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Welcome to the heart of the Cape Flora

Kogelberg Nature Reserve

Kogelberg Nature Reserve is often considered the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom, because of the exceptional quality of its fynbos. The reserve lies within the southern stretch of the rugged Hottentots Holland mountain range, and has remained isolated and remarkably unspoilt. Its high mountain peaks, steep kloofs, valleys and several tributaries of the pristine Palmiet River create a sense of remote wilderness.

Location and Directions

Latitude: 34°19'21.24"S / Longitude: 18°58'0.01"E

Kogelberg is situated some 90 km south-east of Cape Town, and comprises a core area of 18 000 ha and several smaller fragments. The reserve is sign-posted from the coastal road (R44), and a gravel road leads for 3 km through private property to the entrance. The coastal town of Kleinmond is about 8 km south-east of the reserve.

Oudebosch Cabins

The five timber cabins, **Iris**; **Everlasting Daisy**; **Erica**; **Fire Lily** and **Marsh Rose** are each named from endemic plant species found on the reserve.

The cabins are fully equipped with modern amenities (Electric stove, fridge, microwave, cutlery and crockery), a spacious lounge with a closed combustion fire place, dining and kitchen area with suppliers. The cabins sleeps a maximum of four people each cabin has two bedrooms - bedroom one with double bed & bedroom two with two single beds including bed linens and bath towels. Two bathrooms with shower.

Each cabin has two composting/waterless toilets.

Arrival and Departure

- The cabins may be **occupied from 14:00** on the day of arrival and must be **vacated by 10:00** on the day of departure.
- Visitors are requested not to arrive later than 18:00. **(Gate closes 19h00.)**
- On the day of departure, visitors are welcome to remain in the reserve for hiking and mountain biking until the gates close but should park at the reserve office.
- The keys must please be returned to the office on departure.
- The reserve gate is locked from 19H00 to 07h30. **(Please ensure you have your keys when outside the reserve after hours).**

Recreation:

- Hiking and mountain biking must be arranged with the gate guard at the office between 08:00 and 15:00 prior to entry into the trails.
- Access into the reserve trails is not permitted after 19:00, i.e. no night walks, overnighing in the wild.

To ensure that all visitors have a pleasant stay, the following are not permitted:

- Music and rowdy behavior.
- Littering
- Pets (**No Dogs/Cats**)
- The use of furniture and equipment outside of the cabin.

During your visit:

- Visitors are liable for any loss or damage to reserve property due to negligence.
- Keep the surrounds and facilities clean.
- Due to the risk of veld fires, fires may only be made in designated fireplaces.
- Collection of firewood is not allowed. Braai wood is for sale at the office between 08:00 and 16:00 at R20/bundle
- Disturbance to plants and animals is prohibited.
- Make sure that all fires are extinguished before you leave or go to sleep.
- The maximum number of people per cabin is four (4)
- Avoid light pollution – do not leave outside lights burning all night.
- Please keep all noise to a minimum after 22:00.
- All swimmers need to shower before swimming in the eco-pool
- No more than ten people can swim at the same time as this will overload the biological system
- Please do not take hot coals from the braai area to the inside of the cabin fire place.

Things to remember

- Remember to take your booking confirmation as this is also your entry permit
- Food and drinks as the accommodation is self-catering
- Outdoor gear (e.g. walking shoes, hats, binoculars, torches, reading material, swimming costumes, towels & toiletries, insect repellent and sunblock)
- Stay on the existing tracks – careless driving through the veld destroys plants and small creatures
- Prevent soil erosion by avoiding wheel spins
- Do not throw cigarette butts into the veld

