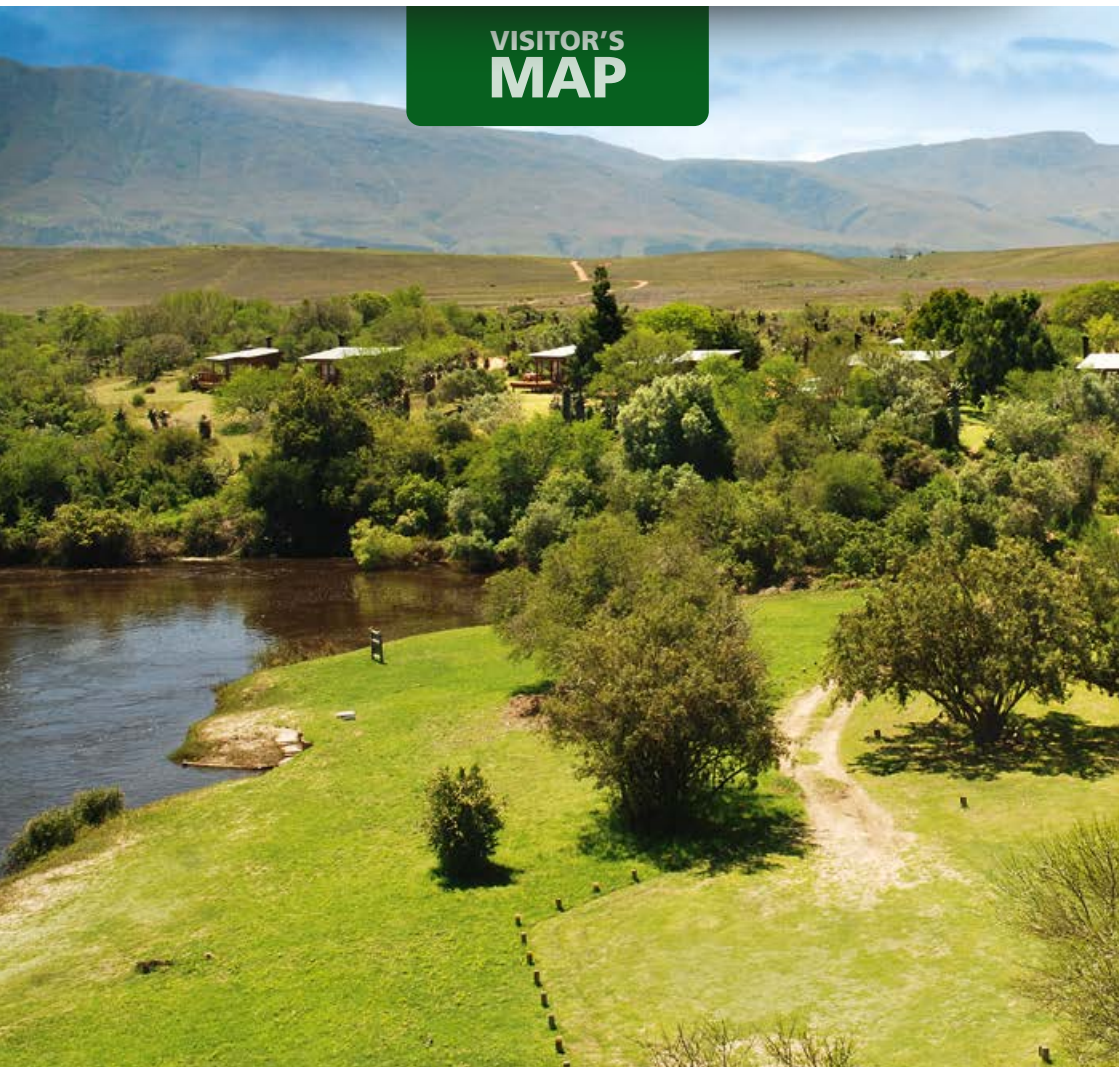




South African
NATIONAL PARKS

Bontebok National Park

VISITOR'S
MAP



A SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM CONNECTING SOCIETY

A place of simplistic beauty and peaceful charm

Bontebok National Park, just outside the historic town of Swellendam, lies at the foot of the majestic Langeberg Mountains and is bordered by the winding Breede River.

- **Bontebok** The Park is home to the once-threatened bontebok (a one-time low of 17 left) now numbering just over 200 in the park, the most its area can accommodate. Many other animals such as the red hartebeest and grey rhebok as well as several smaller mammals and reptiles can also be seen here.
- **Bird species** Over 200 bird species can be found, including South Africa's national bird, the Blue Crane, African Fish-eagle, Secretarybird,

Malachite Sunbird, and Denham's Bustard (formerly known as Stanley's Bustard).

- **Renosterveld** Although the smallest of South Africa's 21 National Parks, Bontebok National Park is by no means less diverse. Part of the Cape Floral Kingdom, now heralded as a World Heritage Site, it is one of the largest remaining 'renosterveld islands' with several endemic plant species. Intensive agricultural practices in the area have destroyed most of the indigenous vegetation, leaving the park as a key refuge for rare plant species. Fynbos flourishes in the temperate climate with winter rainfall; in spring the veld is covered with flowers.



Things to do

- **Hiking** Three trails start near the rest camp:
 - The Acacia Trail: 1.6km
 - The Aloe Hill Trail: 3.3km
 - The Bushbuck Trail: 5.4kmFurther inland is the Blue Crane Trail: 3.2km
- **Game Viewing** From your own vehicle along a circular route (dirt roads) which includes three viewpoints with stunning views of the Breede River, the Old Racecourse and surrounding countryside. Please respect the speed limit so as not to endanger the wildlife.
- **Swimming**
- **Angling**
- **Canoeing / Kayaking**

- **Birding** Bontebok National Park is a twitchers' delight. The park is noteworthy as an excellent place to see Denham's (Stanley's) Bustard. Other large and visible species include Blue Crane, Spur-winged Goose, Secretarybird and Southern Black Korhaan. Malachite and Southern (Lesser) Double-collared Sunbird are often seen at the reception building, while the area around the rest camp attracts a number of species. Prominent amongst these are Fiscal Flycatcher, Klaas's Cuckoo (summer), Acacia Pied Barbet and Red-faced Mousebird. Pearl-breasted Swallow is regularly seen.
- **Mountain Biking:** Cobra Trail



A Guide to Bontebok National Park



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for a year
for Wild Card
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Did you know?

The rest camp is named after a female Khoi Chief who lived in the area between 1734 and 1800.



Accommodation

Lang Elsie's Kraal Rest Camp



- 10 Fully equipped self-catering chalets, each sleeping 2 – 4 people (2 adults and 2 children).
- 4 Fully equipped self-catering chalets, each sleeping 4 people.

Camp Hours:

Nov – Apr: 07:00 till 19:00
May – Oct: 07:00 till 18:00



Camping/Caravan



The rest camp also has caravan and campsites with or without power; all of which have communal ablation facilities. A maximum of six persons are permitted per site.



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Die Stroom

Unwind on the banks of the Breede River. Picnic sites with ablation and braai facilities are available along the Breede River and may be used by day visitors.

Visitors will need to provide their own grills and firewood.



Function and Braai Facility

Ideal for team get-togethers, birthdays and special events. Die Stroom is equipped to cater for 50 people, with a spacious, covered wooden deck overlooking the river; built-in braai area, kitchen and ablutions.



River Activities

Angling Subject to the possession of an angling licence, available at Reception.

Canoeing/Kayaking Bring your own equipment.

Swimming Overnight visitors can enjoy this activity from the rest camp while day visitors can access the river from Die Stroom. Guests swim at own risk.



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Information



Accommodation



Viewpoint



Toilets



Speed Limit



Braai Facilities



Angling



Tarred Roads



Picnic Site



Kayaking



Dirt Roads



Hiking



Swimming



Hiking Trails



Mountain Biking



Mountain Bike Trails

Hiking Trails and Cycling/MTB Routes

- 1 The Acacia Trail – 1.6km**
Heads inland and offers a great opportunity for bird sightings.
- 2 The Blue Crane Trail – 3.2km**
Passes Skilpad Dam, a perennial waterhole, where bontebok, red hartebeest and other animals are regularly seen.
- 3 The Aloe Hill Trail – 3.3km**
Passes a viewpoint overlooking the stunning scenery of the Breede

- 4 The Bushbuck Trail – 5.4km**
Follows the river upstream, passing a viewing deck and ending at Die Stroom, a popular swimming and picnic spot.
- 5 The Cobra Mountain Bike Trail – 9.2km**
Circular route around Mooi Dam in the east of the park and the longest trail.



SWELLENDAM

Park Entrance Gate

Did you know?

Swellendam is the third oldest town in South Africa.

Reception

Airfield

Environmental Education Centre

Bontebok National Park

Railway

Skilpad Dam

Mooi Dam

Ou Tuin

Die Stroom

Start of Trails

Lang Elsie's Kraal Rest Camp

MTB Trail

Follow the route markers.

Breede River

Fauna and Flora to look out for in the Park

Tick off the ones you have spotted



Black-shouldered Kite



Aloe speciosa
(tilt-head aloe)



Crossyne guttata
(parasol lily)



Erica filamentosa



Blue Crane



Leonotis ocyimifolia
(minaret flower)



Four-striped
field mouse



Angulate tortoise



Cape Spurfowl



Bontebok



Cape mountain zebra



Cape grysbok



Malachite Sunbird



Caracal



Grey rhebuck



Denham's Bustard



Secretarybird



Red hartebeest



Southern rock agama



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Visit our other Western Cape National Parks

- **Agulhas** – at the southernmost tip of Africa
- **West Coast** – a safe haven for thousands of seabirds
- **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

- Speed limit 40km/h.
- No pets allowed.
- Please dispose of litter in the marked refuse bins.
- No fires allowed except in demarcated braai areas.
- Please do not pick up tortoises or disturb any wildlife.
- Please do not pick any plants or flowers.
- Walking and cycling are restricted to the hiking and cycling trails respectively.
- Please note that even if you overnight in the Park, driving is allowed only during gate opening times.
- 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 / Office Hours

October to April: 07:00 – 19:00
Last vehicle entry at 18:30

May to September: 07:00 – 18:00
Last vehicle entry at 17:30

ACCOMMODATION

Check-in: 14:00
Check-out: 10:00



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.

