



South African
NATIONAL PARKS

West Coast National Park

VISITOR'S
MAP



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Welcome

The magical Langebaan Lagoon, rare fynbos, white sandy dunes, internationally acclaimed wetlands and incredible birdlife are only some of the delights West Coast National Park has to offer. With so much to see and do it is hard to decide where to begin, so we have decided to share some of our favourite experiences with you.

- **Seeberg Viewpoint** Park your car at the Langebaan gate and walk the short 4.6km trail to the Seeberg Viewpoint, which offers the best vistas of the Park.
- **Bird Hides** Visit one of the bird hides and spend some time enjoying the quiet, as you look out at our feathered residents in their natural habitat.

- **Eve's Footprints** Make a stop at the Geelbek Visitor's Centre and have a look at the replica of Eve's Footprints – fossilised footprints belonging to a young woman who lived alongside the lagoon some 117 000 years ago.
- **Langebaan Lagoon** Unwind on the shore of the Langebaan Lagoon at Kraalbaai – a great spot for picnics.
- **Rock Pools** Explore the many rock pools along the seashore at Tsaarsbank.



We'd love you to share your favourite experiences with us on our Facebook page: SANParks – West Coast National Park or on Twitter: @WestCoastNP

Some interesting facts

- In 1648, the first Khoi dictionary was documented (400 words) by De Flacourt (Director General of the French East India Company) at Kraalbaai.
- In the 1700s, the VOC placed a beacon at Geelbek. A beacon of Robben Island slate engraved with the VOC monogram from about 1750 claims the land and its resources for the Dutch East India Company.
- In 1909, Norwegian whalers started a whaling station at Donkerkat, which remained operational until 1967.
- In 1920, Geelbek had the largest wine cellar in the country. This was not due to wine production, but because the Governor General (Henry de Villiers Steytler) used Geelbek to store his vast quantities of wine.
- Langebaan Lagoon was designated as a wetland of international importance according to the Ramsar Convention criteria in 1988.
- Bird species like Curlew Sandpipers, Sanderlings and Red Knots journey 15 000km every year from their breeding grounds in the Siberian Tundra to the northern winter (our summer) feeding grounds in Langebaan Lagoon.
- West Coast National Park hosts a total of over 250 bird species annually, over a quarter of South Africa's total.
- The Park was established in 1985 and comprises some 32 000ha.



Animals and Birds commonly seen in the Park

Tick off the ones you have spotted



☐ African Black Oystercatcher



☐ Bat-eared fox



☐ Bontebok



☐ Cape cobra



☐ Caracal



☐ Common duiker



☐ Dung beetle



☐ Eland



☐ Lesser Flamingo



☐ Gemsbok



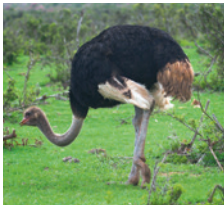
☐ Cape (small) grey mongoose



☐ Black Harrier



☐ Molesnake



☐ Ostrich



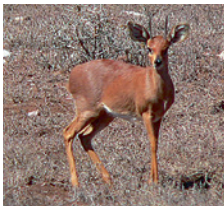
☐ Great White Pelican



☐ Puff adder



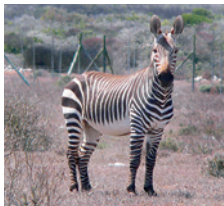
☐ Red hartebeest



☐ Steenbok



☐ Angulate tortoise



☐ Cape mountain zebra

Visit our other Western Cape National Parks

- **Agulhas** – at the southernmost tip of Africa
- **Bontebok** – a conservation success story just outside the town of Swellendam, off the N2
- **Garden Route** – comprising Wilderness, Knysna and Tsitsikamma
- **Table Mountain** – one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature
- **Tankwa** – incredible star-kissed skies and wide open spaces
- **Karoo** – offers great game viewing (including lions) just outside Beaufort West, off the N1



Important visitor information

- The use of drones (unmanned aerial vehicles) is not permitted in or over the National Park and Marine Protected Areas.
- Please enquire at the tourism office about additional flower viewing areas.
- Speed limit 50km/h.
- Please retain your receipt for the duration of your stay in the National Park.
- No pets allowed.
- Please dispose of litter in the marked refuse bins.
- Please do not pick any plants or flowers.
- Please do not pick up tortoises or disturb any wildlife.
- No fires allowed on beaches.
- Walking and cycling are restricted to the hiking and cycling trails respectively.
- Please note that being in possession of alcohol, and consumption thereof, is prohibited in all day visitor/public facilities in the Park such as the roads, picnic and braai sites, gates and beaches.
- Please note that even if you overnight in the Park, driving is only allowed during gate opening times.
- Please note that cycling and the use of motorcycles are not permitted in Postberg.
- Please remain in your vehicle, for your own safety.
- Please ensure that your vehicle is locked at all times. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle while unattended.

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Gate Times

September to March: 07:00 – 19:00
Last vehicle entry at 18:30

April to August: 07:00 – 18:00
Last vehicle entry at 17:30

Postberg opens during August & September (flower season):
09:00 – 17:00
Last entry to Postberg: 16:30



The areas under the control of SANParks are used entirely at your own risk and SANParks shall not be liable for any claims, accidents, injuries or loss, etc. arising from such use. Please note that visitors are subject to the conditions set in terms of Section 86 of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) and the National Environmental Act: Protected Areas Act (Act 57 of 2003) for the duration of their stay in the National Park.



Accommodation

Duinepos Chalets

11 Fully-equipped self-catering chalets, each sleeping 4 – 6 people, two chalets with wheelchair access. Swimming pool and kids play area.
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SANParks Central Reservations

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Abrahamskraal Cottage

This fully-equipped self-catering cottage is situated near the Abrahamskraal Waterhole.



Jo-Anne's Beach Cottage

Fully equipped self-catering cottage near Churchhaven, within walking distance of the lagoon.



Van Breda Cottage

Fully equipped self-catering cottage situated at Geelbek.



Steytler Cottage

Fully equipped self-catering cottage situated at Geelbek.



Jo-Anne's B Cottage

Fully equipped self-catering unit near Churchhaven, within walking distance of the lagoon.



Houseboats in Kraalbaai

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www.kraalbaailuxuryhouseboats.com
bookings@kraalbaailuxuryhouseboats.com

Larus Houseboat

3 Cabins. Well equipped open plan kitchen and dining area with braai facility.



Nirvana Houseboat

Upper and lower deck. Perfectly suited to corporate groups, family holidays and functions.



Driving Distances

Distance from Cape Town to the West Coast National Park is ± 120 km

From West Coast Gate (33° 14'38.92" S, 18° 12'08.66" E)

T junction	6.3km
Abrahamskraal	7km
Duinepos	9km
Geelbek	10km
Jo-Anne's Cottage	18km
Kraalbaai	21.3km
Tsaarsbank	24km
Langebaan Gate	25km

From Langebaan Gate (33° 07'03.66" S, 18° 03'18.23" E)

Geelbek	15km
Duinepos	16km
Abrahamskraal	18.6km
Jo-Anne's Cottage	31.1km
Kraalbaai	31.6km
Tsaarsbank	34.3km

Postberg Section



Open to the public only during the spring flower season in August and September each year and a great place for spotting game.



Tsaarsbank

Have a picnic or braai by the sea. Wonderful whale watching spot between August and October.



Kraalbaai

Unwind on the shore of the lagoon at Kraalbaai. Great for picnics. Braai facilities available at Preekstoel.



Geelbek Visitors Centre

Stop here to learn more about the Park's hiking trails, fauna and flora, accommodation and wealth of cultural history, including Eve's Footprints.



Eve's Footprints



Discovered in 1995 at Kraalbaai, these are unmistakable human footfalls in rock (formerly sea sand) and are said to have belonged to a young woman who lived 117 000 years ago. The original footprints are housed at the Iziko South African Museum in Cape Town, but be sure to visit the replica inside the Visitors Centre.

Geelbek Restaurant



Geelbek Restaurant is housed in a beautifully restored Cape Dutch building that is a national monument. The homestead is thought to have been erected by Alexander van Breda, as the initials "AvB" and the date "1860" appear on the front gable.
Open 09:00 – 17:00 seven days a week.
Tel: +27 84 406 7434
website: www.geelbek.net
email: admin@geelbek.info
rosa@geelbek.info

Hiking Trails and Cycling/MTB Routes

1 Strandveld Trail Two-Day Hike

Day 1 takes you through about 14km of Strandveld.
Day 2 is 14km long. The trail will take you through Strandveld to Sixteen Mile Beach, and back to Geelbek.

2 The Bakoor Trail

The Bakoor Trail is a short walk from Langebaan Gate to Seeberg Viewpoint, which is 4.6km long.

3 Steenbok One-Day Trail

Only during August and September. Distance: 13.9km (5 hours excluding breaks). The trail can take up to 20 people.

4 Postberg Two-Day Hiking Trail

Only during August and September. This is a two-day hike. Overnight at Plankiesbaai.
Day 1: 15.5km (6 hrs)
Day 2: 11.8km (3.5 hrs)
This trail can take up to a maximum number of 12 people.

5 Eve's Trail (book online)

A 2.5 day 30km trail – guided, catered and portered.
www.capebiosphere.co.za

6 Cycling Route Information

There are four routes available:
• 30km trail to Geelbek on tarrad road (start at Langebaan Gate).
• 70km return trip from Langebaan Gate to Kraalbaai.
• 13km circular MTB trail around the Seeberg Viewpoint.
• 30km circular MTB trail around Seeberg Viewpoint & Mooimaak.

Bird Hides

The Park's bird hides give you the opportunity of viewing some of the many bird species found here, such as Curlew Sandpiper; Grey Plover and Sanderling.



Information



Accommodation



Speed Limit



Tarred Roads



Main Gate



Picnic Site



Restaurant



Viewpoint



Toilets



Wheelchair Access



Whale Watching



Mountain Biking



Restricted Area

