

PART 1 From N14 turn off to Pella

- The route starts at the turn off from the N14. The turn-off is 15,5km from Poffadder. and 8.7km from the Pella turn off.

Follow the route along the fence for 1km, cross road and keep straight. Pass a farmhouse on the left. ● 500m Y junction, keep right. ● 20m Y junction, keep left. ● **2.2km** T junction, keep right. Blue granite mine opposite the road. ● 100m cross through dry river bed. ● 100m road joins from the left, keep straight. ● **1.35km** Y junction, keep left. ● 650m road joins from the left, keep straight, 850m road joins from the left, keep straight, 200m Y junction, keep right, 400m road joins from the left, keep straight, 700m wind pump and dam on the right. ● **1.6km** Y junction, keep left. ● 700m MTN transmitting tower. Note the view over the town of Pella. If you look towards the right of the town you will notice that there are two cliffs leading away from the town. The one on the left is Canyon Pass and the one on the right is Charlie's Pass. Both are roads leading towards the Orange River. ● **1.55km** Y junction, keep right, 400m road joins from the left, 200m gate, 50m Y junction, keep left.

- Follow the road straight, junctions from both sides keep straight towards the Pella tourism office and report.

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- Visit Catholic Church and go on guided tour with a nun.
- When in season buy delicious dates. ● Accommodation available at "Oasis in the Wilderness".
- Orange River Resort near the pump station at Pella Drift.

office, turn left to follow road in front of office. ● 400m
Telkom box on the right, keep straight. ● 200m road turns
off to the right, turn right. ● Go through river bed 400m Y
junction, keep left. ● 300m Y junction, go left. ● 200m
crossing, go straight. ● **1.9km** Beginning of Charlie's Pass.
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Charlie Weidner, one of the first white inhabitants of this
area, built this pass that leads down to the Orange River.
● **3.6km** Y junction keep left, 2.2km Y junction keep left.
● **1.5km** Road joins from the right, keep straight, 700m
Pella Drift pump station. Follow road along the river.
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● 300m Y junction go right. ● 400m pass pump station.
● 200m turn off to the right, you can follow this path and
go to the river, it is a wonderful view. Return with the same
route. ● From turn off 300m. Turn off to the right, go right
\$ 28 58.318 E 19 08.690

PART 3 Pella Drift to Klein Pella

- **1.8km** Y junction, keep left.
- **10.1km** Gate, please close.
- **1.4km** Road joins from the right, keep straight.
- **1.9km** Cross roads, go right.
- **500m** T junction, go left.

To the right lies the Klein Pella farm, they cultivate table grapes and some of the best dates in the world.

PART 4 From Klein Pella to Witbank

- Route continues from Palm tree and Quiver tree. Turn right.
- 400m store on the right hand side, pass left of store. 100m Gate and dam go straight, landing strip on the left.
- **1.7km** Y junction, keep left.
- **1.7km** 3 dams and wind pump on the right.
- 100m through gate, keep straight, 100m Y junction, keep right.
- **1.7km** Y junction, keep left.
- **1.6km** Gate go through and close.
- **1.5km** Y junction, keep left.
- **4.8km** T junction and gate where route joins the gravel road, through gate and go right.

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PART 5 From Goodhouse road to Witbank
 ● 400m Gate go through and close, 600m Turn right towards Goodhouse. ● **12.7km** Turn right towards Witbank. **S 28 59.691 E 18 44.508**
 ● **11.2km** Road joins from the right, almost make a U turn and go right. **S 28 54.313 E 18 41.448**
 ● **1.2km** Y junction, keep right, 300m road crosses, keep straight through gate. ● **4.2km** Y junction, keep left.
 ● **4.2km** Y junction, keep left. ● **2.6km** T junction, go left. ● **1.8km** Y junction, keep right. ● **1.7km** Pass farmhouse and old ruins on the left. ● **2.8km** Y junction keep left. ● **2.4km** Y junction, keep left. ● **100m** Y junction, keep right. ● **600m** Y junction, keep right, **3.3km** farmhouse on the left. ● 180m T junction, go left.

PART 10 Vioolsdrift to Eksteenfontein

- From the Vioolsdrift border post turn west and follow the flow of the Orange River. After 11km find “Rooiwal winkel”, a shop that sells basics. Fuel also available.
- **11.1km** Gate entrance to Nababiep Nature Reserve, take care as this cattle grid may be damaged, use gate to the left. **S 28 42.618 E 17 28.208**

- After 300m a gate to the right, go through and turn right again, follow route 600m towards river. Beautiful birding spot as well as geological view site. *Follow the same route back and exit gate.*
- Turn right at exit.
- 1.5km to the beginning of petroglyphs, look on the big black rocks for engraved patterns made by first inhabitants.
- For the next 1.2km rock cairns cover the landscape.
- **2.7km** to Y junction. Go left for “Kristalberg” route. Good scenery and viewpoint. This route takes a minimum of 4 hours.

- **3.1km** Y junction keep right. • After 300m, Y junction keep right. • **3.3km** Y junction keep left.
- **12.4km** Keep left. Toyota sign says viewpoint 2.1km, but its 5.8km. • **5.8km** Viewpoint. Walk up the hill and inspected the road before attempting to drive it.
- Follow the same route back to the T junction and go left. Follow route and backtrack.

• **27.3km** to T junction, Eksteenfontein left, Voolstrid right. Go left. • After few hundred metres there is a “tower field” made by previous travellers. • **7.5km** On the bend to the left there is place to park your vehicle on the right, view the “Halfmens” (*pachypodium namaquanum*) on the hill to the right. • **12.2km** Y junction, go right. • **3.9km** T junction, go right through the gate on the right towards Eksteenfontein. • **7.7km** Eksteenfontein Tourism office. Here you can enquire about Rooiberg accommodation and other in town accommodation.

Just past tourism office, T junction, go left. To the right there is a shop and post office. ● **800m** Spring on the left where the name of the village originated. (see copy on reverse side) ● **500m** Y junction, go right. ● **800m** dwelling on the right, this is Auntie Sanna and Oom Willem's winter home. They are Nama speaking goat herders still living their traditional lifestyle. If you find them at home you are most welcome to stop and experience their lives but please leave a good donation. ● **17.9km** Gate to the right, this is the loop road towards Tierhoek. Go right. ● **2.3km** Cross road, go straight, 800m wind pump next to road on right, go straight, 200m road joins from the left, go straight. ● **7km** Y junction, go right.

- 800m Y junction, go left. ● **3.2km** Road joins from the right, keep left. ● 900m Y junction, go left, after 1km road joins from the right. ● 1.5km Cement dams on the left and on the right are two old shafts, enter at own risk and if you look closely you will see some gold on the roof, do not touch as it might cave in on you. This is called Billingham's prospect. The one shaft was horizontal with a top entrance and the other vertical with a side entrance. ● **1.35km** Go right and follow the path between the two fences. ● **1.7km** Through gate, go straight. ● 200m Y junction, go right.
- 600m Road joins from the left. ● 700m Y junction, go right. ● 50m Road joins from the left. ● 400m Tierhoek campsite. Do not dump rubbish in the cement dams. Use old fire place. Do not drive over vegetation as the plants can give slow punctures. ● From Tierhoek take the same route back starting at cement dams. ● 400m Y junction, go left.
- 50m Road joins from the right. ● 700m Y junction, go right. ● 250m Cross road, go straight. ● **1.1km** big ditch in the road, take detour to avoid ditch but go straight. ● **1.9km** Y junction, go left. ● 1.8km road joins from the right.
- **2.3km** Cross big road, go left, back in direction of Eksteenfontein. ● **6.3km** Turn off to the right through gate, go right.
- 400m Y junction, go left. ● 700m Y junction, keep right from KRIP and go right of fence, due to animals watering here the tracks may be faint. ● **6.3km** gate, keep straight.
- **5.8km** Cross road, keep straight. ● **1km** Y junction, keep

ART 12 Bakkranse to Beesbank

- From Bakkranse same road back. • 100m Y junction, go left.
- 500m Y junction, go left.
- **4.5km** Y junction go right.
- **2km** Cross big road, go straight.
- **1.5km** Past wind pump and veer to the right through rusted gate. • **3km** Cement dam, go to the right through gate and follow road. • **1.3km** Y junction, keep left. • **4.4km** Holgat riverbed, go left and follow riverbed, after 900m two wind pumps. • **5.4km** T junction from right, go right, after 500m wind pump at Sukkel.
- **3.4km** T junction at wind pump on right, go right out of river bed. Pass water tanks on left.
- **1.8km** Y junction keep left.
- **9km** Y junction, go left.
- **3.8km** Cross road, go straight.
- **6.1km** gate go straight.
- **3.4km** Rooibank on the right.
- **4.5km** Cross road, go right, 800m Witbank on the left.
- 100m T junction from left, go straight. • **3.8km** Y junction, keep right. • **3.6km** Y junction, keep right. • **4.3km** cross road, keep straight. • **8.9km** Gate go straight. • **3.7km** Beesbank at T junction. Left to Brandkaros 57 km, Alexander Bay 31.6 km. Right to Richtersveld National Park 57km.

PART 5 (continued)

- **3.9km** T junction from the left, go left. Enter the village of Witbank drive past the Co-op on the right and past the soccer field on the left.
- **1km** ruins of the Tourism info building, go right.

Witbank to Melkhoutboom

- **2.4km** After right turn at ruins of Tourism info Y junction keep left. ● 400m Y junction, keep left
- 900m Y junction, keep right.
- **12.1km** Pass ruins on your left, 700m pass underneath power lines, 600m pass house on the left.
- **4.7km** Pass ruins and kraal. ●
- **3.8km** Oom Aba Sas farmhouse on your left. Y junction keep left

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- 2.6km Y junction keep right
- 400m Cross the road turn right, follow road towards Groot-melkhoutboom, do not drive over the dunes as it is not necessary and you will spoil good photographs later. Official campsite for route.

- Track back for few hundred metres into dry river bed. Drive away from Orange River in dry bed. ● **1.4km** Road joins from the right keep straight, do not attempt

Follow route along the river as it ends in a dead end, 300m road joins from the left keep straight, 800m gate, keep straight.

- **2.8km** Y junction left AMAM (only if booked for this trail, as it is not part of this route). Follow the route marked with tyres on the left up to T junction then left for 100m and right to farm gate. Follow signs to farmhouse. ● Right continues 4x4 routes. ● **1.4km** Road joins from the left, keep straight.
- 400m Y junction, keep right. ● **1.9km** Y junction keep right. ● **5.4km** Y junction keep right. ● 500m Y junction, keep left. ● **2.4km** Through gate, Y junction keep right.
- **2.4km** Road joins from the right at backwards angle, go right to Ramansdrift. **S 28 56 639 E 18 16 153**
- **1.7km** Gate, go straight. ● **5.7km** Y junction keep left.
- **2.6km** Y junction go right. ● **3.8km** Ramansdrift, official campsite for route. ● Track back on same route up to almost U turn road that joins from the left, where you turned towards Ramansdrift. Go right. ● **3.5km** T junction go right.
- 600m Gate, go straight. ● **2.3km** Turn right to graves.
- Follow route into Goodhouse, good place to swim.

PART 8 Goodhouse to Henkries Kamgab and Viewpoint.

- From the Orange River drive away to ruins of the tourist info office, turn right. ● 800m Go left past blue pump station. Immediately right again then left. ● Follow road through lands and past vineyard. ● **5.2km** Gate keep straight. ● **3.1km** Henkries pump station, go underneath pipe. ● **3.5km** Henkries mouth, road turns away from river, follow road. ● 7km Date project, dates for sale in season. ● **12.2km** Turn off to the right (Witkopmyn). Go right. **\$ 29 02.243 E 18 01.219**
- 300m Gate, keep straight, 100m Y junction, keep right. ● **1.4km** Y junction, keep left, 300m go past houses, Y junction, keep right. ● **1km** Y junction, keep left. ● 200m Y junction, keep right. ● 900m T junction, go right. ● 300m T junction from right, go right. ● **1.7km** Road splits in three, keep straight. ● 700m Road joins from the left go right.

- 800m Y junction, keep left. ● **2km** Y junction, keep right.
- 700m Ghams, two cement dams and cross road. Go right as you pass the dams through gate. ● Follow road or **4.9km** until you reach T junction with signboard.
- Right to viewpoint, **3.3km** Y junction, keep right.
- **2.7km** Parking area for hiking to viewpoint. ● Left for **12.8km** very cautious four wheel drive section, this may take more than 1.5 hours to Kamgab, official campsite for 4x4 route. *Take the same route back to the cement dams from both the view point and Kamgab as the next section continues from here.*

As you return from Kamgab and the Viewpoint go straight in order to follow the 4x4 route in a westerly direction. ● **300m Y junction**, keep left, 600m road joins from the left, keep straight, 200m Y junction, keep left. ● **2.4km Y junction**, keep right. ● 800m road joins from the left, keep straight. ● **3.5km** Turn left out of dry river bed. ● **4.7km** "Halfmens" on the right. ● 200m Y junction, **keep left**. DO NOT GO RIGHT as the road comes to a dead end at the river and it might be impossible to backtrack as the gradient is very steep and erosion might have made the road impossible to negotiate. Please be very careful as serious rescues have had to be made in the past. ● **2.9km Y junction**, keep right. ● 900m Y junction, keep right, 300m cross road, keep straight, 300m Y junction, keep right. ● **1km** Farm post. ● **5.3km Y junction**, keep right. ● 300m Y junction, keep left. ● **2.6km Y junction**, keep left, 10m Y junction, keep left. ● Junction from both left and right, keep to the main track. ● **4.1km** Bigger road joins from the right, keep straight. ● 500m Y junction, keep right. ● **3.0km** Road joins from the left. ● 200m T junction from the left, make U turn to the left. ● **1.7km** T junction N7, left back to Springbok, right to Vioolsdrift. Shop on the left.

Namakwa 4x4 Eco Trail

This rewarding trail combines the experience of 4x4ing in a mountainous desert region that has the highest diversity of succulent plants in the world whilst still having riverside leisure and camping and the chance for cultural interaction with locals.

Most of the towns along the Route started out as mission stations. European missionaries were appointed to minister to the local Nama people and to establish schools for them. This has created a rich and unique cultural history which the privileged explorers of the Namakwa 4x4 Eco trail get to experience. The Namakwa 4x4 Eco Trail is divided into two packages, as explained in the narrative and on the map on the reverse side of this brochure. You can explore both or either one.

Package 1 Pella to Vioolsdrif

Package 2 Vioolsdrif to Alexander Bay

Tips on using the map and the 4x4 Eco Trail

- The most important GPS coordinates have been put in for safety measures but one can easily do the route without one. The GPS needs to be set up in Degrees, Minutes and Decimal minutes. For example south 24 degrees 18 point 615 minutes, S 24 18.615.
- Always reset trip meter to get accurate readings.
- Tyres with 4x4 painted on them were used to mark some of the route, however the present route is somewhat different but they can be used as an indication that you are on the right track. Also there are old markers with inaccurate arrows which can be confusing, ignore the arrow but take the sign as an indication that you are on the track. There are also Toyota signs indicating the route.
- Keep to the track that you can see is the most travelled and refer to the map and instructions frequently.
- If no description of a turn off is given, stay on the road that proves to be more travelled.
- The official direction of the route is from Pella, westward towards Vioolsdrif, but it is possible to follow the route in the opposite direction.

PELLA

The London Missionary Society founded the town of Pella in 1814. In 1878 the missionary station was taken over by the Roman Catholic Church. Two Roman Catholic ministers, who made use of an encyclopedia for building instructions, built, over 7 years, the well-known cathedral in Pella. It is surrounded by date palm trees and hosts a convent/mission and a museum. Pella is close to the Orange River and is known for its fertile ground where dates are grown and exported. There is no fuel in Pella however there are three shops and one has an ATM. The Orange River offers good angling and watersports activities and there are various hiking trails including the self guide trail from Pella to Aggeneys.

PELLA TOURISM INFO

Khai – Ma Tourism Tel 054 971 0062

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Roman Catholic Cathedral Tel 054 971 0062

Roman Catholic Convent

Roman Catholic Museum Please arrange your visit in advance with the mission nuns. Tel 054 9710020

Pella Date Plantation

Karstens Boerdery Tel 054 972 9700

Watersports, fishing and angling

Charlie's Pass to Pella Drift

Nama and Damara culture Dancing and cuisine

TOUR GUIDE Sarel 081 091 7719



WITBANK

Witbank is situated next to the Orange River and most of the residents of the town of Witbank came from Namibia after the former South West Africa (now Namibia) gained independence. The main economic sources in Witbank are agriculture; life stock farming and some people work at the nearby zinc mines in Aggeneys. There is no fuel on sale in Witbank. The town has only spaza shops and residents travel to Poffader for their main grocery supplies.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Melkhoutboom on the river estuary in Witbank

Musien Mond / Machene mouth

The old school

Waterfall and caves

Halimens Plantation

TOUR GUIDE Ambrosius 071 080 7440

GOODHOUSE

The small remote settlement of Goodhouse is located next to the mighty Orange River and is said to be one of the hottest places in the country. The people who reside here are mainly dependent on agriculture and live-stock farming. Irrigation farming is practiced with water pumped from the Orange River. Dates are grown in the nearby Koo Valley. Goodhouse has a primary school, Clinic and spaza shops. The town has no or limited cell-phone reception.

The Namakwa 4x4 eco trail runs through Goodhouse with a campsite at Ramansdrift.

The town also has a Pont on the river, which locals use for border crossings. The people living in Goodhouse have historic family ties with people living on the other side of the Orange River in Namibia.

No fuel is available in Goodhouse.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Orange River Estuary Camping, fishing, swimming, canoeing, boating and watersportss

Goodhouse Pont Border crossing

Historic Buildings Including the house from where Goodhouse got its name

Historic Paprika Plantation An agricultural project that become nationally known

Story telling, cuisine and cultural entertainment

TOUR GUIDE Fernando 062 824 7363



VIOOLSDRIF

Vioolsdrif is the primary South African border post to Namibia. The community from Vioolsdrif are dependent on agriculture, life stock farming and tourism. The Vioolsdrif community is divided into two sub regions namely Roo-iwal and Vioolsdrift. The area is known for its majestic mountains that have become darker over the years due to the high temperatures along the river. Rock formations next to the N7 have become known as Giants Playground as the area is strewn with gigantic rounded rocks. No fuel is available in Vioolsdrift.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

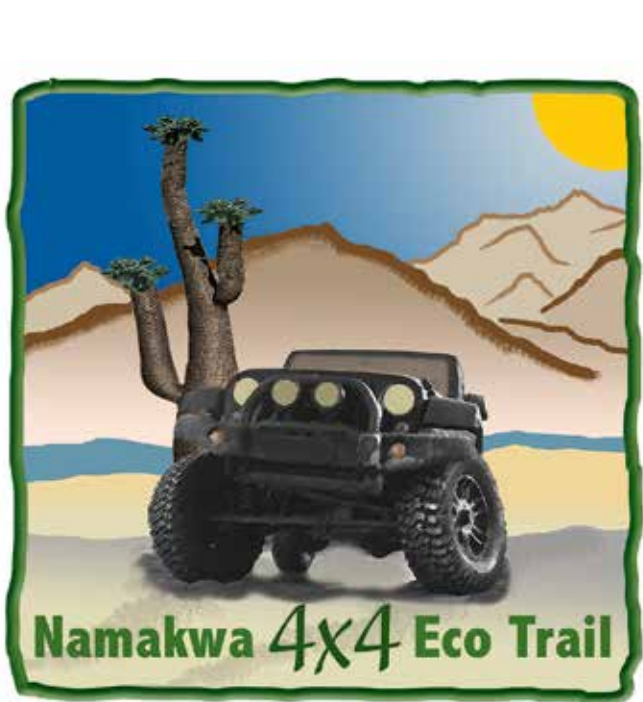
Giant's Playground

Film site of Tutankhamen

Vioolsdrift Border Post

Vioolsdrift Quarry

TOUR GUIDE Izak 062 124 6712



Experience the Namakwa 4x4 eco trail that runs from Pella to Alexander Bay along the mighty Orange River within the Namakwa region of South Africa's Northern Cape. This eco route starts at Pella, with its main entrance just off the N14 highway. Witbank is the next village after Pella with the legendary Groot Melkhoutboom campsite, where a gigantic tree becomes your host for the evening. After Witbank the route takes you to Goodhouse where you can camp at Ramansdrift on the bank of the Orange River.

The route continues from Goodhouse to Vioolsdrift, the gateway of the Richtersveld, where you will drive through the towns of Eksteenfontein, Lekkersing, Kuboes, Sanddrif and exit the route at Alexander Bay, where the Orange River flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

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EKSTEENFONTEIN

The town of Eksteenfontein is situated off the R382 in the Southern parts of the Richtersveld Mountain Desert. Eksteenfontein was named after Reverend Eksteen who made it possible for the (Baster/s) people of this area to relocate after negotiating with the government for land. The fountain part in the name of Eksteenfontein refers back to the legacies that were told by the elderly people of an ancient fountain in the town (with the Stink River nearby).

Livestock farming is the leading economic activity with most of the residents working at the nearby diamond mines.

The local shops sell bottled water as the tap water is brackish although it is safe to drink.

Other facilities include a library, a liquor store, post agency, public phones, accommodation, cellphone and internet reception.

EKSTEENFONTEIN TOURISM INFO

Tel 027 851 7108

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Town Tour Walk through the town or take a tour by donkey cart. The tour includes the story of the Exodus of the Basters and other stories told by the Namas of their customs and history.

Museum Project Housed in one of the oldest houses in town profiles both the Nama and Baster culture.

Eksteenfontein fountain

Petroglyphs San rock engraving, known as petroglyphs, can be found in several places in the Richtersveld.

Bushman rock art

Stink River

Textile project Ladies from Eksteenfontein print local fauna and flora on tablecloths and other hand made items.

Stinkfontein

Nama Cuisine

Richtersveld Fauna and Flora Including Halimens tree

TOUR GUIDE Sophia 071 556 0951

LEKKERSING

Reverend Jasper Cloete found the town of Lekkersing during 1926, it is situated 60 km east of Port Nolloth. The name Lekkersing, which means to sing well, is thought to be named after a nearby fountain that used to emit a singing sound, however there is also a singing sand dune nearby after which it could have also been named. Local residents of Lekkersing are also known to sing beautifully! There is no fuel or ATM's in Lekkersing, there are however general stores.

LEKKERSING TOURISM INFO

Lekkersing Municipality Tel 027 8518580

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Missionary Church Historic

Skurweberg caves And mountain climbing

Diamond Quartzide Historical diamond quartzide mine

Nama Culture and Nama dancing

Singing red sand dune

TOUR GUIDE Freda 071 453 7759

KUBOES

Kuboes is regarded by the local people as the capital of the Nama culture in the Richtersveld. It lies in a valley between three mountains with Kuboesberg to the north, Van Der Stel Berg to the east and the Ploegberg to the south. It was founded by the Rhenish Missionary Society under the leadership of Reverend Johan Hein in 1844. During 1893 Reverend Hein established the Rhenish Church and school. The church became one of the Richtersveld's first permanent settlements in a time when people still had a nomadic lifestyle and was later named after Reverend Hein.

During the 1800's most of the people in Kuboes only spoke the Nama language, a soft tongue of clicks and clacks. Reverend Hein worked closely with a Nama interpreter named Andries Domorogh. Nama is still taught today at the Primary School and helps preserve the Nama language, customs and culture. The schools Nama dance group have taken their Nama Stap (a traditional dance) onto international stages abroad. Nama poems, songs, dance and stories are kept alive by both young and old people from Kuboes.

Traditionally the Nama people are a farming community who lived in some cases on communal farms and today they commute between the live stock farms (Veepost) and their houses in Kuboes. Some of them work at the nearby diamond mines.

There are two general stores in Kuboes but no fuel or ATM's. The town has cellphone and internet reception.

KUBOES TOURISM INFO

Kuboes Municipality Tel 027 831 2375

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Wondergat at Conelskop is a limestone sinkhole (pot-hole). This deep shaft is said to be the home of The Big Snake which some locals believe can transform itself into a beautiful young woman.

Reverend Johan Frederick Hein Church and School

Grave of Reverend Johan Frederick Hein

The Old Fortuin House

Malmokkie A life giving mist/fog that rolls in from the sea and refreshes the inland ecosystems.

Glybank

TOUR GUIDE Kiewiet 078 855 6912

SANDDRIF

The town of Sanddrif is historically known as the place where the nomadic Nama people were driven to in the early 1900's after diamond mining operations started on the Atlantic Coastline. Diamond mining operations started during the 1970's in and around Sanddrif and the local Nama people were employed at these sites. Commercial diamond mining is still exercised for exporting purposes. Today Sanddrif has several cultural influences although the Nama culture remains the more authentic culture among them all. Tourists can enjoy fishing and other watersports activities on the Orange River in close proximity to Sanddrif. The town hosts several general stores, a fuel station, a FNB ATM and has cellphone and internet reception.

SANDDRIF TOURISM INFO

Sanddrif Municipality Tel 027 831 1457

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Hangkrans

Orange River Fishing, watersports, birdlife

Nama cultural Dance, story telling, poetry

Petroglyphs Khoi-San engravings of halfmens trees on sandstone.

Richtersveld National Park

Historic Church

Barkin Mine

TOUR GUIDE Emily 083 598 8426

ALEXANDER BAY

The most northerly town on the west coast of South Africa and where the Orange River enters the Atlantic Ocean. Established in the 1860's when Englishman Sir James Edward Alexander began exporting copper using the Orange River to transport the copper ore, mined in the Richtersveld, down to the river mouth at Alexander Bay. By 1875 the exporting of copper halted and Alexander Bay became a ghost town. In 1925 diamonds were discovered and brought Alexander Bay back to life. The town is well planned and has a good infrastructure with grocery stores, a hospital, coffee shop, fuel station, a living museum and a RAMSAR site and a seal colony. The cold Benguela Current of the Atlantic Ocean has a moderating influence on the coastal climate making many watersportss activities like surfing, windsurfing, river rafting, angling and diving, very pleasant.

ALEXANDER BAY TOURISM INFO

Tel 081 873 9043

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Aluvial Diamond Mine and Museum

Nama Culture Experience the local cuisine

RAMSAR SITE The Orange River Estuary has over 75 000 species of water birds listed in the area

Orange River Mouth Also offers excellent angling

Desert Lichen Fields Worlds largest with 25 species

Boegoe Baai Earmarked for a deep sea harbour

Diamond Mine Tour From Muis vlakte to the Orange

River mouth and into the Atlantic Ocean

Seal Colony; Shipwrecks

TOUR GUIDE Boetiemann 082 887 2705

Namakwa 4x4 Eco Trail

