

# Traveling South of Africa Campsite Guide



Our route 2021-2022

# Welcome

Thank you for downloading our ebook on all the campsites we've visited while living on the road in South Africa.

We spent 18 incredible months travelling full-time in our vintage caravan, covering thousands of kilometres and discovering some truly special spots. This ebook includes a list of the campsites we stayed at and what they offer – from practical tips to personal highlights.

We hope it brings you inspiration, practical info, and a big dose of wanderlust to help you plan your own South African adventures.

Much love,

*Life On Bets*



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# Kwa-Zulu Natal



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

Yes      No

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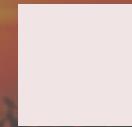
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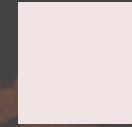
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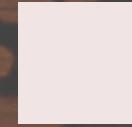
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Does the campsite have adequate security?



5

Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

### Campsite Facilities

Swimming pool

Jungle gym

Guided game drives & self-drives

Bird hides

On-site restaurant & bar

Partially shaded, grassed sites

### Ablutions

Clean and well-maintained with toilet paper and soap provided.

### Location

Set inside a beautiful Big 4 game reserve with no fences – meaning plenty of wildlife sightings, especially birds! It's about 15 minutes from a Spar in Hluhluwe.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

### 🔧 Campsite Grounds & Maintenance

Grassed sites with power points and shared water taps. Grounds are regularly maintained. Roads are sandy but accessible when dry without a 4x4.

### 🙌 Customer Service

The staff were super helpful and accommodating during our stay.

### 🌿 Our Experience

Bonamanzi is a brilliant spot for a wild camping experience! We stayed six nights at the Executive campsite on stand 19 and one night at Shonalanga (our favourite – though note there's no power there).

We'd recommend a 4x4 if you plan to explore the reserve on self-drives. There's also a restaurant and pool to enjoy after a day of adventuring.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## ROCKY BAY RESORT

		Yes	No
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2	Does the campsite have a scullery?	X	
3	Does the campsite have ablutions with hot water?	X	
4	Does the campsite have adequate security?	X	
5	Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?	X	

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## ROCKY BAY RESORT

- ✓ Campsite Facilities
- Electric razor outlets
- Chemical toilet disposal
- Clothes drying facilities
- Two swimming pools
- Jungle gym
- Games room
- Ironing facilities
- Partially shaded, grassed sites

### Ablutions

The ablution block was well-maintained and clean throughout our stay. Toilet paper and soap were provided in the bathrooms.

### Location

You couldn't ask for a better spot! The campsite is set right on the beach, just metres from the sand, with spectacular ocean views from the sites. There's a convenience shop nearby in Scottburgh for anything you might need.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## ROCKY BAY RESORT

### 📍 Grounds & Maintenance

The sites are grassy, clean and have electrical points. Shared water taps are available for campers, and the gardens are regularly maintained. The roads throughout the campsite are tarred, making access easy.

### 🙌 Customer Service

The staff at Rocky Bay were incredibly helpful and friendly – we felt so welcomed.

### ⌚ Our Experience

Rocky Bay is hands-down one of the best beachfront campsites we've visited! We highly recommend booking a seaside site for the views alone. The beach is beautiful and mostly quiet, aside from fellow campers enjoying swims and sunbathing.

We loved spending our days swimming, soaking up the sun, and exploring the endless rock pools. Between hikes, braais, and beach walks, this spot had all the ingredients for a laid-back seaside escape. The on-site games room and pool were perfect for chill afternoons after a salty morning swim.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

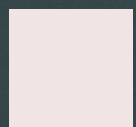
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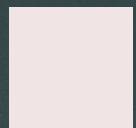
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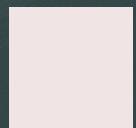
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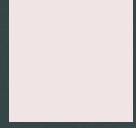
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Does the campsite have adequate security?



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Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## MARGATE CARAVAN PARK

### Campsite Facilities

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Swimming pool & kiddies' paddle pool

Jungle gym

Mini-golf

Pool tables

Ironing facilities

Partially shaded, grassed sites

### Ablutions

The ablution block was well-maintained and clean during our stay. There was toilet paper available and soap dispensers in the bathrooms.

### Location

The campsite is well located—just 1.4km from Margate's main bathing beach and 500m from Hibiscus Mall, making it a convenient base for beach days, shopping, and exploring the town.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## MARGATE CARAVAN PARK

### Grounds & Maintenance

The sites are grassy and clean, each with power points and a shared tap. Although the park feels slightly dated, the gardens are looked after and the internal roads are tarred for easy access.

### Customer Service

The staff were friendly and accommodating, even if a little tricky to find at times.

### Our Experience

We stayed at Margate Caravan Park in both 2021 and 2022 and found it to be a quiet, budget-friendly spot—perfect if you're after a laid-back, long-stay vibe. The campsite mostly caters to retirees and long-term campers, and the monthly rates are very affordable.

There's a TV room, pool tables, a swimming pool, and well-kept grassed sites. The beach is just a short drive away and you'll find all your essentials close by. It may not be ultra-modern, but it's a comfy, convenient place to rest and recharge.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

# MOUNTAIN SPLENDOUR

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1	Does the campsite have washing machines?	X	
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3	Does the campsite have ablutions with hot water?	X	
4	Does the campsite have adequate security?	X	
5	Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?	X	

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## MOUNTAIN SPLENDOUR

### Campsite Facilities

Swimming pool

Jungle gym

Lots of animals on the property

Tennis court

Pool tables & darts

BMX track

Partially shaded, grassed sites

### Ablutions

The ablution block was spotless during our stay. It was well-maintained, with toilet paper and soap provided in all the bathrooms.

### Location

Located in the heart of the Central Drakensberg, Mountain Splendour is surrounded by stunning views and has loads to explore in the area. It's a great base for activities like Drakensberg Canopy Tours, Berg Air Lifestyle Centre, The Ugly Duckling, and more!

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

# \_MOUNTAIN SPLENDOUR

## Grounds & Maintenance

The grassy campsites are well looked after and each has a power point and access to shared taps. Roads throughout the campsite are tarred, and garden services maintain the grounds beautifully.

## Customer Service

The staff were lovely – super helpful, friendly and always ready to assist.

## Our Experience

We spent a week at Mountain Splendour and absolutely loved it! This campsite is perfect for families and outdoor lovers, with so much to do both on the property and in the surrounding area. We were blown away by the mountain views, and the kids loved the animal encounters, pool time, and playing on the jungle gym. The Berg Air Lifestyle Centre was a hit (especially the chocolate shop and Hillbillies Veggie store), and The Ugly Duckling is definitely worth a visit too.

Mountain Splendour is one of those places that combines peaceful nature with plenty of fun—it's a must-stop if you're exploring the Drakensberg!

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## KHOTSO LODGE AND HORSE TRAILS

1

Does the campsite have washing machines?

Yes

No



2

Does the campsite have a scullery?



3

Does the campsite have ablutions with hot water?



4

Does the campsite have adequate security?



5

Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW KHOTSO LODGE AND HORSE TRAILS

## Campsite Facilities

Wild swimming (waterfalls & rock pools)

Horse rides

Wi-Fi available at reception

Partially shaded, grassed sites

## Ablutions

The ablution block was clean and well-maintained during our stay. Toilet paper and soap were provided.

## Location

Khotso Lodge is tucked into the beautiful Underberg mountains, bordering Lesotho. It's peaceful, scenic, and surrounded by opportunities for hiking and outdoor adventures. The Underberg Spar is about a 15-minute drive away.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW KHOTSO LODGE AND HORSE TRAILS

## 📍 Grounds & Maintenance

Sites are grassy and equipped with power points. Shared taps are available, and the gardens are well cared for. The access roads through the campsite are grass—manageable in dry conditions but potentially tricky when wet.

## 🙌 Customer Service

The owners, Lulu and Steve, were incredibly warm and welcoming. The entire team was friendly and made us feel at home from the moment we arrived.

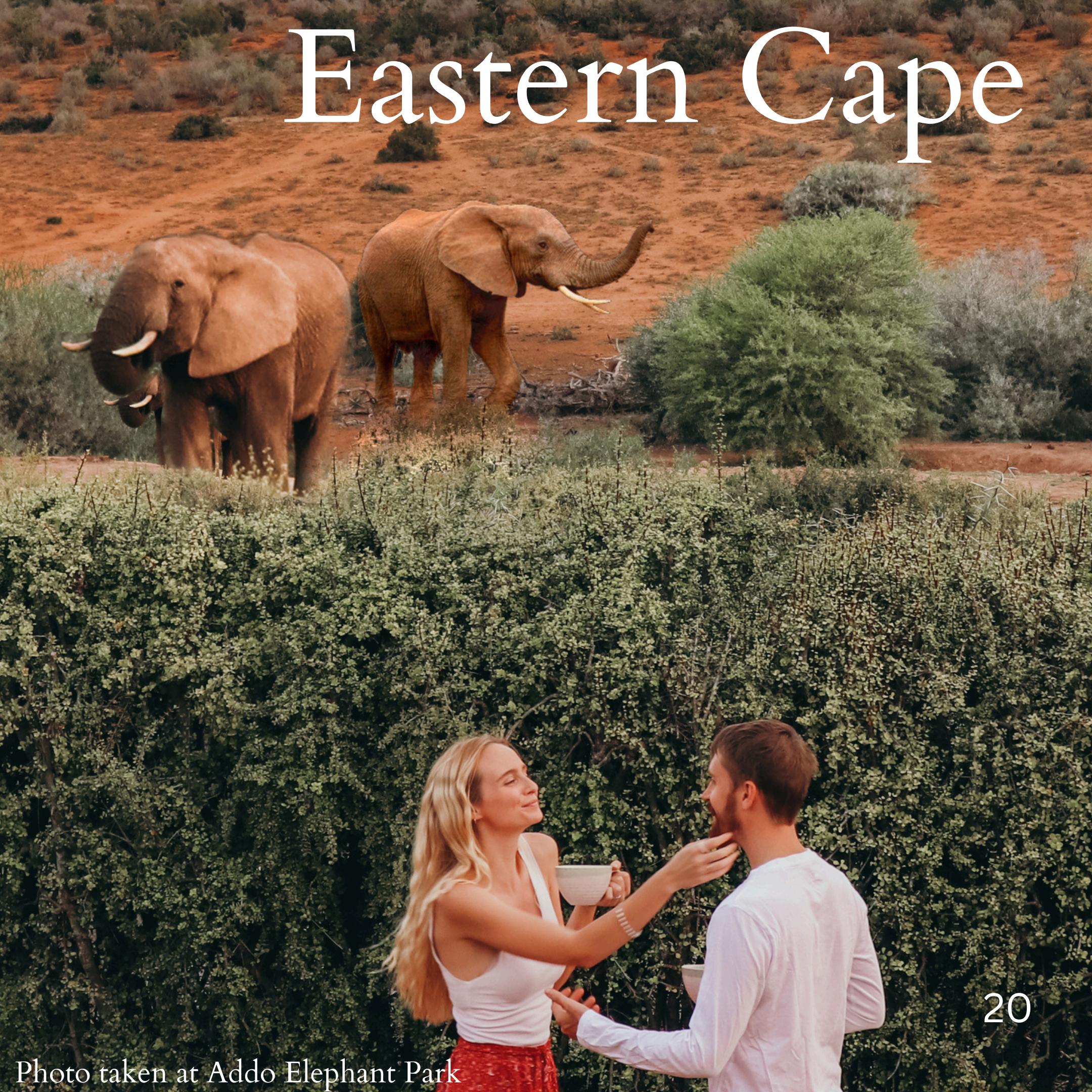
## 🐴 Our Experience

We absolutely loved our stay at Khotso! It's a peaceful retreat into nature with epic views, hiking trails, and that magical mountain stillness. In summer, we swam in the natural rock pools and waterfalls, while in winter, the cosy fire burning at reception made for the perfect welcome home after chilly hikes.

There's a hammock under the trees that became our afternoon nap spot, and the horse trails are such a memorable way to explore the area.

This is one of those places where time slows down—in the best way.

# Eastern Cape



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Photo taken at Addo Elephant Park

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## YELLOW SANDS CARAVAN PARK

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3	Does the campsite have ablutions with hot water?	X	
4	Does the campsite have adequate security?	X	
5	Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?	X	

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## YELLOW SANDS CARAVAN PARK

### ✓ Campsite Facilities

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Swimming pool & kiddies' paddle pool

Jungle gym

Surfing & kayaking access

Ironing facilities

Partially shaded, grassed sites

### 🚽 Ablutions

The ablution blocks were clean and well-kept during our stay, with toilet paper and soap stocked in all the bathrooms.

### 📍 Location

Set on a semi-private beach, this campsite has direct beach and river access, so no need to hop in the car for a swim! The nearest grocery store (Spar) is around 13 minutes' drive away.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## YELLOW SANDS CARAVAN PARK

### 📍 Grounds & Maintenance

Campsites are grassy, neat, and have power points. Taps are shared among sites. The roads through the park are a mix of tar and dirt, and the gardens are regularly maintained.

### 👋 Customer Service

The team at Yellow Sands were very friendly and helpful. Even though they weren't always at the office, they were quick to respond on WhatsApp and happy to assist with anything we needed.

### 🕒 Our Experience

We absolutely loved our time at Yellow Sands! It's a safe, family-friendly park with stunning views, a beautiful beach, and a peaceful river—great for both paddling and sunset strolls.

We especially loved how private and serene it felt, with the ocean and river right on your doorstep. There's also a fun safari drive nearby at Areena, plus a few nice shops and restaurants not far off. If you're looking for an easy-going coastal camping escape with plenty of space and zero stress, this one's a winner.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## VAN STADENS CARAVAN PARK

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2	Does the campsite have a scullery?	X	
3	Does the campsite have ablutions with hot water?	X	
4	Does the campsite have adequate security?	X	
5	Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?	X	

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## VAN STADENS CARAVAN PARK

### ✓ Campsite Facilities

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Lagoon & beach access

Jungle gym

Sandboarding & paddle boats

Ironing facilities

Partially shaded, grassed sites

### 🚽 Ablutions

Ablution facilities were not great during our stay—they felt rundown and weren't cleaned regularly. Toilet paper and soap were provided, but the overall upkeep could definitely be improved.

### 📍 Location

The campsite is well-positioned next to the lagoon and just a short walk from the beach, with stunning views of the surrounding dunes. There's a small convenience store nearby in Blue Horizon Bay, and Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) is a short drive away for day trips.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## VAN STADENS CARAVAN PARK

### ❖ Grounds & Maintenance

The grassy sites are clean, each with power points and shared taps. While the grounds themselves are maintained, the ablutions need attention. The road through the park is tarred, making access easy.

### ✋ Customer Service

The staff were friendly and accommodating. When we needed anything, they were more than happy to help.

### ☀️ Our Experience

We spent lots of time in nature here and especially enjoyed swimming in the lagoon. The setting is beautiful, and it's close enough to Gqeberha that you can pop into the city for supplies or a day out.

That said, the ablution facilities were a bit of a let-down, and it's something to consider if you're planning a longer stay. But if you're looking for a quiet, scenic spot with great access to both beach and lagoon, Van Stadens still offers a peaceful bush-meets-sea experience.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## HOMESTEAD B&B

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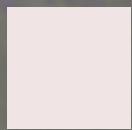
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*Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?*



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## HOMESTEAD B&B

### Campsite Facilities

Swimming pool & kiddies' paddle pool

Jungle gym

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Partially shaded, grassed sites

Nursery on-site

### Ablutions

Clean, well-maintained bathrooms with toilet paper and soap dispensers.

### Location

A budget-friendly base just 15 minutes from Addo Elephant Park and walking distance to a local OK store. Perfect for exploring the park without the steep price tag.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## HOMESTEAD B&B

### Grounds & Maintenance

Grassy, tidy sites with power points and shared taps. Slightly dated but well-kept by garden services. Gravel access roads are manageable with a standard car.

### Customer Service

Friendly and helpful staff made us feel welcome throughout our stay.

### Our Experience

A peaceful garden setting close to Addo. We loved the laid-back vibe and having all the essentials at hand. It's a great spot if you're looking for an affordable, no-frills stay while still being close to the action in Addo.

# Western Cape



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## A FOREVER RESORT

### PLETTENBERG BAY

Yes      No

1

*Does the campsite have washing machines?*



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*Does the campsite have adequate security?*



5

*Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?*



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## A FOREVER RESORT

### PLETTENBERG BAY

#### ✓ Campsite Facilities

Swimming pool & kiddies' paddle pool

Jungle gym

Mini-golf

Ironing facilities

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Partially shaded, grassed & paved sites

#### 🚽 Ablutions

Clean and well-kept with toilet paper and soap provided in all bathrooms.

#### 📍 Location

Just 5 minutes (2.4 km) from the nearest swimming beach and 9 minutes to the SuperSpar. Ideally located for exploring Plett, the river, and nearby nature reserves.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## A FOREVER RESORT

### PLETTENBERG BAY

#### Grounds & Maintenance

Beautifully maintained grounds with paved and grassed stands. Power points and shared water taps at each site. Tarred internal roads make access easy.

#### Customer Service

Warm, helpful staff who made us feel welcome from the start.

#### Our Experience

We spent a full month here and loved every minute. Kayaking on the river, lounging by the pool, and eating out in Plett's vibey cafés were some of our highlights. The mix of river access, great facilities, and proximity to Tsitsikamma makes this an epic base for Garden Route adventuring.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## FIREFLY FALLS

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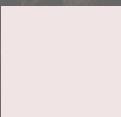
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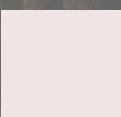
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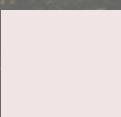
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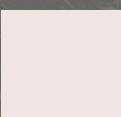
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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## FIREFLY FALLS

### ✓ Campsite Facilities

- Electric hookups
- Forest bath & outdoor shower
- Jacuzzi
- Bar on-site
- Partially shaded sites
- Clothes drying facilities
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### 🚽 Ablutions

Ablution blocks were spotless during our stay, with toilet paper and soap provided.

### 📍 Location

Tucked across from a scenic farm and overlooking a forest full of fireflies — pure magic! Just a short drive to Nature's Valley with its dreamy beach and ancient forest.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## FIREFLY FALLS

### Grounds & Maintenance

Quaint, grassy sites with shared taps and power points. The whole property is beautifully decorated and well looked after.

### Customer Service

Relaxed, accommodating team who made us feel totally at home.

### Our Experience

This place felt like a fairytale. We chilled in hammocks, soaked in the hot tub, and watched rugby on a projector under the trees. It's peaceful, playful, and full of charm — the kind of spot you never want to leave.

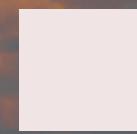
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## VICTORIA BAY CARAVAN PARK

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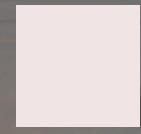
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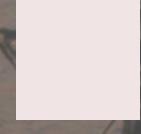
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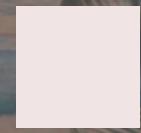
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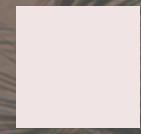
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5

*Does the campsite have adequate cell phone reception?*



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## VICTORIA BAY CARAVAN PARK

### ✓ Campsite Facilities

Direct beach access

Built-in braai facilities

On-site restaurant & shell shop

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Partially shaded, grassed sites

### 🚽 Ablutions

Bathrooms were clean and well-maintained, with toilet paper and soap available during our stay.

### 📍 Location

Perched above the beach with sweeping views of Victoria Bay. Just 10 minutes from the nearest mall — perfect for stocking up between swims and strolls.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## VICTORIA BAY CARAVAN PARK

### Grounds & Maintenance

Grassed sites with shared taps and power points. The grounds are well cared for and access roads are tarred.

### Customer Service

Super helpful staff. When we had an issue with our caravan jockey wheel, they quickly organised someone to assist — 10/10 service!

### Our Experience

We camped at the Railway Terrace and spent our days swimming, strolling the pier, and braaing with a view. It can get busy in peak season, and the beach party noise carries, but if you don't mind a bit of bustle, the views and location are unbeatable.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## OU SKIP CARAVAN PARK

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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## OUR SKIP CARAVAN PARK

### Campsite Facilities

- Swimming pool & kiddies' paddle pool
- Jungle gym
- Games room with pool tables
- Mini-golf
- Electric razor outlets
- Chemical toilet disposal
- Clothes drying facilities
- Ironing facilities
- Partially shaded, grassed sites
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### Ablutions

Clean but bring your own loo roll and soap — none were stocked during our visit.

### Location

Right across the road from the beach and just 5 minutes to Pick n Pay and local restaurants. Melkbos has a laid-back vibe and killer sunsets over Table Mountain.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## OU SKIP CARAVAN PARK

### Grounds & Maintenance

Neat grassy sites with power points and shared taps. Slightly dated, but the garden services keep it tidy. Tarred internal roads make moving around easy.

### Customer Service

Friendly staff who went the extra mile — they even let us use a conference room for a virtual meeting!

### Our Experience

Great spot for a quick beachy escape. We had a few cold showers due to maintenance, but overall it was comfy and secure. The 24-hour gate guard was a nice touch. Between beach walks, braais, and dips in the pool, it's a solid option for families or weekenders.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## ORANGE VILLE GUESTHOUSE

1

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Yes

No



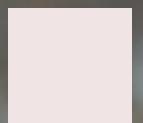
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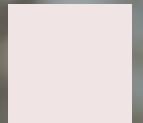
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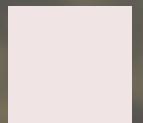
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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## ORANGE VILLE GUESTHOUSE

### ✓ Campsite Facilities

- Swimming pool & hot tub
- Jungle gym
- Braai areas
- Wine tours & hiking trails
- Electric razor outlets
- Partially shaded, grassed sites
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### 🛁 Ablutions

Rustic and private with beautiful outdoor showers heated by a donkey drum. Toilet paper and soap were provided.

### 📍 Location

Set in a peaceful part of Kylemore with only two private camping spots on a villa-style property. You're 10 minutes from Stellenbosch, close to Franschhoek, and right on the doorstep of great hiking trails.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## ORANGE VILLE GUESTHOUSE

### 📍 Grounds & Maintenance

Grassy sites with shared taps and power points. The gardens are gorgeous and well-kept. Access road is tarred, but the entrance gate is narrow — check ahead if you're towing a caravan.

### 🙌 Customer Service

Owner-run by Hardy and Steph, who were incredibly welcoming and attentive throughout our stay.

### 🍷 Our Experience

We camped here for a month and loved every minute. The scenery is next-level beautiful, and we felt totally safe and relaxed. Between the wine tastings, mountain hikes, and splashy pool days, this stay ticked all the boxes — just note signal is patchy, though free Wi-Fi is available.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## MONTAGU GUANO CAVES CARAVAN PARK

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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## MONTAGU GUANO CAVES CARAVAN PARK

### Campsite Facilities

Indoor heated Roman pool & kiddies' paddle pool

Multiple swimming pools & water slides

Jungle gyms

Animal farm & rabbit world

Cave tours & hiking trails

4x4 routes

Restaurant on-site

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Partially shaded, grassed & paved sites

### Ablutions

Private ablutions were clean during our stay, with toilet paper available but no soap provided.

### Location

Just 7 minutes from Montagu's Spar and ideally positioned for Route 62 adventures. Great access to the mountains and surrounding wine farms.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## MONTAGU GUANO CAVES

## CARAVAN PARK

### Grounds & Maintenance

Neat and spacious paved sites with power points. The property is well maintained with tarred roads and dedicated garden services.

### Customer Service

Staff were incredibly kind and helpful — they even supported us through a hectic Cape storm while we were staying long-term.

### Our Experience

This is a mega campsite packed with family fun. We recommend booking the private stands along the dam — they come with their own ablutions and are closer to the action. We loved the hot pool, cave tours, and lazy afternoons by the dam. It's a top pick for kids and adventure lovers alike.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## FRANSCHHOEK CAMPING

Yes      No

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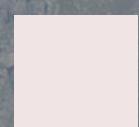
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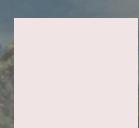
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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## FRANSCHHOEK CAMPING

### ✓ Campsite Facilities

Natural swimming pool

KolKol wood-fired hot tubs (available for hire)

Braai areas & private shaded gazebos at each site

Tram tour pick-up

Wine tours

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Spacious, grassed sites

### 🚽 Ablutions

Possibly the best we've seen! Ultra-modern, private bathrooms with toilet paper and soap provided — spotless throughout.

### 📍 Location

Just 5 minutes from Franschhoek town centre and 4 minutes from Pick n Pay and a selection of wine farms, restaurants, and pubs.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## FRANSCHHOEK CAMPING

### Grounds & Maintenance

Spacious, tidy, and beautifully landscaped sites with power points and shared water taps. Tarred roads throughout the campsite.

### Customer Service

Super kind and flexible team — they even allowed us to shift our dates after we had a leak in our van. So appreciated!

### Our Experience

Luxury camping at its best. Each stand comes with a private gazebo looking out over vineyards — dreamy! We soaked in the wood-fired hot tub, swam in the natural pool, and explored the Winelands from this peaceful base. This is a must-stay if you love a bit of indulgence with your outdoor adventures.

# Free State

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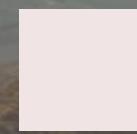
Photo taken at Golden Gate National Park

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW DI BUS STOP

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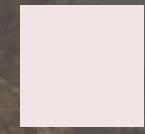
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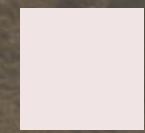
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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## DI BUS STOP

### ✓ Campsite Facilities

Electric razor outlets

Grassed, partially shaded sites

Café across the road

Hiking trails nearby

Access to Kiara Lodge for restaurant, laundry & amenities

### 🛁 Ablutions

Clean and well-kept bathrooms with toilet paper and soap provided. Slightly rustic but perfectly functional.

### 📍 Location

Set halfway between Clarens and Golden Gate Highlands National Park (15 minutes each way), right beside Kiara Lodge. Ideal for exploring both nature and town.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW DI BUS STOP

## Grounds & Maintenance

Tidy grassy sites with power points and shared taps. The dirt access road can be tricky in the rain, especially for low-clearance vehicles.

## Customer Service

Friendly, accommodating staff — although not always easy to find, they were helpful when we needed them.

## Our Experience

We loved the quiet, remote setting and made the most of hiking Golden Gate and browsing Clarens' shops and cafés. A heads-up: we had power cuts and no Wi-Fi during our stay (not the campsite's fault), and the tap water made us sick, so bring your own. Still, it's a budget-friendly base for nature lovers and mountain explorers.

# North West



# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## KLIPSPRUIT RIVER

### RESORT

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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## KLIPSPRUIT RIVER RESORT

### Campsite Facilities

Swimming pool & kiddies' paddle pool

Water slides

Foosball & table tennis

Mini-golf

Bar area with DSTV

Electric razor outlets

Clothes drying facilities

Partially shaded, grassed sites

### Ablutions

Clean and well-maintained during our stay, with toilet paper and soap provided.

### Location

Right on the banks of the Vaal River — peaceful and remote. Be aware the closest supermarket is about 40 minutes away, so stock up before arriving.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

# KLIPSPRUIT RIVER

# RESORT

## 📍 Grounds & Maintenance

Well-kept grassy sites with shared taps and power points. Roads are untarred and can become a serious challenge when wet — a 4x4 is recommended in rainy season.

## 🙌 Customer Service

The staff were amazing — they helped us out more than once when we got stuck in the mud. Super kind and hands-on.

## ☁️ Our Experience

We had a blast swimming, sliding, and fishing, despite a few soggy setbacks. The lack of signal made remote work impossible, but if you're coming to unplug, relax, and spend time outdoors, it's a great spot. Just plan ahead if you're expecting rain or need reliable reception.

# Gauteng



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Photo taken at Cradle Moon Lakeside Game Lodge

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## NKWE PLEASURE RESORT

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# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## NKWE PLEASURE

## RESORT

 Campsite Facilities

Natural waterfall & rock pool swimming

Jungle gym

Electric razor outlets

Chemical toilet disposal

Clothes drying facilities

Ironing facilities

Partially shaded, grassed sites

 Ablutions

Ablution blocks were clean and tidy with toilet paper and soap provided. No complaints here.

 Location

Only 17 minutes from Hazeldean Shopping Centre (Pick n Pay & Woolies) and 32 minutes from Pretoria CBD — close enough for city access, but far enough for a nature reset.

# CARAVAN PARK REVIEW

## NKWE PLEASURE RESORT

### Grounds & Maintenance

Grassed campsites with power points and shared taps. The gardens are well looked after and roads through the campsite are tarred.

### Customer Service

Staff were incredibly helpful and friendly. We felt well looked after throughout our stay.

### Our Experience

We spent our days swimming in the rock pool beneath the waterfall and even braved a few cliff jumps! It's the perfect escape if you want to stay near Pretoria but feel a million miles away. The scenery is lovely and the vibe is relaxed — a solid nature-meets-convenience pick.

A photograph of a person sitting in a hammock, viewed from behind. The person is wearing orange shorts and a red long-sleeved shirt. A red mug is in the foreground, partially obscuring the person's legs. The background is a lush green forest.

That's a wrap on every campsite we stayed at during our 18-month road trip around South Africa — and what a journey it was. From beachside braais to forest hammocks, natural rock pools to 4x4 missions, we hope these pages gave you a real feel for life on the road. Whether you're planning your first camping trip or you're a seasoned traveller looking for hidden gems, we hope this guide inspires you to explore more of this beautiful country — and makes it just a little easier, too.

Tag us on Instagram @LifeOfBetts if you visit any of these spots — we'd love to follow along on your adventure!

Till next time.

All our love,

*Life Of Betts*