

# Cycling in Mossel Bay



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## Mossel Bay's Mountain Biking Destinations

### BONNIEDALE FARM

Offers a variety of technical single tracks for moderate to fit riders. Bonniedale is also the access point for the Attakwaskloof (follow the Attakwaskloof to the Robinson's Pass and back = 40 km), and the starting point for various 2-day routes:

1. Over the Attakwaskloof, onto the Paardebont Road between the Gamkaberg Nature Reserve and the Outeniqua Mountains and into the Rooiberg Pass. Overnight at Rooiberg Lodge. (60 km). 2nd day: ride through van Wyksdorp towards the Langeberg, take the R327 eastwards and ride via the ghost town of Woeska to Bonniedale (70 km).
2. Ride over the Cloete's Pass and overnight at Dwarsriver (50 km). 2nd day: ride towards Herberdsdale and take the Suurvlaakte turn-off; follow the Langeberg on the border of Gondwana Nature Reserve and ride past Hagelkraal to Bonniedale (70 km).

More information: 044 695 3175 [www.bonniedale.com](http://www.bonniedale.com)



### GETTING HERE

Mossel Bay lies just off the N2 highway and half way between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth (400 km each way).

#### From Cape Town On The N2:

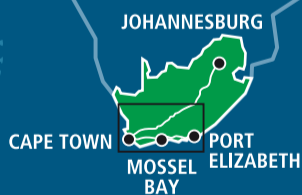
Follow the N2 via Somerset West, Caledon, Swellendam and Albertinia to Mossel Bay. Driving time (excluding stops): approximately 4 hours.

#### From Cape Town On Route 62:

Follow the N1 via Paarl to Worcester; take the R60 via Robertson to Ashton; take the R62 to Montagu and Oudtshoorn; turn right onto the R328 to Mossel Bay. Driving time: approximately 6 hours.

#### From Port Elizabeth Via The N2:

Travel westwards along the N2 via Humansdorp, Plettenberg Bay, Knysna and George. Driving time: approximately 4 hours.



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Open:  
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GPS Coordinates: 34° 10' 48.35" South; 22° 8' 34.34" East

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### EIGHT BELLS MOUNTAIN INN

The well marked Rooster Hiking Trails offer a range of different walks and rides with panoramic views. A number of longer forestry trails are also available in the area. The hotel hosts the annual Eight Bells Enduro (August).

More information: 044 631 0000 [www.eightbells.co.za](http://www.eightbells.co.za)

### JAKKALSVLEI PRIVATE CELLAR

Ride in style in the vineyards of Mossel Bay's only wine estate. Both gentle and challenging routes available. Picnickers welcome, and wine tasting is available (closed Sundays). Jakkalsvlei hosts the annual Jakkalsdraai Mountain Bike Challenge (October).

More information: 028 7352061 [www.jakkalsvlei.co.za](http://www.jakkalsvlei.co.za)



### RACE DIARY

**Attakwas Xtreme Mountain Bike Challenge** – January.  
(121 km MTB marathon and 52 km mountain bike ride.)

**Eight Bells Enduro** – August.  
(Mountain Biking. 15, 40 and 65 km courses around Ruitersbos.)

**DCM Cape Pioneer Trek** – October.  
(A six-day mountain bike stage race on a route that traverses two mountain ranges, crosses the Klein Karoo and passes through the forests of the Garden Route coast.)

**Jakkalsdraai Mountain Bike Challenge** – October.  
(Enjoy mountain biking through the vineyards at Jakkalsvlei – Mossel Bay's only wine estate. 10, 30 and 50 km courses.)

**Great Brak Grabadoo** – 31 December.  
(Held by tradition on Old-year's-day. 55, 35, and 15 km mountain bike routes; 40 and 20 km road routes; 5 and 10 km walking routes.)

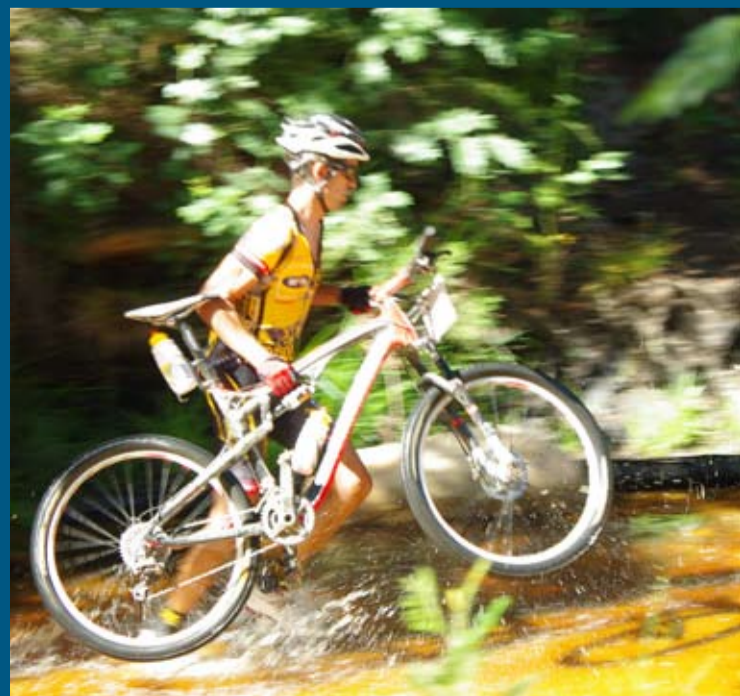
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### CYCLING CLUBS

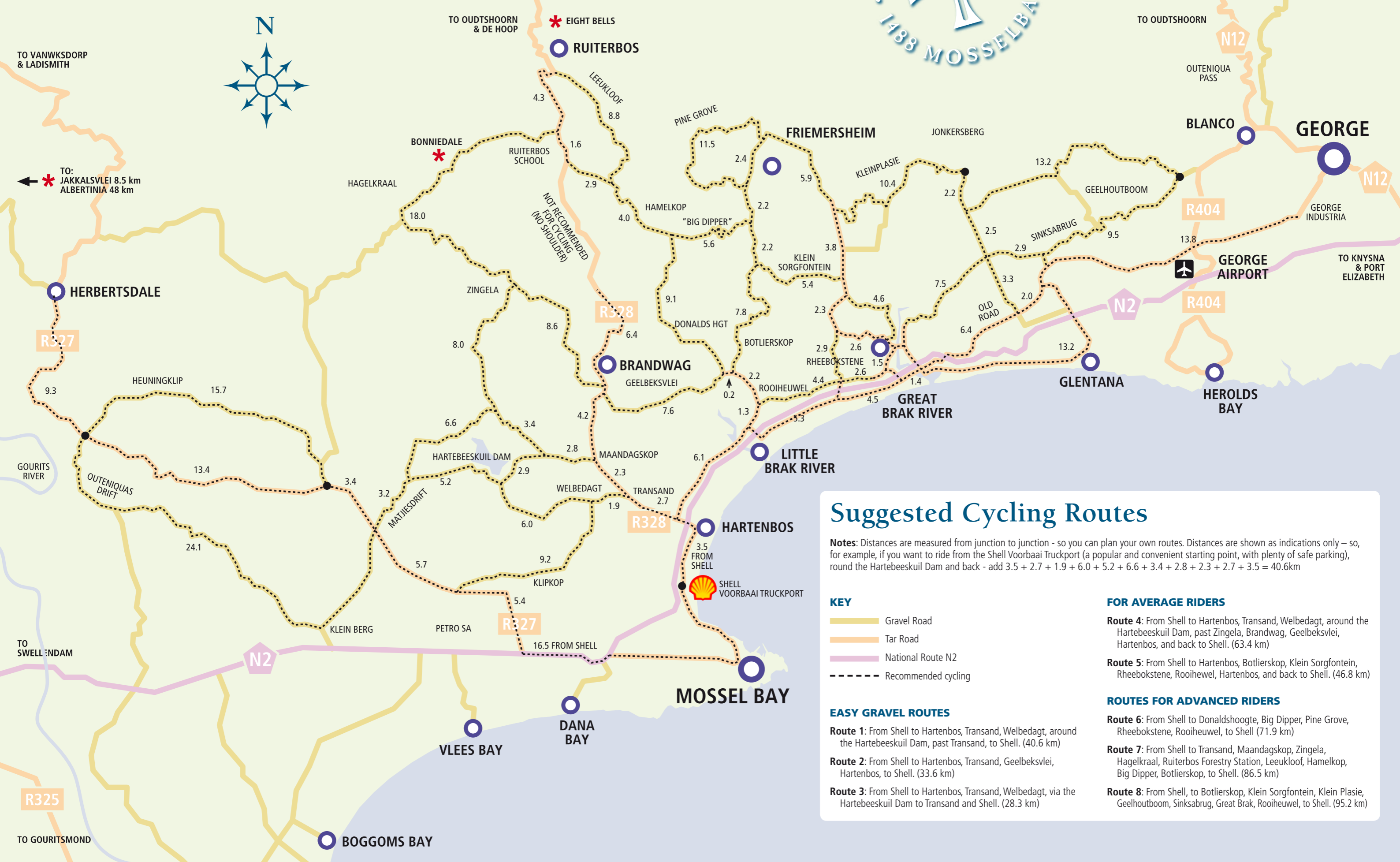
**Mountain bikes:** GROMOS MTB Club

**Roadies:** le Peloton

Committee memberships are subject to change – for the cycling clubs' latest contact details, please call Mossel Bay Tourism on 044 691 22023 or go to [www.visitmosselbay.co.za/cycling/](http://www.visitmosselbay.co.za/cycling/)



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## Suggested Cycling Routes

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- Tar Road
- National Route N2
- Recommended cycling

**FOR AVERAGE RIDERS**

**Route 4:** From Shell to Hartenbos, Transand, Welbedagt, around the Hartebeeskul Dam, past Zingela, Brandwag, Geelbekslei, Hartenbos, and back to Shell. (63.4 km)

**Route 5:** From Shell to Hartenbos, Botlierskop, Klein Sorgfontein, Rheeboekstene, Rooiheuvel, Hartenbos, and back to Shell. (46.8 km)

**ROUTES FOR ADVANCED RIDERS**

**Route 6:** From Shell to Donaldshoogte, Big Dipper, Pine Grove, Rheeboekstene, Rooiheuvel, to Shell (71.9 km)

**Route 7:** From Shell to Transand, Maandagskop, Zingela, Hagelkraal, Ruitersbos Forestry Station, Leeukloof, Hamelkop, Big Dipper, Botlierskop, to Shell. (86.5 km)

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### EASY GRAVEL ROUTES

- Route 1:** From Shell to Hartenbos, Transand, Welbedagt, around the Hartebeeskul Dam, past Transand, to Shell. (40.6 km)
- Route 2:** From Shell to Hartenbos, Transand, Geelbekslei, Hartenbos, to Shell. (33.6 km)
- Route 3:** From Shell to Hartenbos, Transand, Welbedagt, via the Hartebeeskul Dam to Transand and Shell. (28.3 km)

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