



DIRECTIONS TO LEKKERWATER BEACH LODGE IN DE HOOP RESERVE FROM PLETTENBERG BAY,
KNYSNA, GEORGE OR SWELLENLHAM

To assist with your directions and driving times, Lekkerwater Beach Lodge is now located on Google Maps. Please aim to arrive at the Lekkerwater car park at around 14h00. Depending on road & traffic conditions, it takes around 3.5 hours to drive from George to our car park within De Hoop Reserve. Please add on time for any additional stops for fuel, food etc. When you arrive in Swellendam, please check your drive time on Google Maps – if it looks as if you will arrive in plenty of time for the 14h00 pick up, please enjoy the sights and sounds (and avoid hanging around in the Lekkerwater car park!).

~ Drive west on the main N2 motorway towards Swellendam and Cape Town. The N2 skirts to the south of Swellendam with two access roads into the town off to the right. Please snack and refuel in Swellendam as there are no filling stations or restaurants once you have turned off the N2 to Lekkerwater.

~ Keep driving in the direction of Cape Town. About 4.5km after the R60 turnoff to Swellendam (just past the bridge over the Breede River), there is a turn off to the left saying Cape Infanta and Malgas. Do **not** take this turn off and keep driving.

~ Continue driving for another 5.3km until the next dirt road turn off on the left. This dirt road has a small sign that says De Hoop and is just past the Kluitjieskraal River sign, where there is a large farm building on the right-hand side.

~ Drive south on this dirt road for 31km until you reach a T-Junction. At the T-junction turn left and keep driving straight following the Whale Trail signs for 11.7km. (NB At 2.1km from the T-Junction, do not turn off right to De Hoop; keep driving straight, ignoring the signs to De Hoop, Morukuru and De Hoop Collection, otherwise you will end up in the wrong part of the reserve!).

~ When you reach a fork in the road signposted left to Malgas, keep driving straight (i.e. take the right-hand fork).

~ You will soon arrive at the Potberg Entrance Gate to the reserve, with a large De Hoop/Cape Nature sign. A further 800m ahead, you'll see a wooden hut on your left. Here, you will be asked to sign into De Hoop Reserve and pay the park entrance fee (currently R50 per person per night). Please make sure you have cash as there are no credit facilities available.

~ A further 400m ahead there will be a small swing gate across the road. Open the gate, drive in and close the gate. There is one more small gate between you and your destination, but that second gate is usually open.

~ Keep driving (slowly) on the main gravel road for another 14.6km until you see a sign and a turning for Lekkerwater on your right. Ignore that and drive for another 250m until you arrive at a sign for Lekkerwater Beach Lodge car park on the left. Follow those tracks for a short while and you will be able to park your car under the shady trees. We will meet you here and drive you the 6km to the lodge in Lekkerwater's vehicles. Please aim to be at the lodge car park between 2 and 2:30pm to avoid a wait for the transfer vehicle!

If you are uncertain or lost, please call Lekkerwater on +27 (0) 72 252 2905. This number can also be used for WhatsApp.

Please note that the gates to De Hoop Reserve close at 16h00 sharp. If you are late, please note that you will have to find your own accommodation elsewhere at your own cost.