



Please bring this information pack with you on your holiday.

WELCOME

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our lodge situated in the De Hoop Nature Reserve, the Western Cape's premier coastal reserve

HOW TO GET THERE

De Hoop Nature Reserve is located halfway between Cape Town and George / Knysna. The drive to Lekkerwater Beach Lodge takes around 3 hours 45 minutes from Cape Town via Caledon & Bredasdorp and around 4 hours from George, depending on the time of day and the traffic. Please aim to arrive at the Lekkerwater car park, 6km inland from the lodge, at around 14:00. Please add time for meal stops & refuelling. Bredasdorp or Swellendam are your last refuelling opportunities.

The last 57km to the Lekkerwater car park is on gravel roads and the condition of this road varies depending on the weather and the traffic. The lodge car park is accessible by regular vehicles but please ensure that you drive slowly on the dirt roads. This road is not suitable for low clearance vehicles or sports cars.

You will be met at the Lekkerwater car park and transferred to the Lodge in our 4x4 vehicle. Due to the condition of the road from the car park and the parking constraints at the lodge, guest vehicles are not permitted to travel directly to the lodge.

As you will be travelling on dirt roads, please ensure that you have a spare tyre, tyre weld and a tool kit available in the event of a puncture or blow out.

To assist with directions and driving times, Lekkerwater Beach Lodge is located on Google Maps. We recommend you use in conjunction with the detailed driving instructions at the end of this document.

PLEASE READ OUR DETAILED DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR LEKKERWATER.

REFUELLING YOUR VEHICLE

It is best that you refuel your vehicle on the way into Lekkerwater either in Napier, Bredasdorp or Swellendam. There is only one farmer's fuel stop after that and that is often closed.

DE HOOP RESERVE GATE OPENING & CLOSING TIMES 07:00 TO 16:00

Lekkerwater Beach Lodge is located within the De Hoop Nature Reserve. Cape Nature manages the reserve and the Potberg entrance gate. The gate opening time is 07:30 and it closes sharply at 16:00. If you are late you will have to find alternative accommodation.

RESERVE ENTRANCE FEE

Please note that the Cape Nature park entrance fee is currently R50 per adult or R30 per child per night, payable in CASH on arrival at the Park gate. This is not included in your tariff. The entrance gate does not have credit card facilities.

LEKKERWATER CAR PARK 14:00 PICK UP & 11:00 DEPARTURE TIMES

The scheduled collection time at the Lekkerwater car park is 14:00. Our check out time from Lekkerwater Beach Lodge is at 10:15 to be back at the car park around 11:00. We ask guests to arrive at the car park as close to this time as possible so that you are not kept waiting or keep others waiting. Due to the remote location of the Lodge and transfers to/from the car park we are unable to assist with early check-ins or a late check-out.

HELICOPTER ARRIVALS & AIRSTRIPS

It is a fabulous hour & a half scenic flight from Cape Town with the landing spot around 200m to the east of the lodge. The nearest airfield for fixed wing aircraft is in the western sector of the De Hoop Reserve, around an hour and half drive away from Lekkerwater.

FOR THE AREAS AVERAGE WEATHER CONDITIONS, PLEASE GO TO: www.meterblue.com AND TYPE IN CAPE INFANTA.



WHAT WILL I DO HERE?

- Lekkerwater is located on one of the most spectacular and secluded beach destinations anywhere in South Africa
- Guided marine explorations and intertidal zone walks to thriving rock-pools and caves
- Guided fynbos and nature walks and explorations
- Dolphin watching year round
- Whale watching (July to November)
- One of the planet's best "hot tubs" with a view!
- Learn about the fascinating history of the area from 100,000 years ago till today.
- Beach sundowners
- Feet-in-sand surprises
- A place to fully recharge, re-connect and recalibrate

If lost enroute or in an emergency:
Lekkerwater Beach Lodge
WhatsApp: 072 252 2905

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Natural Selection Office: +27 21 001 1574
After Hours Emergency: +27 71 101 2934

PICK-UP TIME FROM THE LEKKERWATER CAR PARK IS 14H00.
PARK GATES OPEN AT 07H30 AND CLOSE AT 16H00 SHARP.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR PARK ENTRY FEE OF R50 PPN, PAYABLE IN CASH ON ARRIVAL AT THE GATE.

DIRECTIONS FROM CAPE TOWN:

- Depart Cape Town on the N2 motorway towards Somerset West and over Sir Lowry's Pass.
- Continue on the N2 to Caledon where you turn right / south onto the R316 to Napier and Bredasdorp. The Napier Farm Stall and the Bredasdorp Square offer good homely food and coffees.
- You must refuel either in Napier or Bredasdorp – there is no reliable fuel station after Bredasdorp.
- When you arrive in Napier or Bredasdorp, 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 food of Napier or Bredasdorp to avoid hanging around in the Lekkerwater car park waiting for our 2pm transfer!
- In the centre of Bredasdorp, look out for the signs to Swellendam on the R319. Turn left onto the R319.
- Drive for 7.1km along the R319 till you signs to De Hoop. Turn right here onto a gravel road.
- From here it is a relatively straight road for 41.9km till you reach the Potberg Entrance Gate to De Hoop.
- At 32.6km from the R319 tarred road, ignore the signs to De Hoop, Morukuru and De Hoop Collection and keep driving straight. If you turn off here, you will end up in the western sector of the park and be a very long way from Lekkerwater.
- At 36.9km from the R319 tarred road, keep driving straight / right and do not veer left to Malgas / Cape Infanta.
- At 41.9km from the R319, you will arrive at the Potberg Entrance Gate to De Hoop Reserve.
- Drive for another 800 metres until you 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. Please also ask the gate personnel to radio Lekkerwater to say that you have arrived.
- Veer slightly right immediately after the hut, staying on the main track for another 14.6km to the Lekkerwater Car Park. A further 400m ahead there will be a small swing gate across the road. Open the gate, drive in, close the gate and keep following the signs to Lekkerwater. 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 until you see a sign and a turning for Lekkerwater on your right. Ignore that sign and drive straight on, following the Lekkerwater parking signs for another 250m. Turn off to your left and follow those tracks until you arrive at water tanks and solar panels, where you will be able to park your car under shady trees. We will meet you here in the lodge's 4x4 vehicles to drive you the last 6km to Lekkerwater Lodge.

DIRECTIONS FROM GEORGE:

- 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 enjoy a brunch or lunch in Swellendam and refuel as there are no filling stations or restaurants once you have turned off the N2 to Lekkerwater.
- When in Swellendam, check your drive time to Lekkerwater Beach Lodge on Google Maps to ensure that you arrive at around 2pm and avoid hanging around at the Lekkerwater Car Park waiting our 2pm transfer.
- After leaving Swellendam, keep driving in the direction of Cape Town on the N2.
- About 4.5km after the R60 turnoff to Swellendam and 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 and turn left at the next dirt road turning. This dirt road has a small sign that says De Hoop and is just past the Kluitjieskraal River and sign, with 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, ignore the signs to De Hoop, Morukuru and De Hoop Collection and keep driving straight on otherwise you will end up in the wrong sector of the De Hoop Reserve and very far from Lekkerwater!**
- 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 De Hoop Reserve and the directions to Lekkerwater Car Park are the same as the Cape Town directions described in the last three paragraphs on the left.



Directions from Cape Town

Directions from George, Knysna & Plett

Final route in from Cape Town & George

If you are lost, or running late or have not heard from us on your morning of arrival, please WhatsApp Lekkerwater on 072 252 2905

Please note that signal at the Lodge is erratic so a WhatsApp message is best.