



STEENBRAS NATURE RESERVE

STEENBRAS RIVER GORGE & CRYSTAL POOLS HIKING TRAIL

Permit regulations and hiking information

(NOTE: this is NOT a permit)

The Steenbras Nature Reserve forms part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. It boasts over 1600 plant species and many animal species found in its unique Kogelberg sandstone fynbos veldtype. As part of this reserve, the River Gorge and Crystal Pools Hiking Trail is available to visitors during certain times of the year. Recommended for medium to experienced hikers, this 2 km trail includes beautiful pools to swim in on the way up. Bookings are essential.

Minimum requirements:

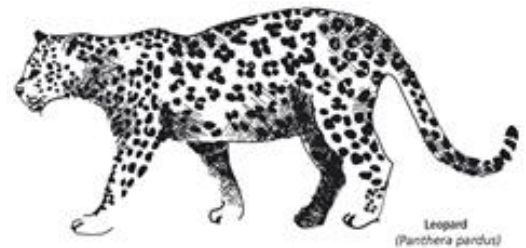
- You must be fit in order to complete this trail.
- You must be in possession of a pre-booked and paid permit in order to enter this area.
- A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 10 persons are allowed per group.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Operating hours and times:

- Administration: Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from 08:30 to 14:30.
- Seasonality: Open between 1 November and end of April annually. The area is closed in winter.
- Entry times into this area of the reserve: from Sunrise until Sunset

Costs:

- R65.00 per/person (July 2017-June 2018)
- Costs are subject to change annually, as per City of Cape Town Tariffs



To bring:

- Hikers must wear suitable hiking shoes
- Ensure you bring all the necessary equipment including food, water, first aid kit, warm item of clothing, sunhat, sunblock cellphone for emergencies.

Safety and indemnity:

- Save this **emergency number- Tel: 021 957 4725 ext 2413061** (note that NO BOOKING QUERIES WILL BE DELT WITH ON THIS LINE)
- Watch the weather for flash floods, the river can rise meters in minutes. The gorge is situated below the Steenbras dam slues gates, which may also be opened at any time.
- First time hikers for the kloofing routes must be guided by an experienced kloofer.
- The hiking permit does not authorize abseiling activities. Kloofing is dangerous and not recommended unless under the supervision of a registered guide.
- Note:

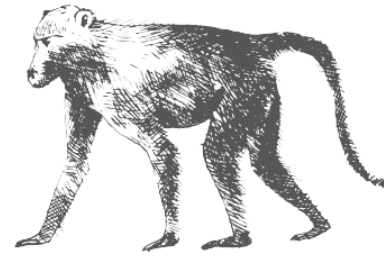
Damage / loss / death

It is a distinct condition of admission to any protected area, that the City of Cape Town accepts no responsibility arising from a visit(s) howsoever caused:

- * For any death, injury or illness sustained or suffered by any person.
- * For theft/loss/damage to any property, whether allegedly due to the negligence of the board/officers/employees/agents or arising from the use of any facilities supplied/made available.
- * From any other matter arising, in any other manner and from any other cause whatsoever.

Being responsible:

The area is protected and managed in accordance with the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act 57 of 2003). In an effort to conserve the area please take note of the following regulations:



Chacma baboon
(*Papio ursinus*)

Always-

- Stick to the designated footpaths and walk single file to avoid soil erosion.
- Take all your waste home with you. Do not litter. This area is a NO Bin Zone.

Never-

- Feed or intentionally disturb any animal
- Remove any wood, sand, gravel, stone, seashell, guano or other material
- Cut, damage remove or destroy or be in possession of any plant or any part thereof, including dry wood or fire wood.
- Behave in a manner which is likely to injure or disturb any other user of the area. (music/noise from any radio, cell phone or other device is not allowed)
- Light fires, use gas appliances or smoke
- Overnight
- Bring any firearms, pets, glass, alcohol or music

Bookings and contacts:

- A carrying capacity of 50 persons per day are allowed, so book early
- All permits are issued via application by e-mail only. A pre-booked system applies.
- Administration of bookings must be finalised at least two working days prior to your visit.
- To **book Email steenbras.naturereserve@capetown.gov.za** or call **Tel: 21 444 6927** for more information
- For **more information on the City's Nature Reserves**, please visit **www.capetown.gov.za/naturereserves**