

## Accommodation Facilities

a trail is regarded as having (A) excellent, (B) standard and (C) rustic accommodation according to the following facilities:



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

## Basic Trail Description

The Swellendam Hiking Trail, a magnificent five- or six day trail, is situated in the Langeberg (Long Mountain) immediately North of Swellendam, in the Marloth Nature Reserve. Managed by the Cape Nature Conservation, the trail covers mainly fynbos area, although there are some pine plantations near the beginning and end of the hike. Some sections are very difficult. Shorter options and day walks are available.

The footpath is well established and is marked with distance indications from the starting point at 500 m intervals. Although wild game is seldom seen, birds are plentiful, and the sheer beauty of the fynbos vegetation and clear natural water streams make up for this. Drinking water and swimming in streams are available. Carry-in carry-out principle is applied at three of the six overnight cabins.

Beautiful views reward the hiker in the mountain, while the silence and open sky at night is something to experience. The hiking accommodation caters for parties between 16 and 22 persons.

## Trail Facilities & Safety

<b>Booking facilities and information:</b> Internet, postal, telephone & fax
<b>Reception office:</b> On site
<b>Road signs:</b> Clear road signs to start
<b>Access road:</b> Last section graded gravel
<b>Parking:</b> Some shade trees
<b>Trail Format:</b> Circular
<b>Map:</b> Good colour with contour lines,
<b>Brochure:</b> General basic information on trail and environment
<b>Markers:</b> Distance indication on map/trail. Trail markers
<b>Environmental education:</b> None
<b>Safety:</b>
<i>Accommodation:</i> Safe
<i>Warning signs:</i> Dangerous places marked
<i>Crossings:</i> Safe and effective river/road crossing
<i>Telephone:</i> At start and end of trail
<i>Medical Aid:</i> Basic aid near start and end of trail
<i>Hikers' safety en route:</i> Safe
<i>Water:</i> Each day, rainy season only
<i>Parking:</i> Relative safe from public areas/veld fires, fenced enclosure

## 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.

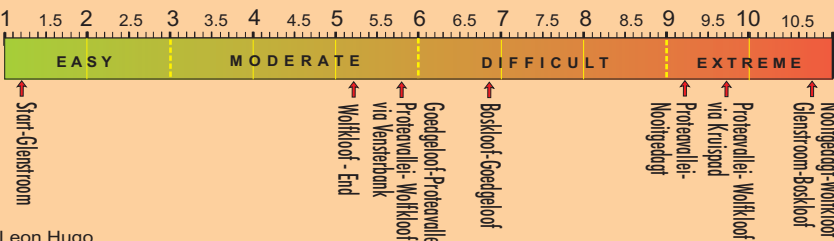
To hike through a **RURAL** environment would imply close contact with rural development and its associated noise, crossing of public roads, hiking on forestry/ farm roads, visual contact with agricultural fields, cement dams, domesticated animals, etc.

A **SEMI-URBAN** environment will be typically an urban green belt or city park or similar where the built environment is adjacent to the trail and where the noise of vehicles and associated aspects of pollution will often be prominent.

### Generalized Classification

Glenstroom to Boskloof  67% Pristine	Boskloof to Goedgelooft  75% Pristine	Goedgelooft to Proteavallei  83% Pristine	Proteavallei to Nooitgedacht  75% Pristine
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## Difficulty Grading



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# Swellendam Hiking Trail



## Classification

A self-guided, self-catering circular 5 to 6 day hiking trail with shorter loops  
**Environment:** *pristine*  
**Accommodation:** *various types*  
**Difficulty Rating:** *moderate to difficult*  
**Facilities and safety:** *acceptable*



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 South African Hiking Trail Owners Association (SAHTOA) and the  
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