

## Useful information

### KOGEL BAY RESORT

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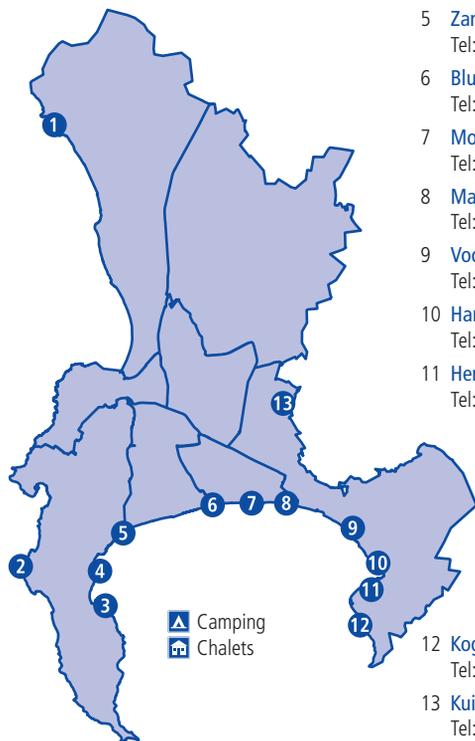
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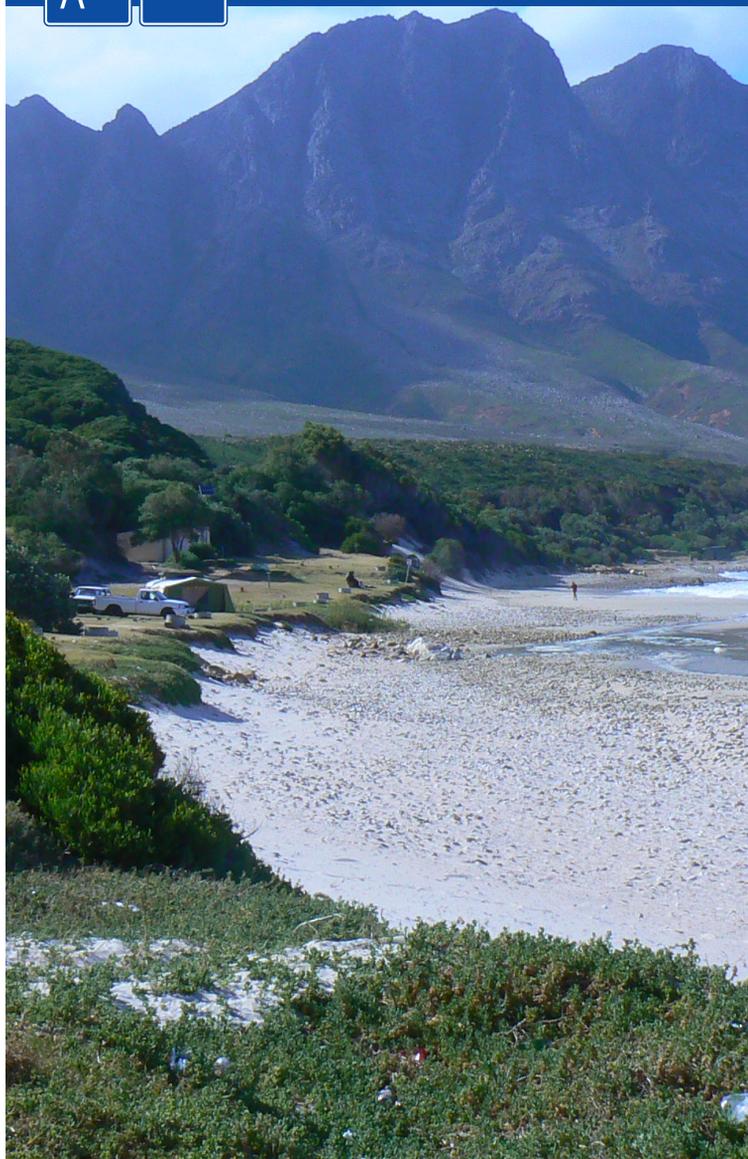


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## KOGEL BAY RESORT



## Introduction

Kogel Bay Resort is located along Clarens Drive between Gordons Bay and Rooi-Els. Clarens Drive is a scenic drive along mostly undeveloped parts of the coastline and forms part of the first leg of the Whale Route that leads to Hermanus. The resort is situated in the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve between high mountains and is surrounded by indigenous fynbos. The resort fronts onto a four kilometer wide sandy beach. The high mountains shelter the beach from the strong south Easter winds during summer, making it a sought after beach and camping facility.

## Facilities

274 non electrified camping sites

## Activities

- Swim (when lifesavers are on duty) and tan at Kogel Bay beach. The beach is dangerous for swimming, due to rip currents, but lifeguards are on duty during peak season.
- Surf at Dappat se Gat near the caves.
- Walk the hiking trails within the Kogelberg nature reserve.
- Drive to Steenbras River mouth and take a walk up the cliffs to spectacular mountain pools.
- Take a scenic drive via Rooi-els to Betty's Bay and walk in the Harold Porter Botanical Garden or watch the African Jackass penguin colony in their natural habitat.
- Drive to Kleinmond and Hermanus to watch the whales during the period June to November.

## Environment

The Kogelberg Nature Reserve and the Resort are part of the greater Kogelberg Biosphere. The Reserve covers about 100 000 hectares, encompassing the entire coastal area from Gordons Bay to Bot River Vlei, and inland to Grabouw and the Groenlandberg. The Reserve is South Africa's first biosphere reserve with official status, registered with UNESCO in 1998. This area is considered the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom because of its rich fynbos vegetation. It is home to at least 1600 different plant species, including the marsh rose, once on the verge of extinction. The Reserve includes private, provincial and municipal nature reserves, the Harold Porter Botanical Garden, the Palmiet River estuary, sections of the coast, and the marine area.

Kogel Bay, also known as Koeëlbaai (cannon ball bay), is named for the large, round boulders that line its shore in places. These not only resembles cannonballs, but the sound it makes as the rocks roll over in the waves reminded early mariners of cannonballs clunking together on a ship's deck.

## Fauna

The Kogelberg Nature Reserve is home to a variety of animal species. The majestic Verreaux's Eagle, Klipspringer and Baboons are common sightings here. A pause along the road verges is an opportunity to take in the magical vistas, and enjoy "aerial" views of whales and dolphins. Other animals include the Smith's Red Rock Rabbit, Cape Greysbok, Porcupine, Small Spotted Genet and Cape Clawless Otter. The Cape Leopard do still exist on the mountain but are rarely seen.

Snakes are also an important part of the natural ecosystem. Visitors should exercise caution when they encounter snakes and do not harm snakes or attempt to remove it on your own. Report it to an official who will arrange for the snake to be removed.

Baboons are opportunistic animals and have been known to raid dustbins and campsites within the resort area. Do Not feed baboons. Keep your food items locked away.

## Flora

With more than 1600 plant species, the Kogel Berg Biosphere Reserve boasts the greatest floral diversity per unit area than anywhere else in the world.

The vegetation type is Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos, comprising a low, closed shrubland cattered with tall shrubs. There are many of species of Proteas and their relatives, hundreds of species of Erica and a host of endemic species and families. There are numerous seeps and seasonally saturated wetlands dominated by Bruniaceae and Restios.

Fynbos is a fire driven ecosystem and needs fire to survive. Unfortunately the occurrence of too frequent fires can be damaging to the ecosystem resulting in a loss of diversity. Visitors to Kogelbay should be firewise by doing the following:

- Make sure braai fires are extinguished properly before leaving your camp.
- Only make fires in designated camping and day visitor facilities
- Do not throw cigarette butts out of car windows.
- Report fires to 107

## Be responsible

### Waste matter pollutes and kills

Waste is anything we throw away that is not taken back into nature

Waste is a health risk, because creatures such as rats and flies are attracted to badly managed waste and this causes human diseases such as diarrhea, typhoid and cholera.

Over 80% of South African Marine pollution consists of plastics, which often kills sea birds, seals, turtles and even whales.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE SAKE OF ALL LIVING CREATURES, INCLUDING YOUR CHILDREN!!!**