

Useful information

SOETWATER RESORT

Lighthouse Road, Kommetjie

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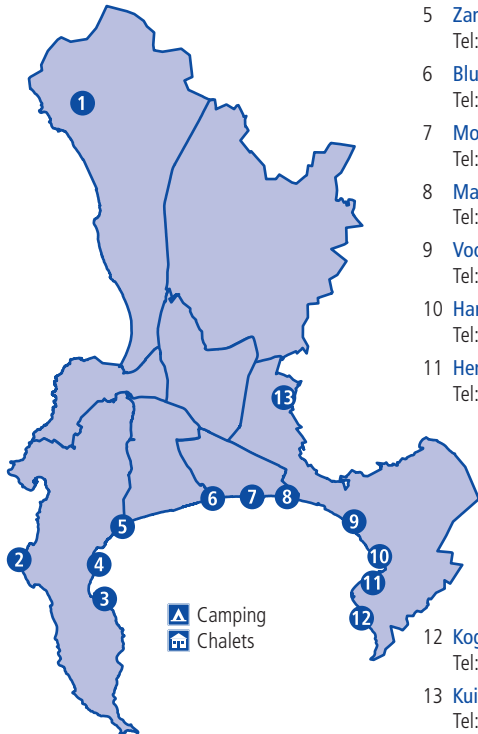
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SOETWATER RESORT



Introduction

The Soetwater Resort is located in the southern part of the Cape Peninsula on the Lighthouse Road, between the Slangkop Lighthouse (Kommetjie) in the north and Scarborough/ Misty Cliffs in the south. Its location along the only stretch of relatively undeveloped coastal terrace in the Cape Peninsula contributes to its conservation value. Soetwater gets its name from the many freshwater pools that form on the coastal terraces after good rains.

History of the Soetwater Area

People have been living on the Peninsula for 1000's of years. Shell middens, prehistoric rubbish heaps, containing stone tools, bone fish hooks and even stone sinkers can be found near Harder Bay. The shell middens are protected by legislation; therefore do not remove any of the shells..

Ancient Fish Traps, called "viswywers" were constructed by KhoiSan. A wall of stone is built to enclose a small bay so that when the tide goes out the fish that have entered the during high tide are caught. There are three protected Fish Traps in Soetwater.

Facilities

- 61 Electrified camping sites in the Medusa Caravan Park
- 59 Non electrified camping sites at De Anker
- 98 Non electrified camping sites at Buses Parking

Conference Facility

The facility can accommodate 40 people. It is situated on the shoreline and has a beautiful view of the ocean.

Environmental Education Centre

The Centre was established in 2000 to educate children on environmental aspects and thousands of school children visit the facility.

Activities

- Go for a swim in one of the two tidal pools
- Take a long walk along the beachfront
- Launch your boat at the Witsands slipway
- Visit Cape Point
- Visit Kalk Bay and Simons town and some of the other tourism destinations in the southern part of the peninsula

Biodiversity

Flora

The flat rocky banks and kelp forests off Soetwater make this a very special breeding ground and nursery for coastal creatures. You will find an abundance of life in the rocky pools. Please do not remove anything from the rocks without a permit.

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

- Ensure that braai fires are extinguished properly before leaving your camp.
- Make fires only in designated camping and day visitor facilities
- Do not throw cigarette butts out of car windows. Cigarette butts can cause fires - please be cautious.
- Report fires to 107

Fauna

Over 100 species occur in the area. Please be very aware that the Black Oystercatcher and the Whitefronted Plover lay eggs in the seaweed on the beaches – look out for these eggs or chicks and do not touch or remove eggs if you find them.

Grysbok, Dune Molerats, Angulate Tortoise and Clawless Otter are also found at Soetwater.

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

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

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!!!