these

Basic Trail Description

The Swart Tobie (Red Beak Oyster Catcher) Hiking Trail is approximately 4 hours from Cape Town and offers a unique coastal experience. The route winds through breathtaking scenery along the different rock formations and beaches along the West Coast. An abundance of interesting sea-birds and specifically the Red Beak Oyster Catcher is to be seen as well as interesting coastal features and formations.

This is a nature trail with rustic overnight shelters and toilets along the way. It is +-80km long and stretches over 5 days. Shorter sections can also be selected. It covers +-18km per day, varying in difficulty rating between 3.5 and 5.5. All backpacks and tents are transported by vehicle to the next overnight spot, and hikers thus carry only their daypaks with the needed necessities for the day. Fresh drinking water and firewood is being supplied by the trail manager. The route can accommodate 20 hikers.


Caution should be taken with incoming tides on the beaches where hikers run the risk of being trapped. Hiking during low tide is also much easier than walking over loose sand at high tide.


The trail manager provides very interesting environmental information whilst guiding the hikers on three of the five days.


Trail Facilities

Reception: Office or caretaker on site
Directions: Clear road signs to start of hike: public & private roads
Access road: (Last section, to start of trail/parking place) graded gravel
Parking: Open
Car security: Relatively safe from public areas/veld fires
Trail Format: Open ended trails with shuttle service
Map: Colour with contour lines and additional information
Brochure: General basic information on trail and guide for 3 days
Markers: No trail markers obvious clear route along beach and guide for 3 days
Environmental education: Interpretative trail
Safety: Dangerous places (such as e.g. cliffs well managed) Reasonable safety of hikers <i>en route</i> and at huts
Crossings: Safe and effective river/road crossings/stiles/ladders or escape routes controlled and managed by field guide
Telephone: Phone access limited
Medical aid: Basic medical aid or back-up system near end
Drinking water: No water






Environmental Character: Definitions

A **PRISTINE** environment depicts an area where nature still exists in its more-or-less pure form: clean drinking water in streams, indigenous vegetation and animal life with no trace of human constructions, activities or sounds nearby. 

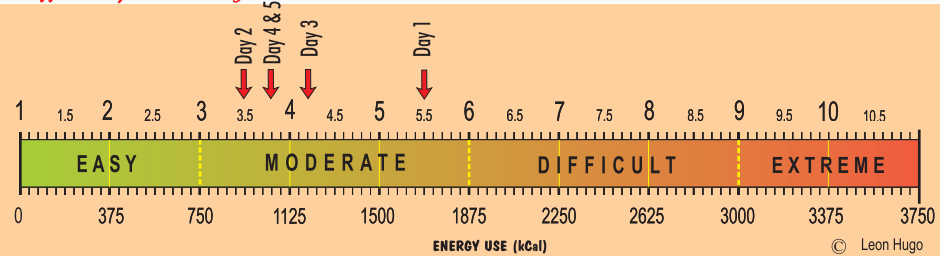
In a **NATURAL** environment one could expect to see and hear human activities to a limited extent; such as e.g. associated with farming and forestry. Exotic plants (e.g. pine plantations) might be prevalent; as well as cattle, fences and constructions such as earth dams. 

To hike through a **RURAL** environment would imply close contact with rural development and its associated noise, crossing of public roads, hiking on forestry/ farm roads, visual contact with agricultural fields, cement dams, domesticated animals, etc. 

Generalized Classification

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
				
Pristine (67%)	Natural (50%)	Natural (50%)	Pristine (58%)	Natural (50%)

Difficulty Grading



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Swart Tobie HIKING TRAIL



Classification

A five-day portaging nature trail

Environment: Varying between natural and pristine

Accommodation: Kliphuis- excellent
 Jakkalshok- rustic
 Gert du Toit se Baai- rustic
 Helga's Heights- rustic
 Camp David- rustic

Difficulty Rating: Moderate



Accreditation underwritten by:
 South African Hiking Trail Owners Association (SAHTOA) and the
 Hiking Organization of Southern Africa (HOSA)