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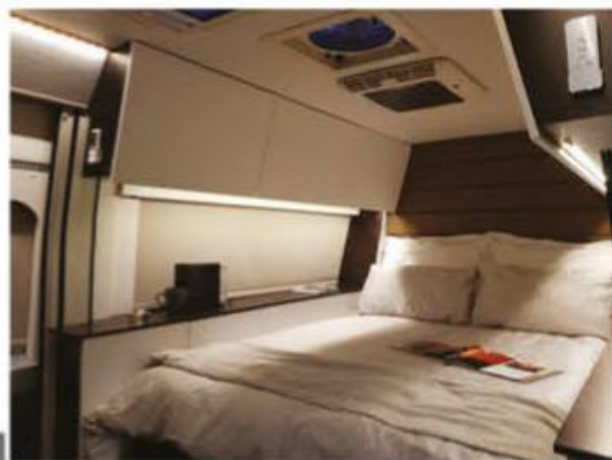
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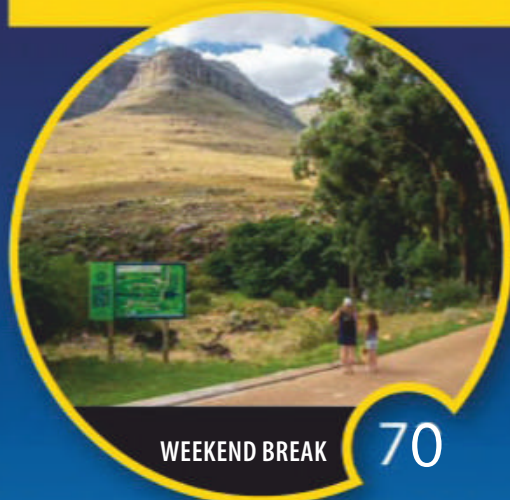
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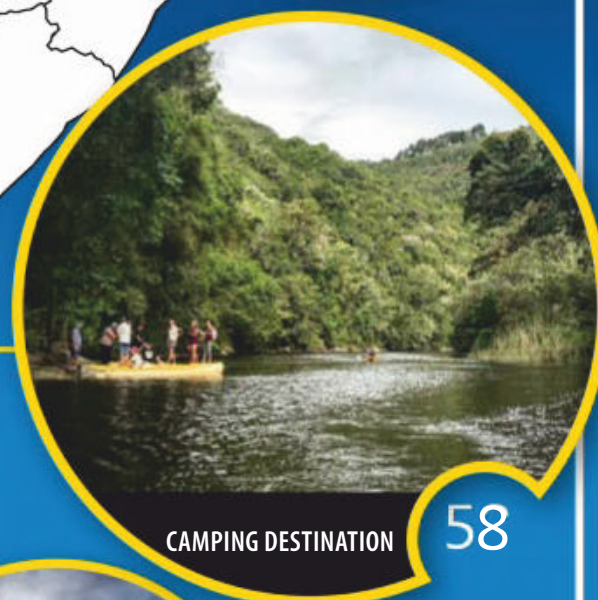
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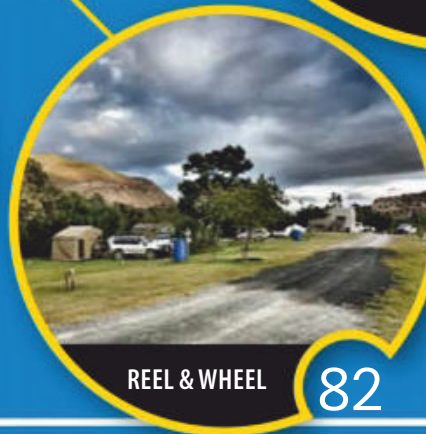
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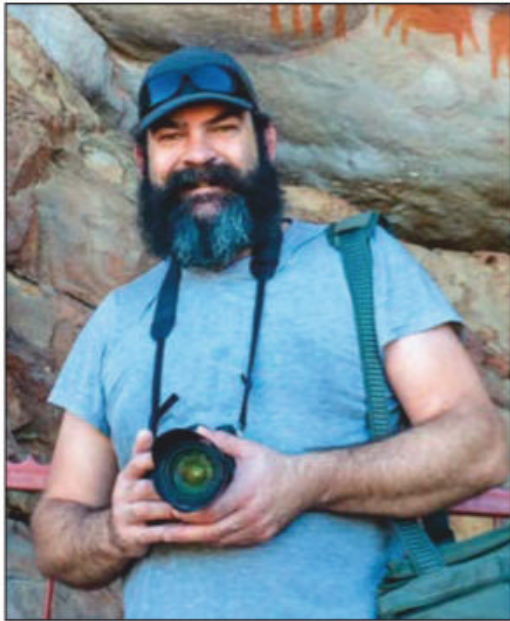
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There's much more to Namaqualand than flowers – drink in the spectacular scenery at Goegap all year round.

The fairest Cape



According to the latest statistics available online, more than 1,7 million tourists visit the Western Cape every year. That's an astonishing number of people who book more than 23 million bed nights and spend around R6 billion in the province.

Considering what the Western Cape offers to tourists, however, it's no surprise that so many of them flock to that province. Think about it; even Francis Drake, the famous seafarer and explorer of yore, described it as the fairest Cape that he had seen in the whole wide world.

And who are we to argue with Sir Francis? From the West Coast to the Garden Route, from the Great and Klein Karoo to Cape Agulhas, and from the Cederberg to Table Mountain, few regions are so diverse and so spectacularly beautiful. It's a world between two oceans, with a wealth of white sandy beaches, various national parks, back roads, winelands, off-road trails and, of course, campsites.

My family and I recently spent the weekend at Algeria in the Cederberg, visited the Stadsaal Caves and saw the centuries-old San rock art there for the first time. It was wonderful and informative and on our way back home, we wondered why we don't get out more to explore the multitude of places that are a mere stone's throw from the Mother City.

It could be said one doesn't always appreciate the things closest to you, and so we decided this month to focus on places and attractions that are on the *go! Drive & Camp* editorial team's doorstep.

This is why six of our destinations in this issue are in the Western Cape. We drive and camp in the Garden Route... in fact, Evan drove a little farther and visited the Baviaans and Addo. My visit to the Cederberg was for the Weekend Break article, rock musician Laudo Liebenberg tells you about his favourite campsite on the West Coast and for Reel & Wheel we pitched our tent at Klipkrans in the Boland.

It was lovely to discover the world around us again. But now I have to admit, I'm keen to get back to a fire in the Bushveld...

Safe travels!

Schalk

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And then we meet the elephants, the stately masters of this part of the world.

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I refer to the article “Stay gold, Ponyboy” in the February 2019 issue in which Piet and Hanneljie Dunn recount how they travelled with their 1974 Jurgens 580 B Deluxe caravan. It is an achievement indeed.

My wife Petra and I have a similar story. On 28 January 1974 we bought a Ford F100 bakkie and on 11 November of the same year we purchased a Jurgens 600 A Elegant caravan. We bought the caravan from a Jurgens dealer in Welkom and still have it today, even though it’s mostly in storage. Since then we have, however, switched towing vehicles.

We first put a Ford Fairmont GT engine into the F100 and it improved the vehicle

in many ways. Then we towed with a 3 l model Ford Cortina, but it struggled with the caravan. The engine overheated and the high fuel consumption was also a bother. After that, a restoration project of a ten-seater Land Rover followed. Its original engine made way for a 4.1 Chevy engine, and I built an

overdrive – that’s similar to a fifth gear – into the four-speed manual gearbox. I even briefly towed with a BMW 320i, but from 2011, I have been towing with my Isuzu 300 D-TEQ, and so far it has been only a pleasure.

The photo alongside was taken in 1980 on our first trip through Namibia. When Vingerklip was still standing. We crisscrossed the country with our Jurgens and even made it to Etosha in Namibia. Making a few quick sums, the caravan has joined us on a good 115 000 km.

JOHAN AND PETRA CLAASSENS
Bloemfontein



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FAR FROM AND CLOSE TO HOME

Here I sit next to the Congo River near Kinshasa with my *Weg Ry & Sleep* to help while away the hours. I read the magazine from front to back. Thanks for a great magazine!

I work in the Democratic Republic of Congo on a light steel construction project called La Cité du Fleuve. A direct translation of this

would be “city of the river”. We recover land from the river and then build flats there.

ALBERT VAN TONDER
Krugersdorp



FLYING BENEATH SEA LEVEL

We camped at Torra Bay on the Skeleton Coast. One morning, while driving on a salt road, I saw our GPS showed the road to be 6 m below sea level. I decided to pull over and take my kite out to see how “low” you can fly a kite.

I’ve done it before, in America. In the Mojave Desert near Las Vegas, we were at 200 m below sea level when I took out my kite again.

We’ve visited more than 30 hot springs in southern Africa, and of them, the Gross Barmen hot springs just the other side of Windhoek are a great way to start and end your visit to Namibia. We would still like to visit the one at Rehoboth as well as the spring west of Aliwal North.

My kite isn’t the only tradition on our travels; I also take my espresso coffee machine for every morning’s caffeine fix.

PAT AND JAMES HACKETT
Walkerville

BEATING THE BATH-TIME DRUM

After playing in the campsite, the little ones get nice and dirty. But at bath time, things go smoothly when it’s the turn of my two grandchildren Ruben (5) and Janu Scholtz (3) to get clean.

We camped at Dwarskersbos in December, and instead of going to the bathroom, I bathed the little ones at our stand in a plastic drum. It was great fun for Ruben and Janu, and they even helped to carry the water. Janu enjoyed it so much, he didn’t want to get out – after I had finished washing him, he kept insisting he was still dirty.

The other benefit of this plan was that we didn’t have to carry a lot of stuff to the bathrooms and we didn’t have to await our turn there. The kids loved it so much, they would come and ask when it would be time to bath again.

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Christine Ferreira

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Andre Kulu Cruywagen

I always look forward to driving the Swartberg Pass. And then of course Die Hel, too.



Leonie van der Westhuizen

Nothing beats the two-track roads in Botswana.



Gerhardt Nieuwoudt

The road from Khutse to Xade in the Central Kalahari makes me very happy and satisfied.



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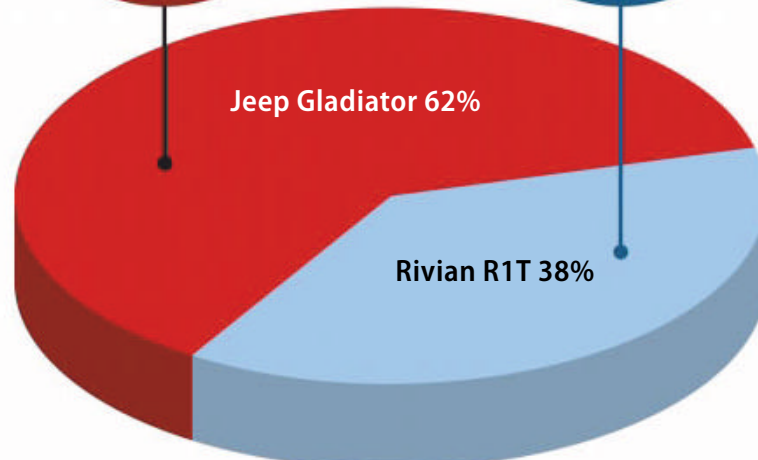


Diana Henrico

The Cederberg area is our best. I can't wait for our next camping trip there.

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A weighty matter

Always ensure your vehicle is within the specified limits set by the manufacturer and the law, warns Mic van Zyl.

A couple of days ago I got a call from a dealer asking for assistance with a customer's vehicle that had a bit of a weight issue. The customer had recently bought a double-cab bakkie with a camper unit mounted on the rear. Once packed and ready to hit the road on an overland trip, there was an issue with the rear suspension. It was an obvious weight problem with his camper setup.

Massively heavy springs may be able to carry the load, but this would put undue stress on other components, such as the chassis mounting points, axle load limits and braking system.

After looking at a picture of this setup, I elected to decline any involvement in this issue. The camper unit was quoted as being around 600 kg by the manufacturer. It was not only the weight of the camper unit that was causing an issue. The rear overhang was exacerbating the collapse of the rear suspension.

At this point, the vehicle was empty with no fuel, no water, no food, no passengers and no luggage. Once fully loaded, this vehicle would require a seriously heavy rear spring setup, way beyond the acceptable solution on offer. Massively heavy springs may be able to carry the load, but this would put undue stress

on other components, such as the chassis mounting points, not to mention axle load limits and the braking system. There was every chance that this would end in tears somewhere down the line.

GOING BACK to basics, let's look at the typical weight capacities for a popular double cab. According to the Toyota SA website, the Hilux 2.8 4x4 Auto has a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of 2 910kg. This is the maximum that your vehicle may weigh when driving on a public road and this weight includes your passengers, fuel, luggage and cargo. Toyota rates this model to be able to carry a payload of 810 kg. This means that the kerb weight (empty vehicle without fuel but with all other lubricants should be 2 100 kg.

It is interesting to note that on the Toyota Australia website, the figures are listed as 3 000 kg for GVM, 955 kg for payload and a kerb weight of 2 045 kg.

Looking at the 810 kg payload rating of your Hilux, this is the allowance for everything that you can fit into or onto the Hilux including passengers, fuel and luggage or cargo. If you start fitting permanent accessories for overlanding, for example bull bars, winches, second batteries, heavy-duty rear bumpers and spare-wheel carriers, heavy-duty under-body protection plates and side steps, water tanks and additional fuel tanks, you end up with less weight capacity left over for passengers, luggage,

your fridge, your case of beers and your braai chops. Once everything starts adding up, you'll find that you quickly run out of capacity.

ANOTHER CONSIDERATION

is the gross combination mass (GCM). This is the total weight of your vehicle plus your caravan or trailer. The GCM of the Hilux Auto is 5 650 kg. This vehicle is rated to be able to tow a 3 200 kg trailer or caravan. That's a lot of trailer.

That does not, however, mean that you can tow a 3,2 tonne trailer with a Hilux that is loaded to full 2 910 kg GVM capacity. Adding the 3,2 tonne allowable trailer weight to the 2 910 kg GVM results in a total mass of 6 110 kg which is 460 kg over the GCM. Should you have to tow 3,2 tonnes, your Hilux Auto may not exceed 2 450 kg in weight (GCM 5 650 kg minus trailer weight 3 200 kg). This leaves you with a payload of only 350kg (2 450 kg allowable vehicle weight minus 2 100 kg kerb weight).

For safety's sake, always ensure your vehicle is within the legal limits of the vehicle manufacturer and the law. It is a critical aspect of safety, and transgression of this is simply irresponsible. 

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Don't fall for rankings

He just shakes his head when he sees someone ranking campsites based on comments made on the Internet, says Neels van Heerden.

Sometimes I wonder if people who compile lists that rank camping sites do their homework at all. It is often clear to me that the people who compile these rankings have never once visited the campsites. This, however, does not prevent them from using terms such as value for money, clean and neat, rustic, elegant and whatever else they commit to words.

Recently, someone published a list of the 50 "best" family-friendly campsites on a well-known website. This list is based on comments made by people on the websites of these campsites.

I get the impression there are many bored people lurking about on the Internet who love to write nonsense.

To use the comments made on campsites' official websites for this purpose is a dangerous game because it is something that can easily be manipulated. It also seems to me that the person who compiled the list doesn't understand the finer principles of how to evaluate and make sense of a collection

of opinions. Or realise that friends put gilded comments on their friends' websites.

Managers and owners also ask friends and family to polish their campsite's image – and opinions in cyberspace should by no means count as authoritative information. I also get the impression there are many bored people lurking about on the Internet who love to write nonsense. They also love having an online axe to grind where, in their opinion, they had an unacceptable experience.

THEN THERE are also the people who don't read an entry properly and make fools of themselves. Ask someone where there's a nice campsite with something for the kids to do near Pretoria, and you'll see a multitude of comments that show ignorance and recommend ATKV Eiland Spa without hesitation. This resort is not "close" to Pretoria.

And when someone asks for "something for the kids to do", it creates the opportunity for sourpusses to say "children should be seen and not heard" and "children should keep themselves busy". An opinion is merely that: an opinion. Experienced researchers will tell you that a couple of comments do not necessarily give you a complete picture.

But back to the list of 50 family-friendly campsites...

more than a handful of those are praised because there is help to pitch tents, and tea and scones are served. Really? Wouldn't that rather be the kind of campsite where only pensioners will feel at home? Is this really the kind of campsite that belongs on a family-friendly destination list?

The star grading of these campsites is also mentioned continuously, but few of them are mentioned on the Tourism Grading Board's website. The main attraction at two campsites near Graskop and Sabie is apparently day trips to the Kruger National Park. That's nonsense, of course. The Kruger is more than 100 km away and day visitors must be at the gates at the crack of dawn.

OF ALL the campsites on the list, one did catch my eye. It is near Citrusdal and offers, in my opinion, the best value for young and old. For the kids there are farm animals they can feed, cows they can milk and horses on which they can ride. And for the grown-ups there is a craft beer brewery, an observatory and all kinds of outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, mountaineering and mountain biking.

However, I can't shake off the fact that the campsites may have paid to get their name on the list. And that one or two comments were then used to justify the inclusion.

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New caravans by the dozens

Year after year, South African caravan manufacturers astound us with new models as well as improvements on existing ones. In February, most of them get together to showcase their latest and best at the Buite Expo near Malmesbury and the Caravan, Camping and Destination Show in Midrand.



Conqueror's future look

Conqueror's off-road campers are mainly made of steel, but the hull of the new UEV series – which stands for Urban Escape Vehicle – is made chiefly from a material used in aviation.

Several manufacturers now use similar panels, but those Conqueror uses are solid and without layers. And this material, says Clive Cox, the man who, along with his team shaped the UEV series, makes the caravans around 15% lighter. The panels are 20 mm thick and include the floor.

Conqueror, however, hasn't deviated from its distinctive body shape and used similar aluminium corner strips to bond the panels. Thanks to the new material, Conqueror now plans to offer a lifelong weathering guarantee on the hull, says managing director Philip de Vries.

With the UEV series, Conqueror also breaks away from its campers' rugged appearance – this is especially apparent on the inside. It feels



as if you're in a road caravan. Instead of the traditional canvas flaps, the cupboards have hinged doors. Cupboard doors on off-road campers are generally not practical, simply because they don't do so well on bad roads. But these cupboard doors are sunk into the door frames, which means they're sturdy.

Conqueror also gets kudos for the interior lighting. Light strips as wide as a hand shine down the eaves and provide even illumination with adjustable brightness – simply drag your finger over a touch-sensitive surface and the lights dim or flare to the desired level.

Pop-out beds on off-road campers are nothing new, but Conqueror has come up with a innovative idea. Usually, a surface folds out of the side panel over which a tent is then stretched, but Conqueror now uses folding panels that form a cube outside of the hull. This pop-out section is 100% waterproof, and instead of canvas and mesh windows, it has standard caravan windows.

The numerical value of the four models – UEV13, 15, 17 and 25 – refers to the length of the caravan (in feet). Apart from the UEV13, which is intended for two people, they can accommodate four people. The UEV25 is also Conqueror's first double-axle production model equipped with both outdoor and indoor kitchens – and a full-size refrigerator, something you don't expect in an off-road camper. The island double bed is toward the front of the interior, with a second pop-out from the right panel.

The UEV is also destined for Australia.

The numbers The UEV's are still in a prototype stage and measurements should be released soon.

Prices UEV13 R283 015, UEV15 R359 070, UEV17 R400 315, UEV25 R516 925.

● Conqueror now also imports three off-road caravans from Australia. The Ezytrail off-road caravan is sold here as the Patriot and you can choose from three models. They are equipped with four-burner gas stoves and the exterior paint finish is like that of a new car (you can choose one of seven colours).

The Patriot campers come almost fully equipped with luxuries such as a television, gas stove and tent with a shower cubicle. The jerry cans, gas cylinders, gas geyser and fridge-freezer are optional.

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Fibreglass has Freeline thinking...



Freeline Campers has built its first caravan, the Maverick. Francois Kotzé, the co-owner, explains it was a result of their background with fibreglass.

Francois and his father, Hennie, also build swimming pools and boats and a year ago came up with some prerequisites for a caravan: obviously it had to be fibreglass; it had to be strong enough to be towed on a gravel road; the bed had to be queen size; and the bathroom had to have at least a shower and toilet.

The Maverick, with its fixed roof, consists of fibreglass from front to back, including the floor. The hull panels are 35 mm thick with a fibreglass layer inside and out, and high-density foam rubber in the middle. AL-KO designed the chassis.

The fridge-freezer, along with the two-burner gas stove and double sink, extends from the outside cupboard in the left panel. Each slides out on its own rail, with the door opening an enormous 140 x 65 cm. On the other side – opposite this cupboard – is a similar door in the right panel for storage space. The Maverick does not get a nose cone, but the two gas bottles are in their own compartment on the A-frame.

The bed lies across in the nose and the bathroom is located in the back.

The numbers Tare weight 950 kg; carrying capacity 300 kg or more; GVM 1 250-1 800 kg.

Price R320 000-R350 000

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Echo's Kunene is here!

Echo4x4 is known for its fibreglass off-road caravans, but according to owner Willie Grobler, he has been working on his latest model, the Kunene, for the past two years. This newcomer replaces the Kavango as the manufacturer's flagship model and is also destined for the Australian market.

The Kunene boasts quite a few novelties. Where the Kavango's bed stretches from wall to wall at the back, the Kunene gets a bed with an aisle next to it. The shower section is still opposite the door where you get in, but Willie says it's a unique shower that doesn't look like the one in the Kavango. (It was, however, not available to see at the show.)

The second double bed opens over the A-frame. And under the mattress is an extra storing space for bedding.

Willie made the Kunene's windows – made of safety glass – especially for the caravan. He says it's the only off-road caravan of its kind where you can open the whole window – usually one window slides past the other. Some of the inside cabinets have shutter doors, and a large screen rolled up above the window can be lowered if you want privacy.

Echo's standard caravans are beige and the Tec series dark grey, but the Kunene makes you do a double-take, because they are much lighter – almost white.

For your Kunene, you can choose one of three types of suspension: Echo's own



independent suspension, AL-KO's independent suspension or leaf springs.

You can fit a bicycle rack behind the caravan. ● Together with the Kunene, Willie's also announced a Legend finish for the Chobe, Kavango and Echo4 models. It is a limited range with the same light grey colour as the Kunene. And then Echo showed its very smallest trailer – the brand new tiny Space Bug trailer is almost completely plastic. It weighs

only about 130 kg empty and has a GVM of 750 kg.

The numbers Kunene 6,015 (l) x 2 (w) x 2,225 m (h); tare 1 280 kg; carrying capacity 1 220 kg; GVM 2 500 kg.

Price Kunene R445 000; Chobe Legend R285 500; Kavango Legend R350 000; Echo4 Legend R160 000; Space Bug R13 500.

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Destination gives new life to its Wonder

Destination, renowned for its fancy road caravans, has adapted its Wonder model layout. The island bed has long been arranged lengthwise towards the front of the caravan, but the owner, André van Helsdingen, says the bed is turned now so that the headboard sits against the left panel. The outside pull-out kitchen now extends out from under the bed, where it was previously closer to the tail.

For another R20 000, you can upgrade the Wonder to a Wonder All Terrain model. The All Terrain has a reinforced chassis with suspension specially adapted. André and his team use a Roadque chassis. The Wonder also has a double axle, which means the All Terrain has a coil spring at each wheel and eight shock absorbers – two per wheel. This chassis makes the tare about 150 kg more than the standard caravan, and the GVM is around 2 400 kg.

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A Vagabond for dirt and tar

Midland Caravans acquired the teardrop caravan manufacturer, Vagabond Caravans, and are now introducing two models. The two caravans are known as the Roamer and Drifter, and at R98 950 the road model is R31 000 cheaper than the gravel-road model.

The teardrop caravan is actually a double-bed-on-wheels with a kitchen in the back – and the Vagabond doesn't deviate much from this recipe, but it's not every day you see a wardrobe in such a caravan. You sleep with your feet facing the rear, and then the two

large cupboard doors are at your head.

The Vagabond has a door on each side, and because the kitchen is in the rear, the part above the bed is closer to the mattress. It's high enough so your legs can fit and the bed is 1,8 m long.

The Vagabond has a small nose cone in which the deep-cycle battery is kept. The two awnings – one on each side – are attached to a railing on the roof and there is also room for a rooftop tent if you want to accommodate more people.

The kitchen is luxurious for this size caravan and equipment such as the microwave, a two-burner gas stove and a fridge come standard on both models.

The entire caravan is made of fibreglass. Bryce Lund, a co-owner of Midlands Caravans, says there is a void between tent and caravan campers, and that is where the Vagabond fits. The Vagabond is also light enough for people with a light vehicle license.

Both caravans' GVMs are fixed at 750 kg and come without a brake system. At R15 000, you can upgrade your Drifter to have a braking system that then pushes the GVM up to 1 000kg or 1 400kg.

The numbers Roamer 4,3 (l) x 2,12 (w) x 1,9 m (h); Drifter 4,3 (l) x 2,12 (w) x 2,05 m (h); both of their tare weight is 500 kg and GVM 750 kg.

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Travelstar goes to Boksburg

The Knysna-based motorhome manufacturer Travelstar has opened a branch in Boksburg known as the Lifestyle Centre.

Riguard de Beer says, in addition to the new motorhomes they sell, they also accept trade-ins, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a motorhome – anything from motorbikes and caravans to boats is welcome.

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A rainfall over the Evolution

Caravan manufacturer Stealth has launched a unique outdoor shower as an additional option for its Evolution model. It is a pop-up shower with two rooms: a dry booth where you enter, and next to it is the cubicle where you shower. It costs R18 500.

The shower fits existing models and is

attached to the back of the caravan. It has a fibreglass roof that's almost as long as the caravan is wide – it is fastened to the caravan by hinges. As you lift the roof, the curtain sides lower to the ground to create the two cubicles.

The shower cubicle has LEDs on the ceiling and a PVC floor with a mesh border around

so the water can drain. Garry and his team are also looking at plumbing to siphon the water away from the shower. One expects the roof to be supported by poles, but two gas struts attach to the hull to keep the roof up, and has only one support to the ground. It therefore opens without difficulty.

You can now also install a R8 400 air-con in the Evolution that fits into the grocery cupboard to the left of the door.

The Evolution XR6-533 is Stealth's first model, which is now being expanded with the longer XR6-595. It's 62,4 cm longer and the table and bench for two now seats four. And instead of a single bed, you get a double.

The numbers

Stealth Evolution XR6-533 4.,76 (l) x 2,4 (w) x 2,1 m (h); tare 1 100 kg; carrying capacity 400 kg; GVM 1 500 kg.

Evolution XR6-594 5,9 (l) x 2,4 (w) x 2,1 m (h);
tare 1 200 kg; carrying capacity 300 kg; GVM
1 500 kg

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An Okapi in the Free State

Free State caravan builder Bennie Cilliers has just designed and built his first off-road caravan, the Nayela Okapi. And this caravan takes care of quite a few new features in the off-road caravan world.

The entire hull is made of fibreglass and has a built-in aluminium frame. The shape immediately catches the eye, especially the round front.

The Okapi has a double axle and Bennie, an architect from Bethlehem, says this has great benefits. Firstly, it provides extra safety because with a double axle you are not dependent on one tire per side. In addition, a double-axle caravan is easier to tow. For example, when driving over a speed bump or pothole, you don't feel it, because the weight is displaced between the four wheels and not to the tow vehicle.

The Okapi fits into your standard garage, it also gets set up within seconds. The pop-up roof lifts with the push of a button – 22 seconds later, the roof sits 60 cm higher, giving a ceiling height of 2,4 m.

The outside kitchen cupboards are multi-purpose, because everything in the cupboard that you can access from the outside can also be gotten from the inside.

Half of the bed pulls out of the hull like a drawer and creates instant space in the caravan. The bathroom, with its practical layout, is at the tail end. The shower, basin and toilet are by no means cramped.

The door is also wonderfully wide and at 646 mm it is just narrower than a normal door in a house. The fridge is next to the door – Bennie has changed the fridge door to the “wrong” side, which means you can stand



outside the caravan and open the fridge door. (Incidentally, Bennie designed the WegSleep Elegance caravan for Jurgens in 2011. – Ed)

The numbers 6,92 (l) x 1,99 (w) x 2,09 (h); tare 1 150 kg; carrying capacity 600 kg; GVM 1 750 kg.

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Okto builds a shorter caravan

Okto boasted with a second model on the show floor. The Cabana is nearly a metre shorter than the manufacturer's first road caravan, the Villa, but if you squint your eyes, they look almost identical.

Woody Loftus, an Okto dealer, says one of the benefits of the Cabana is that it fits more easily into a garage than the Villa's long body. The caravans are equipped similarly. Except that the Cabana's microwave has been moved out and fits into the bottom corner of the outside cupboard.

Because the Cabana is shorter, it also weighs 100 kg less. However, its gross vehicle mass is the same as the Villa's, which ultimately means you can load 100 kg more. The Cabana is also R20 000 cheaper than the Villa.

The numbers 5,88 (l) x 2,36 (w) x 2,02 m (h); tare 1 100 kg; carrying capacity 400 kg; GVM 1 500 kg.

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The Geitjie returns

Bush Lapa's Geitjie is back for the first time since 2012 and is aimed at code B drivers. The owner, Jannie Oeschger, is known for several caravan tents and you can see his clever designs in the latest Geitjie.

It looks like a big trailer when the roof lifts high enough for you to climb in at the tail and stand upright inside. The roof pops up in seconds with a unique lever action and gas struts.

● Jannie also released a variant on his Ratel 4. The standard model has two double beds: one opens over the A-frame and the other one from the right panel. The new Ratel 4i's right-hand bed is now inside and becomes a double bed that can fold up to create a large table and two benches. Four people can easily fit in along the table, and in the open space where the bed would fold out is a large open window

– you feel part of nature when you sit at the table.

The numbers Geitjie 3,895 (l) x 1,93 (w) x 2,55 m (h, with roof raised) Ratel 5,44 (l) x 1,98 (w) x 2,15 m (h).

Price Geitjie from R141 450; Ratel 4i from R405 375

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From boats to caravans

Motor King & Marine, which has been operating as a business in Pretoria for more than 40 years, has expanded and is now selling a new range of caravans it calls Crown Caravans. You can choose between two off-road models: the Trax and the Venture. The Trax is meant for two people and the Venture has room for up to four. The Trax's door sits in the right-hand panel, not something you see in locally built caravans. It's just in front of the wheel, with the rest of the panel that pulls like

a drawer from the hull – along with the space in the caravan, this forms a double bed. The Venture has two such beds that pull from the right panel. It's unique in SA.

On the left is the door and outside kitchen. When you get into the Venture, the two double beds are on either side of the entrance. The Deluxe model of the Venture gets an outside shower and extra equipment such as solar panels, a geyser and a cassette toilet.

In addition to Loftus Caravans, Motor King

& Marine has also been named dealer of the new Checkmate caravan range.

The numbers Crown Trax 4,3 (l) x 1,8 (w) x 2 m (h); tare 880 kg; carrying capacity 620 kg; GVM 1 500 kg Crown Venture 5 (l) x 1,9 (w) x 2 m (h); tare 1 080 kg; carrying capacity 520 kg; GVM 1 600 kg.

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Discoverer gets a makeover

Motorhome-World's Discoverer 4 has been on our roads for 18 years, and the fourth generation of this model is now on display.

The Discoverer 4's layout remains unchanged, but the whole look has been refreshed. The table tops are imported and the cupboards have more curves. Even the cupboard doors shut with an elegant slow touch.

The hull that stretches over the cabin is now more angular and the entire tail has been redone, including the high level brake light.

You can choose between an Iveco chassis with manual or automatic transmission or a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter with a manual transmission. Equipment such as air-con in the back, an 80 l fridge-freezer, 19 l microwave, 60 l water tank and full bathroom come standard.

The numbers 6,7 (l) x 2,2 (w) x 2,85 m (h); GVM 3 600 kg.

Price Depending on the model R1 196 000- R1 242 000.

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First class, Maxmo!

Maxmo builds four motorhome models, of which its new Tourer is the flagship model. The Tourer is the only one of its kind – Leon Ras explains the interior of the Fiat Ducato is designed like a first-class airplane cabin.

The double bed sits at the back of the Ducato and folds into a couch with the touch of a button. It leaves an open space in the middle of the vehicle. The kitchen worktop also emerges from under the bed with the push of a button. The worktop, which includes an induction plate, moves to the middle section, and when you press yet another button, the work surface lifts to an ergonomic hip height.

The same goes for the ceramic toilet that fits under the other half of the bed. Press a button and the toilet moves out from under the couch. Even the blinds in front of the windows work with the push of a button.

When you want to open the bed again, it is not even necessary to make it again, because elastic straps on the corners pulls the bedding tight.

The Ducato has a sliding door on each side and two swing doors at the back. This serves as a loading bay, where a number of crates and camp chairs can fit.

The numbers 6,4 (l) x 2,1 (w) x 2,7 m (h); tare below 3 500 kg; GVM 4 200 kg.

Price R1 280 000.

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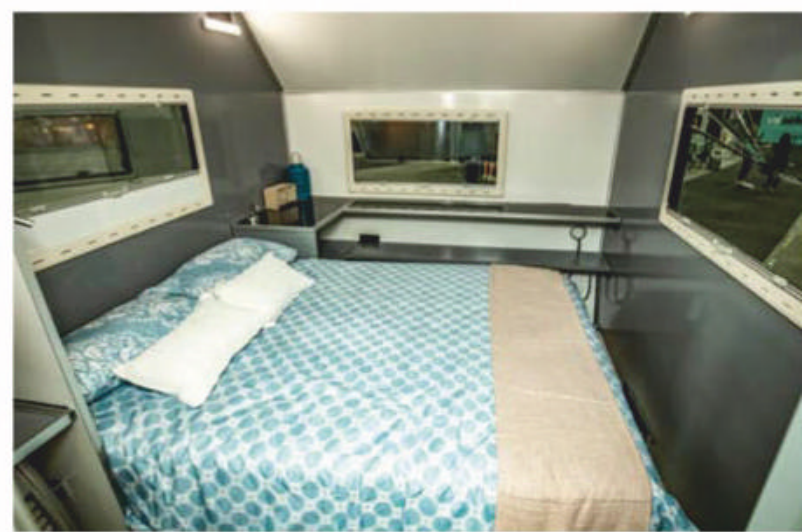
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Hoefer shows off its light masterpiece

With a length of 7,5 m and a tare of less than 1 300 kg, Hoefer's Azzero All Terrain caravan is the lightest caravan of its size on our roads. The American Charles Hoefer's plant is in Swaziland, and this is the first model to be exported to South Africa.

The panels consist of insulated fibreglass layers. The panels are made of continuous sheets of fibreglass, and according to Charles, they are up to 10 times stronger than joined panels. The chassis is built from aircraft aluminium and the double axle of the Azzero is specially designed by AL-KO.

The Azzero has an outdoor kitchen, but it's not every day you see the kind of fridge that's to the right of the door. It's a bar fridge that reaches your waist. The two-burner gas stove with the sink pulls out to the left of the door

from the hull, and a microwave oven sits in the cupboard directly above it.

The Azzero's lounge is at the front by the nose and the benches flatten to form a double bed. The full-sized fridge also stands in front of you on the opposite wall with the bathroom in the middle section. You have to walk through the bathroom to the bedroom. As you look back, a basin sits on the left in its own cubicle and a mirror at the front of the wall, with the shower cubicle next to it. This toilet is to the right of the hallway against the other panel.

The island bed sits crossways at the back of the caravan with the headboard against the right panel.

Optional extras include 2 outdoor LEDs R3 290, AL-KO sway-resistant coupler R14 985 and AL-KO electronic sway control R19 980.



The numbers for the All Terrain 7,5 (l) x 2,34 (w) x 2,75 m (h); tare $\pm$ 1 235 kg; carrying capacity $\pm$ 275 kg; GVM 1,510 kg; 1,8 t axis.

Price All Terrain R589 500; AT-X R613 500; AT-XL R637 500

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Cruiservan now even more luxurious

Imagine's flagship caravan, the Cruiservan, that made its debut two years ago, boasts a unique design just like its two smaller siblings, the Trailvan and Comfortvan.

The entire roof looks like an overturned hull of a boat and is raised by an electrically controlled screw system. The previous model's spare wheels sat on either side of the nose, but now it is closed with a door to keep out sticky fingers. Also, this space is big enough for the outdoor unit of an air-con if you don't need a second spare wheel.

Just like the other models, the kitchen sits in the left panel. The kitchen door of the previous Cruiservan used to fold down, but that has changed and now opens upwards like the others and forms a roof over the kitchen.

The Cruiservan's bathroom is in the back. Instead of the small ceramic toilet there is now a flush toilet from Dometic.

Two 2 m single beds are fitted to the right panel, and the brightness of the interior can now be adjusted.

The numbers 6,4 (l) x 1,95 (w) x 2,1 m (h); tare 1 150 kg; carrying capacity 600 kg; GVM 1 750 kg.

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The Tonga is a new compact caravan that almost looks as if it could get a role in a science-fiction movie.

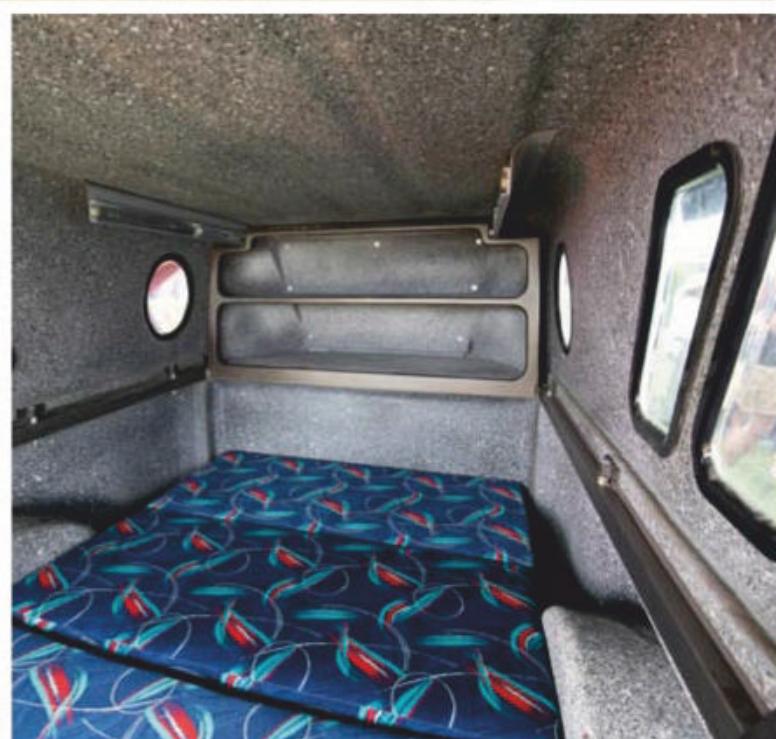
The Tonga targets campers who tow with a light vehicle license (code B), because its GVM is set at 750 kg and it weighs only 380 kg when empty. Actually, the Tonga is a double-bed-on-wheels geared towards couples. It's made of fibreglass – a variety of similar caravans are on the market, but the Tonga comes with three cool innovations.

First, the whole tail is a door that swings open upwards so you can get in, but on the opposite side a drawer pulls from the inside over the A-frame. It's a closed cupboard with two shelves and a door on each side. The doors flatten so that you can reach the shelves, but it also forms a work top on which a gas stove, for

example, could sit. The inner part of the shelf (thus inside the caravan) also has two open shelves that serve as a storage space at the head of the bed.

Secondly, the Tonga's awning spans the entire caravan and you can give extra points to JP van Zyl who designed the Tonga along with his father, Etienne. The tent opens out from a box above the left side of the caravan and stretches like the wing canopies that you see of late. But JP and his team use curved aluminium poles on the edge of the roof to stretch the sides of the tent over the caravan. It almost looks like a parachute, but the design is such that the wind won't easily lift it.

Finally, you can remove the upper part of the Tonga if, for example, you want to use the bottom as a trailer.



The numbers 4,13 (l) x 1,94 (w) x 2,03 m (h); tare weight 380 kg; carrying capacity 370 kg; GVM 750 kg; 1.5 t-axis.

Price From R105 000.

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Enkulu 2 goes curvy

The Cape off-road trailer manufacturer Infanta Trailers has made a number of changes to its Enkulu 2 model.

This off-road caravan now has more rounded corners, for which the manager, Jurie Swart, specially imports aluminium strips. In addition to the Enkulu 2's additional standard entrance step, it is also slightly longer so that a single bed can fit in the back of the caravan. Like the previous model, the roof still lifts electrically, but now to the left and no longer on the tail end.

The outside shower also works easier and sits outside near the tail in the right panel. A flat surface swings upwards and forms the shower's roof, and the canvas sides then hang down to keep things private.

The numbers 5,5 (l) x 2,05 (w) x 2,2 m (h); tare 920 kg; carrying capacity 680 kg; GVM 1 600 kg.

Price From R340 000 and fully equipped around R450 000.

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Safari Weekender gets a brother

Bushwacka has built a variant of its smallest trailer, the Safari Weekender, which is called the Tourer. The Tourer and the Weekender's hulls are similar, but the sleep area in the Tourer has been changed. The Weekender has a typical pop-up roof tent that opens to the right. The tent's entire roof is attached to it and forms a room on the right of the trailer. Of course, this is also where you get into the Weekender's bed.

The Tourer doesn't get a roof tent but a solid roof instead (also on top of the trailer). So, you still sleep on the trailer, but the upper part of the tent lifts parallel to form a solid roof above your bed. The tent's ladder is over the A-frame – not something you see very often.

Bushwacka also uses the wing-type canopies that unfolds over the right across the kitchen to the tail.

The numbers 3,449 (l) x 1,7 (w) x 1,611 m (h); tare 800 kg; carrying capacity 700 kg; GVM 1 500 kg.

Price R225 650 (standard model).

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Double the fun

One gets two types of bakkie caravans: a unit that is bolted to your bakkie and which essentially transforms your vehicle into a small motorhome, and then those that fit onto your bakkie but also have legs so you can remove the unit in the campsite. André van der Merwe's new Obiqua Camper falls into the latter category.

What distinguishes the Obiqua from other bakkie campers are two collapsible double beds. If you climb the ladder from behind, one double bed is to the left of the aisle (away from you) and the other one to the right. A tent covers both to form a single room.

All panels consist of a double layer of fibreglass with a fire-resistant interior for insulation. André says the equipped Obiqua weighs 450kg, which includes the fridge-freezer, battery, gas bottle and water tank. The Obiqua fits single and double-cab bakkies.

When the camper is shut, ready to drive, it is about 25 cm higher than the bakkie's roof. This means that the bakkie with the Obiqua still fits into a standard garage, and the wind resistance is within limits.

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distinguishes it from the Inkwe.

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The numbers Inkwe 3,5 (l) x 1,85 (w) x 2,03 m (h); tare weight 800 kg; carrying capacity 800 kg; GVM 1 600 kg Kovu 4 (l) x 1,85 (w) x 2,03 m (h); tare 900 kg; carrying capacity 700 kg; GVM 1 600 kg.

Price Inkwe R195 000; Kovu R250 000.

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Two lions for Jaguar

Jaguar 4x4 Trailers introduced two new off-road caravan models: Inkwe 4 and Kovu 4.

The caravans' layout is the same, but the building materials differ, and at 4 m the Kovu's hull is 50 cm longer than the Inkwe. The Kovu therefore has a little more space in the kitchen. (The fridge-freezer and gas stove on the sliding frame are the same.)

You enter both caravans at the tail. One double bed then folds out from the right panel and the double bed in front of you opens over the A-frame. The Inkwe's entire pop-up roof is horizontal to the hull and the caravan is built mainly of aluminium. The Kovu's beds look the same, but when you climb into the front bed you have to climb through an opening, because of a crossbeam. Its pop-up roof lifts to the left and is made of stainless steel. The Kovu's corners are also rounded, which



The off-road trailer builder Invader has launched an entry model specifically aimed at people who tow with a light vehicle.

Unlike its two existing models, the Duo and Quattro, the layout of the Cheeky with its rooftop tents tends toward the luggage trailer side. In the Duo and Quattro, you climb into the caravan to go to bed, but the Cheeky's bed is on top and you use a ladder to access it.

Even though the bed is on top of the trailer, the roof lifts just like the other models with an air system.

The Cheeky is designed for two people and is available in three variants, all of which are equipped with a battery, battery charger and compressor. The Cheeky Lite is the basic model, the larger model's water tank is included, and the top model comes fully equipped with a geyser, solar panel and regulator, crockery drawers, a kitchen unit with stove, and a wash-up area.

The numbers 3,5 (l) x 1,6 (w) x 1,8 m (h) Cheeky Lite tare 480 kg; carrying capacity 270 kg; GVM 750 kg Cheeky tare 550 kg; carrying capacity 650 kg; GVM 1 200 kg **Price** Cheeky Lite R120 000; Cheeky R135 000 (fully equipped R180 000)

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Invader shows off its baby

Oldie but a goldie

Land Rover is synonymous with adventures, worldwide. And among all the Landies ever made, the classic older generations – the Series 1, 2 and 3 – are arguably the most respected.

The Land Rover Classic appreciation group (they are far more than just a fan club) will present a get together from Friday, 5 April to Sunday, 7 April 2019 at the Rust de Winter All-Wheel Drive Club's 4x4 trail in Limpopo. This get together celebrates the original Land Rover Series and is hosted by LRclassic.com and sponsored by Leimer's Land Rover.

Owners will camp next to their Landies on the club's grounds and they must supply their own camping gear. They will also participate in various activities designed to test the abilities of both human and machine.

Activities will include: a 4x4 challenge (but not too difficult) for older, leaf-sprung Landies, a fun competition for co-drivers and a crank start challenge. The latter will be a timed event to see who can manually get their vehicles going the fastest. There will also be radio-controlled 4x4 models, a Concours d'Elegance, parts and products exhibitions and appraisals. A bring-and-braai will be held on Saturday, but if you don't fancy preparing your own food, there will be food tents and a beer garden. You can bring the kids as there will be a play area and a swimming pool.

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Cool, cooler, Koleos

The success of its Duster has prompted French vehicle manufacturer Renault to now locally launch the Koleos, its largest and most luxurious sports utility vehicle. Pierre Steyn took the 4x4 model for a long, wet drive through the Magaliesberg.



RENAULT KOLEOS

The original Renault Koleos, which started selling here more than a decade ago, was basically a Renault Scenic family bus that was jacked up with four-wheel drive and thick plastic panels to protect its bodywork from scratches. Renault didn't sell many of them and the model later died a quiet death. But the people who did own one, sang its praises – a bit like members of a cult who don't want to admit their leader may not quite be as saintly as he makes out to be.

Now, somewhat out of the blue, there's a new Koleos for sale... and it's a beauty that shares more than just a resemblance with the very capable Nissan X-Trail.

Outside

The Koleos finds itself in a competitive segment where it has to fight the likes of the Volkswagen Tiguan, Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Hyundai Tucson. It will need

a few trump cards if it wants to make an impression. One such trump card is its size. The other is its appearance.

The Frenchman is taller, wider and at least as long as its rivals, and this, coupled with the futuristic design based on the extravagant Renault Megane, provides an impressive presence on the road. The designers were not ashamed to use LEDs, razor-sharp lines and swirling chrome finishes to give the vehicle attitude.

Inside

The size of the car doesn't only make an impression on the outside, it also means there's plenty of space inside. You'd think the Koleos is big enough to accommodate seven seats, but the fact that there is only room for five people also has its benefits. Because these five have ample leg, head and elbow space, plus there is 464 ℓ cargo space that stretches to more than 1 794 ℓ when

the rear seats are folded flat.

Typical for the French, there is a host of other storage spaces in front and at the back for items such as a bottle of water or cooldrink, your sunglasses and a power bank, and, yes, a packet of biltong.

We drove the top-of-the-range model, the Koleos Dynamique 4x4 (R479 900), and the price includes satellite navigation and electrically adjustable leather seats. Even in the cheapest Expression 4x2 (R399 900), satnav and digital instrumentation come standard. Connectivity tools such as Apple Car Play and Android Auto that allow your phone to link with the car are present.

If you look hard enough, you'll find rigid plastic, but the dominant impression is one of a car with neat finishes.

Under the bonnet

In an effort to keep things as simple (and therefore as inexpensive) as possible, there

is only one engine available in the Koleos range sold in South Africa. It's a 2.5 l petrol engine with 126 kW and 233 Nm of torque. You're not going to win speed or towing races with those numbers in such a big car, but if a comfortable ride is more important to you than speed, this won't bother you. And hopefully the CVT transmission won't bother you either, because those who like to put foot when overtaking a lorry, the noise of the revs (and the absence of acceleration) will probably be annoyed.

How does it drive?

With the focus on convenience rather than performance, the ride quality is good. You

can choose to turn on full-time four-wheel drive with the push of a button (it only works when your speed is less than 40 km/h), or on a long drive you can put it in 4x2 if you just want drive in the front wheels. It saves fuel. Best of all, leave it in Auto mode so the car's computer can decide which wheels need what amount of torque.

The Koleos is not a true off-roader, but its belly sits 210 mm above the ground and its approach angle of 19° and departure angle of 26° are not to be scoffed at. During our test drive in the Magaliesberg, it came down in buckets from morning till late afternoon and the dirt roads were muddy and slippery. The Koleos just kept on going without trouble.

The Koleos shares a chassis and a great deal of technology with Nissan's X-Trail, and this is a vehicle nobody would look down on.

Conclusion

The new Koleos is way ahead of its donor, and along with a new generation of Duster, Captur, Clio and Megane, it's clear proof of how much Renault has improved over the past decade. Apart from the CVT transmission, which doesn't appeal to us, there is little to fault in the Koleos 4x4. However, the cheaper 4x2 model is likely to be the better buy for those simply looking for a large, no-thrills, attractive, affordable and comfortable SUV.



SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Renault Koleos Dynamique 4x4
Engine	2 488 cc four cylinder petrol
Power	126 kW @ 6,000 rpm
Torque	233 Nm @ 4,000 rpm
Gearbox	7-speed shift gearbox (CVT)
Top speed	199 km/h
Fuel consumption	8.3 l/100 km
Tare weight	1 565 kg
Approach and departure angles	19° and 26°
Ground clearance	210 mm
Towing weight (braked)	1 500 kg
Towing weight (unbraked)	750 kg
Safety rating	★★★★★ (ANCAP, 2017)
Price	R479 900



BUILT FOR COMFORT. The Koleos features striking styling in line with Renault's latest design language. The cabin also bears similarities with the Megane hatch, such as the digital instrument cluster that is standard across the range.



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A Subaru shines the spotlight on you

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SUBARU FORESTER



TAKE A PASS. Its sharp handling and sure-footed all-wheel drive enables the Forester to make short work of any gravel mountain pass.

Ringo Starr of the Beatles is not generally regarded as the best drummer in the world – a joke goes that he wasn't even the best drummer in the Beatles. But Ringo's self-control and his feel for music made him the ideal musician for his rock band.

This is also the case with the Subaru Forester. At first glance, it is a bland candidate as sports utility vehicles go; some people even deride its appearance, but live with one for a while and you'll find it places the emphasis on you rather than on itself – just like Ringo did for John, George and Paul.

So what's new?

It's been 22 years since the Subaru Forester first came to South Africa, and the recipe has remained relatively unchanged over the years. For example, the average man on the street will not be able to point out the difference between this 2019 model and one from the fourth generation. It's only when you park old and new side by side that the changes become apparent.

In front, things look more or less the same. Everything is indeed new, but it's really just the bigger fog lights and shiny grille that catches the eye. At the back, it is the same story with just the brake lights that have changed significantly.

In terms of dimensions, the Forester is now 30 mm longer, 20 mm wider and the roof 5 mm lower than before. The bigger body helps the luggage space to grow from 488 ℓ to 520 ℓ – this is an important upgrade because some Subaru fans in the past opted for an Outback precisely because the previous Forester's loading bay was relatively small.

Unlike the outside, the interior looks substantially different. The redesigned centre console with modern instrumentation is the most striking. Smartphone connectivity is achieved through Apple and Google apps.

Behind the wheel

We travelled through the Klein Karoo and the Overberg area for four days, mostly on gravel roads. During our trip we encountered sand and mud – and nothing was too challenging for the Forester.

This is obviously not a serious off-road vehicle, but if a bulldozer cleared a way, a Forester will be able to drive on it, even if it's been years since the road was last graded.

The latest Forester's X Mode symmetrical all-wheel drive has also been improved with two extra ride modes in the tin brain: snow/sand and snow/mud. The latter promises to wrestle you out of deep snow or mud, but unfortunately we couldn't find any significant mud on our test drive. We did find shale, and the Forester handled it with aplomb.

We don't like CVT gearboxes, but Subaru's Lineartronic CVT is the best of the worst. Along with a four-cylinder boxer engine, it delivers acceptable acceleration. Don't expect fireworks, because this gearbox combination compares to Ringo Starr's basic



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drumming in *Ticket to Ride*.

We do have to praise the new boxer engine's fuel consumption. The alleged 7,6 ℓ/100 km (we can confirm it) is 13% better than the previous Forester managed.

Robo-eyes

The outgoing Forester received five stars (out of five) in the stringent EuroNCAP crash test, and the newcomer is made even safer. The 2.0i base model doesn't have many electronic safety systems, but if you take the premium models (2.0i-L and 2.0i-S), you'll get Subaru's EyeSight technology.

It took Subaru 30 years to develop their EyeSight system, and the latest version has two colour cameras – one on each side of the rear-view mirror – that watch the road 110 m in front of you. The EyeSight computer brain can distinguish >

DRIVING IMPRESSION



ITS NOT INSIDE IT'S ON TOP. The interior trim is of excellent quality, but it is stately, like the album art of *Abbey Road* and certainly not the cheerful and brightly coloured *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.



between cars, bicycles, pedestrians and animals – and warn you if any of these pose a danger. The system will automatically brake if you don't respond to the alerts, brake if you

reverse when there's someone behind you, warn you if you accidentally drift out of your lane and maintain a safe distance between you and the car in front of you.

EyeSight will also watch the vehicle in front of you at a traffic light. If the light turns green and the car pulls away while you daydream, a tune will focus your attention.

In addition to the EyeSight system, there are also the usual anti-lock brakes, electronic brake distribution and traction control

that are available in all Subaru. The new Forester has seven airbags and the engine with its gearbox is designed to slide under the vehicle during a head-on collision.

Subaru not only allows the above-mentioned gadgets to keep you safe; You also play an important role: the new Forester's pillars are narrower and the window panes larger than before so that you can see better around you. The side mirrors adjust downward when you reverse so you can keep an eye on obstacles near to you.

Conclusion

Like Ringo Starr, the Forester hits every note. It's not a wild John Bonham who loses himself in a drum solo while the other members of Led Zeppelin look on bemused. Its also no Keith Moon who thinks his drum kit is the main instrument of The Who.

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Where *elephants* roam





Where do you go when you want to squeeze beaches, forests, mountains, gorges, rivers and wild animals into one holiday? We draw a line between Knysna, the Baviaanskloof and Addo, and discover some more treasures in-between.

Text and photos Evan Naude

The Knysna forest, Baviaanskloof and the area around Addo are all holiday destinations in their own right. These regions are incredibly rich in history as well as plant and animal life, but

there are some spectacular gravel roads that link them, and in-between there are also a number of hidden treasures few people know about. We went exploring this corner of the country for a week with Bhejane 4x4 Adventures. >



Through ancient forests

The tour group meets on a slightly breezy afternoon at a beach house in Buffalo Bay. Our tour leader is Douwe Vlok from Beaufort West, in the Karoo. His right hand man, Vermaak Senosi from Zeerust, has an equally important role as chef for the tour group. The rest of the group consist of Elsa and Abré Roux from Caledon, Izak and Christine Loftus from Somerset West, and Ilsa Cheiman, a seasoned solo traveller from Johannesburg. And, bringing up the rear, a journalist from Cape Town.

We spend two nights at Buffalo Bay and get up early the next morning as a full day's exploration of the Knysna Forest awaits. You can easily spend months off-roading in this dense forest, but today, Douwe takes us to a section few people see. Bhejane has a special concession for Petrus se Brand – a dirt road that winds its way northwards from the N2 through pristine forests to the Prince Alfred Pass just past the Diepwalle forestry station. We immediately get wrapped up in dense green undergrowth. Douwe stops every now and again, pointing out something noteworthy or sharing an interesting titbit, because the history of this area is equally rich. "Just look at the slopes here," he says at one point. "Just think how difficult it was for the woodcutters of that age to drag trees out of here with oxen."

During the course of the morning we also drive past "islands" in the forest: openings at the top of the hills where vegetation is less dense and the landscape gets a little sun. These areas were the preferred camping grounds for the woodcutters, who, of course, received little vitamin D in the dark forest. Douwe also shows us the turnoff to Fisantehoek, where there is an overnight hut for the Outeniqua hiking trail. Shortly afterwards we drive past the spot where the MacFarlane family crashed in a helicopter in 1999. It goes to show exactly how dense, unspoilt and unseen certain parts of the Knysna forest still are, that the remains of the helicopter and the MacFarlane family were only found in 2006 – seven years after the tragedy.

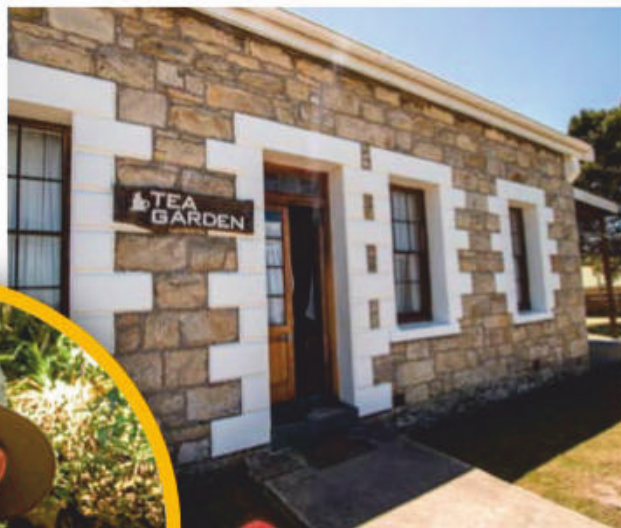
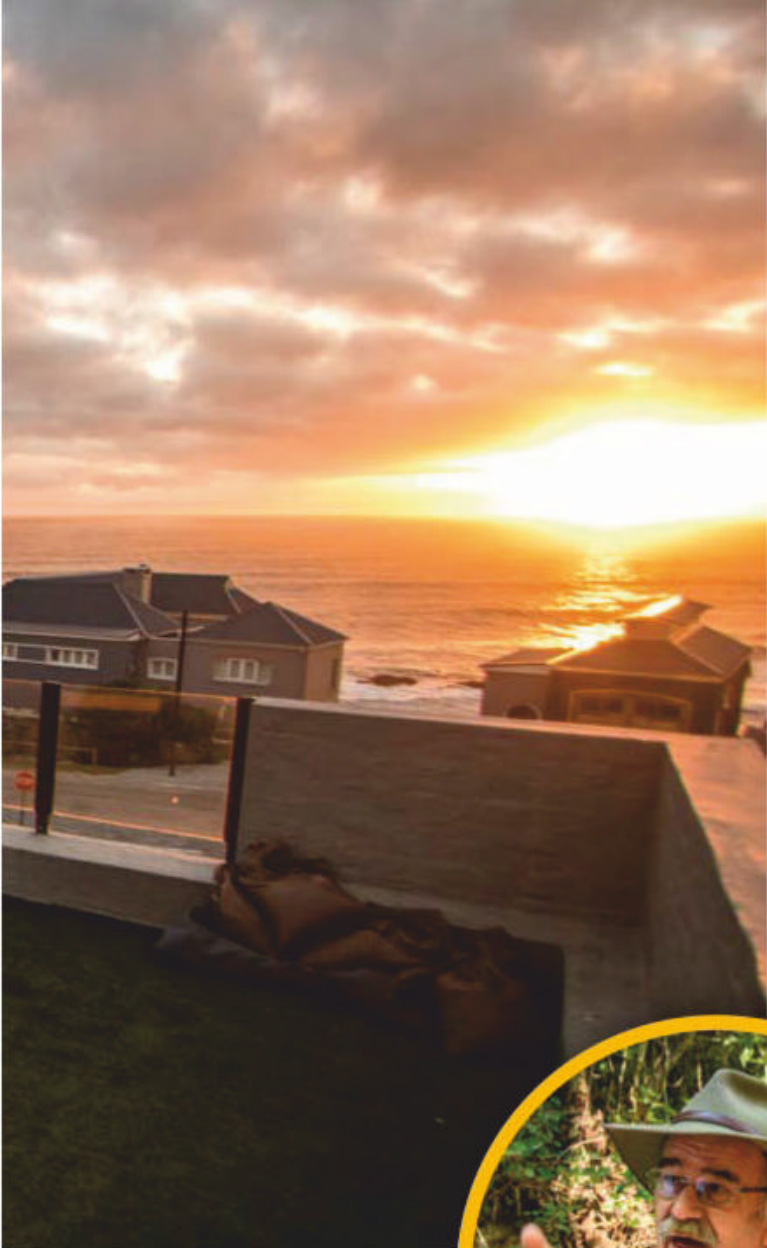
Where are the ellies?

Lunch is freshly baked savoury vetkoek and homemade ginger beer at the Diepwalle Tea Garden. Next door is a small nursery where you can buy

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UNSPOILT BY MAN. The adventure kicks off in the Knysna Forest, which has largely remained unseen thanks to its density and protected status. At the Diepwalle Tea Garden, you can purchase seedlings of indigenous trees from the nursery so that you can take a bit of the forest home with you and plant it in your garden. There are always rumours about how many elephants remain in the forest, though sightings are rare.





seedlings of indigenous trees so you can grow a piece of the Knysna forest in your own garden. There is another Outeniqua hiking trail

hut here and a Forest Legends museum, where a full elephant skeleton is the impressive main exhibition.

We get talking about the Knysna elephants. Just this morning there were news reports saying SANParks believed there to be only one elephant cow left in the forest. "In his elephant book, *The Secret Elephants*, Gareth Patterson estimates there are five cows," Elsa says. Douwe has also heard many other stories from residents in the area. "The forest workers will tell me an elephant chased them yesterday, but at the same time the parks board will say the elephant was also somewhere else. So, who knows?" says Douwe. Nevertheless, we keep our eyes and ears peeled, because maybe we can solve the mystery once and for all today.

After lunch, we stop at the 600-year-old King Edward VII Tree, also known as the Diepwalle Great Tree, where British MPs had a braai in 1924. We also check out the San Ambroso chapel, the worship site for 32 Italian immigrants who were brought to Knysna in the late 19th century to establish a silkworm industry.

Ultimately, the Kom se Pad road rewards us with incredible views as we head past the Simola Golf Estate to the N2 to get back to Buffalo Bay.

The mother of all mountain passes

The next morning, we drive on the N2 through Knysna, turn off on the R339 and head north towards Uniondale over the Prince Alfred Pass. This nearly 70 km long mountain pass is considered by many as Thomas Bain's masterpiece, and it's clear why. The dirt road climbs sharply with a multitude of hairpin turns – some around blind corners where the rocky outcrops rise high above your vehicle. And sometimes it's just a single track with an impressively steep cliff right outside your window. The views, however, are spectacular, and you wonder if these at least lifted the workers' spirits the way they do yours when driving here.

We stop at the viewpoint at Spitskop (get an access permit at the Diepwalle Forest Station beforehand) and buy drinks at the Plaaskind farm stall opposite Angie's G-Spot Bar, before finally driving over the crest of the pass (1 040 m). Stop for a few Instagram shots... just to make the folks back home jealous.

At Uniondale we find the last piece of shade for a good few kilometres, so we pull over for lunch. The landscape >

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The Baviaanskloof brings a quietness to your mind and our convoy progresses calmly down the road.



BUCKET-LIST STUFF. The Baviaanskloof is a must-see if you're into exploring long gravel roads with the occasional gorge and jaw-dropping vistas all around. The landscape here is unique and the mountains are marked by creases, folds and wrinkles. They may appear ancient but they are freshly made in geological terms.



already changed dramatically as we drove from the coast through dense forests and fynbos-covered mountain passes, but the metamorphosis is not over yet, as we are now in the Klein Karoo and the unique landscape of the Baviaanskloof is just around the bend.

Through the Cape Fold Mountains

About 12 km north of Uniondale, we turn east onto a dirt road that joins the R332 about 50 km later – this is the road that runs through the Baviaanskloof to Patensie. At the top of the Nuwekloof Pass is an information sign that welcomes you in the Baviaanskloof and the descent down the pass is picturesque. At the bottom, on a sharp bend, there's a high stone wall called Raaskrans. When you shout or whistle here, the stone cliffs answer in a thunderous echo.

Our destination for the evening is

Kamerkloof, another 40 km further on. The Baviaanskloof brings a quietness to your mind and our convoy progresses calmly down the road. Besides, there is a lot to see here. The geology is special and the mountains are full of folds and wrinkles, as if a heavenly being wiped its feet here and crumpled the landscape.

At Kamerkloof, you'll find the Landhuis, built somewhere before 1850, on the edge of an olive grove with a wide veranda that looks towards the mountains. Suddenly it feels as if we are far from civilisation, and it is wonderful. At sunset, the sky becomes a kaleidoscope of orange, red, pink and gold. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of swallows flash back and forth over our heads as they pick out invisible insects from the air for dinner. And

then, when the sun disappears, the Milky Way shines like a jeweled rainbow in a moonless night sky.

Gorgeous gorges

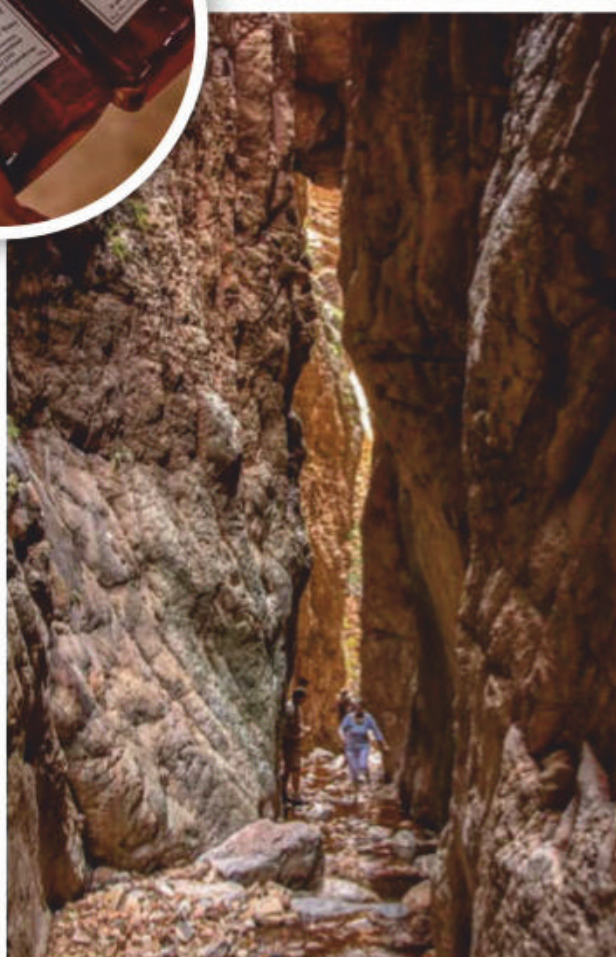
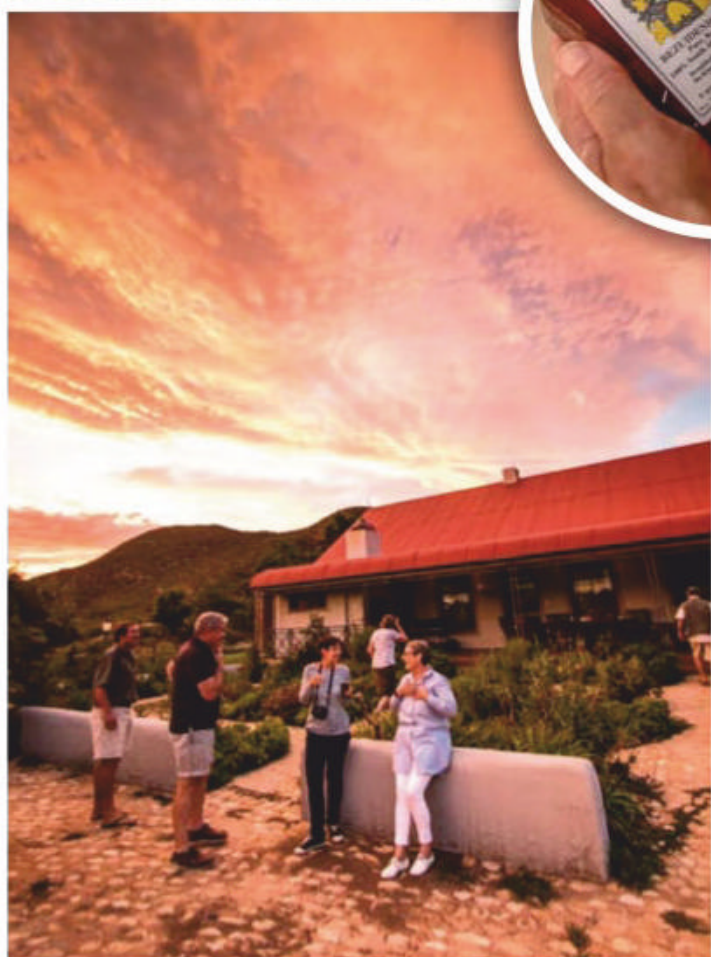
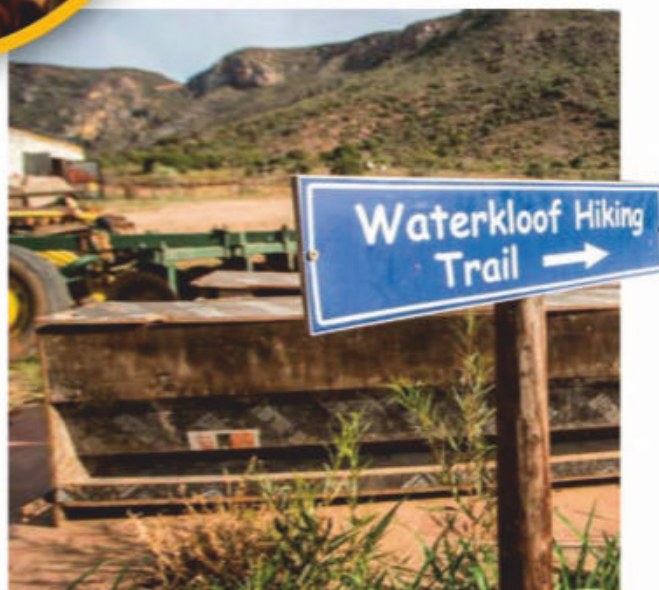
The Baviaanskloof is full of hidden treasures that could keep you occupied for weeks. Just about every farm boasts one or more gorges, or canyons, that in places gets so narrow, you can touch both sides when walking with your arms outstretched. Kamerkloof has two hiking trails traversing such slot canyons: Damsekloof and Voetpadsekloof. But the best-known of all is the Waterkloof hiking trail on the farm Bo-Kloof.

We go check it out the next morning. The trail is only about 3 km long and takes 90 minutes to complete, but you could easily spend the whole day here. A small river calmly flows through





LACE UP YOUR BOOTS. There are canyons on just about every farm in this area of the Baviaans. Many form part of hiking trails that are fairly short, but breathtaking. One such trail is the famous Waterkloof hike – it takes only 90 minutes to complete.



the narrow gorge (if it has rained heavily, it's a different story) and accompanied with the shade from the cliffs, this is a delightful oasis to escape the heat of a blisteringly hot day.

The deeper you walk into the canyon, the more beautiful it becomes. The narrow rocky corridor, illuminated from above in a warm glow, leads to openings where colossal sycamore trees grow with twisting roots among wild ferns. If you're lucky and the arum lilies are blooming, the green carpet at the bottom of the gorge is full of white splashes.

Some way further down the road, we stop at the Sewefontein Community Farm and are welcomed by passionate guide Patrick Ruiters. As the name suggests, this farm is full of natural freshwater sources and Patrick shows us one specific borehole. "This water has been running since 1937, without pumps or any assistance," he says with a broad smile. >

5 GREAT STOPS

DALENE MATTHEE MEMORIAL

The famous author of *Circles in a Forest*, *Fie!a's Child* and *The Mulberry Forest* often came to the forests of Krisjan-se-Nek for inspiration. A memorial was erected under a large 800-year-old yellowwood tree. There is a great picnic spot with places to braai and a 3 km or 9 km circular hiking trail through the forest.

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DIEPWALLE TEA GARDEN

This coffee shop is run by the local Diepwalle community. On the menu are breakfasts, light meals such as toasted sandwiches with chips, drinks and sweet stuff including cakes and tarts. But the best items to order are vetkoek and ginger beer. Check out the Forest Legends Museum next door for a look at the heady forestry days of yesteryear and an exhibition of a life-sized Knysna elephant skeleton.

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Stretch your legs when braving the twists of the Prince Alfred's Pass and stop here for a soft drink or coffee, home-made eats, drinks and homeware, pure honey and even antiques.

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MOO FARM STALL

Against a wall inside the farm stall is a photo of farmer Rolf Clotz's production team: a group of cows with names including Bessie, Duracell and Rosebud. Their product is available in a variety of delicious cheeses, as fresh from the farm as you can get. You can also buy fresh milk, jams and sweets here.

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METAL DETECTOR MUSEUM

Be thankful for Lukas van der Merwe's love for metal detectors, as this has led to an impressive exhibition at this museum on his farm Middelwater in the Elands River Valley. Go and see all kinds of treasures, from false teeth to golden pounds, discovered by Lukas and his club members at historic Anglo-Boer War battle sites, beaches and even overseas. If you get hungry, definitely order their homemade roosterkoek.

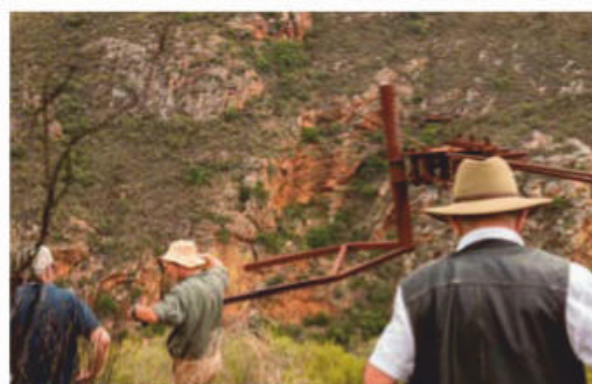
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WHERE THE RIVER FLOWS. Ancient wild fig forests and natural freshwater sources are the order of the day at Sewefontein Community Farm. The toughest section of the Baviaanskloof lay ahead, especially because it had rained heavily just days before and some sections of road were flooded – water crossings were therefore inescapable.



The water runs strong and bright, as if coming from the mouth of a massive tap.

Patrick leads us to a wild fig forest where a boardwalk weaves through ancient wild fig trees. “Some of these trees are more than 500 years old,” Patrick tells us. “There is also a fountain called Witfontein here.”

We return to Kamerkloof early in the afternoon. Some of us go walking, others read a book on the veranda or go looking for a farm dam. After all, it’s good to just relax, especially as we have a big day ahead of us tomorrow...

To the water we go!

The next morning, we have an extra portion of porridge for breakfast and we drink our coffee black because today we face the toughest driving yet. Between us and the top of the gorge lies the so-called “4x4 section” of the Baviaanskloof. Also, it rained heavily last week and we heard some of the roads had been flooded.

“I went to find out yesterday and they say the road is open. Let’s go and see,” says Douwe as we leave. At the park gate, the staff also gives us the green light and it’s not long before the bushes grow thick and high around us as the gorge and the road get ever narrower.

Our first stop is at Geelhoutbos, a self-catering house next to a river about 3 km from the main road. Douwe explains that Geelhoutbos is not open to day visitors, so when you stay here, you have the whole place to yourself. In fact, Bhejane 4x4 Adventures had to get special permission from SANParks for our quick visit. “Can you imagine how lovely it would be to stay here? I just had to show you.”

Back on the main route eastwards we get our first long water crossing. As far as we can see, the road is just water until it disappears around a bend. Douwe goes first, and as soon as his bakkie disappears around the corner, he says, “No it’s fine, you can come. The water is shallow and the ground is hard.” So far, so good.

The Grasnek Pass is the first of the Baviaanskloof’s big three. The road is narrow and the views wide. On the side, near the Smitskraal Rest Camp, we hit water again. Douwe again drives ahead and again he disappears around the corner, but this time the water is much deeper. He gets out and goes to stand at the bend, radio in hand. “Shift to low-range... second gear,” he tells us over >

the radio and guides the convoy one by one with instructions such as “Watch out for that hole there, just keep left!” The water pushes over the vehicles’ number plates and touches the headlights, but everybody finally gets to the other side. We stop for a photo and a high five.

After lunch at Rooihoek we tackle the Holgat Pass and stop at the top to look at the remains of a cableway one Winston le Roux, a local farmer, built himself in 1967. This contraption spans 410 m across a gorge and in its day, could transport a total of 5 tonnes of goods between Le Roux’s farms in a mere 12 minutes. The alternative was a detour that would take a truck more than three hours.

By late afternoon, the Combrinck Pass eventually takes us to the park’s eastern gate and we bid farewell to the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve. Just beyond the gate we turn in to Kudu Khaya, and by the time we’ve washed away the adrenaline of the day, a little bit of rain starts falling. It doesn’t bother us much, because we’ve already overcome the infamous river crossings of the magnificent Baviaanskloof.

Cheese, treasure hunts and elephants

The next night’s destination is the Matyholweni Rest Camp in the Addo Elephant National Park. With the tar road through Patensie and Uitenhage you could

cover the distance in under three hours, but we have time and, besides, there are more interesting dirt roads to drive.

The mist lies thick as we leave the following morning. Just under 5 km before Patensie, we head north on the Elands River Valley gravel road which curves south-east to just outside Uitenhage. The road rises, but the world around us remains a monotonous white vapour. “It’s a pity we can’t see,” says Douwe over the radio, “because there are incredibly deep gorges next to us.”

The rain follows us down into the valley. We stop at the Moo Farm Stall on the farm Melkhoutboom where the owner, Rolf Clotz, makes a variety of cheeses.

“
And then we meet the elephants,
the stately masters of this part
of the world.”





MISTS OF TIME.
As the convoy were transported to the Addo National Park, the thick white mist rendered the landscape almost invisible (above). Lukas van der Merwe's impressive metal detector hobby has uncovered relics from the Anglo-Boer War.



A little further down the road, we head for lunch at Mount Ingwe where we are welcomed by Lukas van der Merwe. Lukas shows us his metal-detector museum. What started out as a hobby in his younger days has grown into an unquenchable love of treasure hunting and an in-depth knowledge of the history behind every discovery. "Every object has a story," Lukas says. "For example, we were able to return someone's lost ring to them 58 years later!"

At Uitenhage there's more heavy rainfall and we start wondering how we will spend the last night of the tour in Addo. Nevertheless, we are hopeful and take a shortcut on a farm road between the R75 and the R342 to the village of Addo. Soon we are through the park gate.

Our accommodation at Matyholweni is in the south of the park, so we turn our journey there into a game drive. For the first hour or two, the weather stays iffy and the animals are shy. Then, about an hour before sunset, the clouds suddenly open and a warm glow descends over the spekboom-covered landscape. Flocks of red hartebeest appear from the bush while zebras graze both sides of the road. A warthog quickens her pace to keep her family together.

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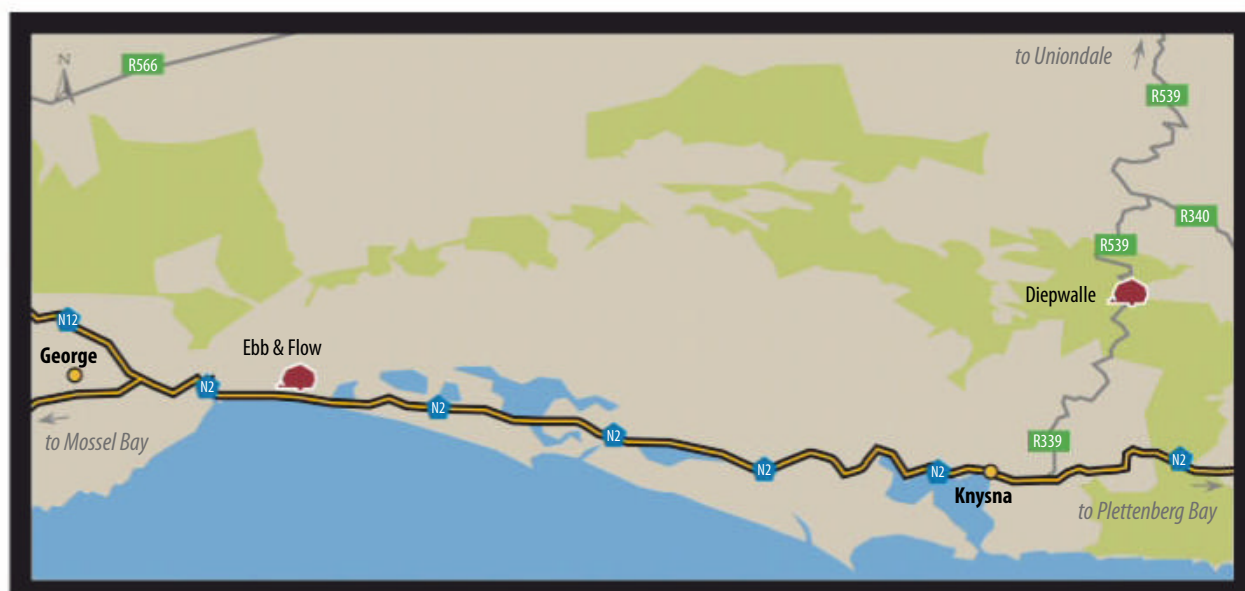
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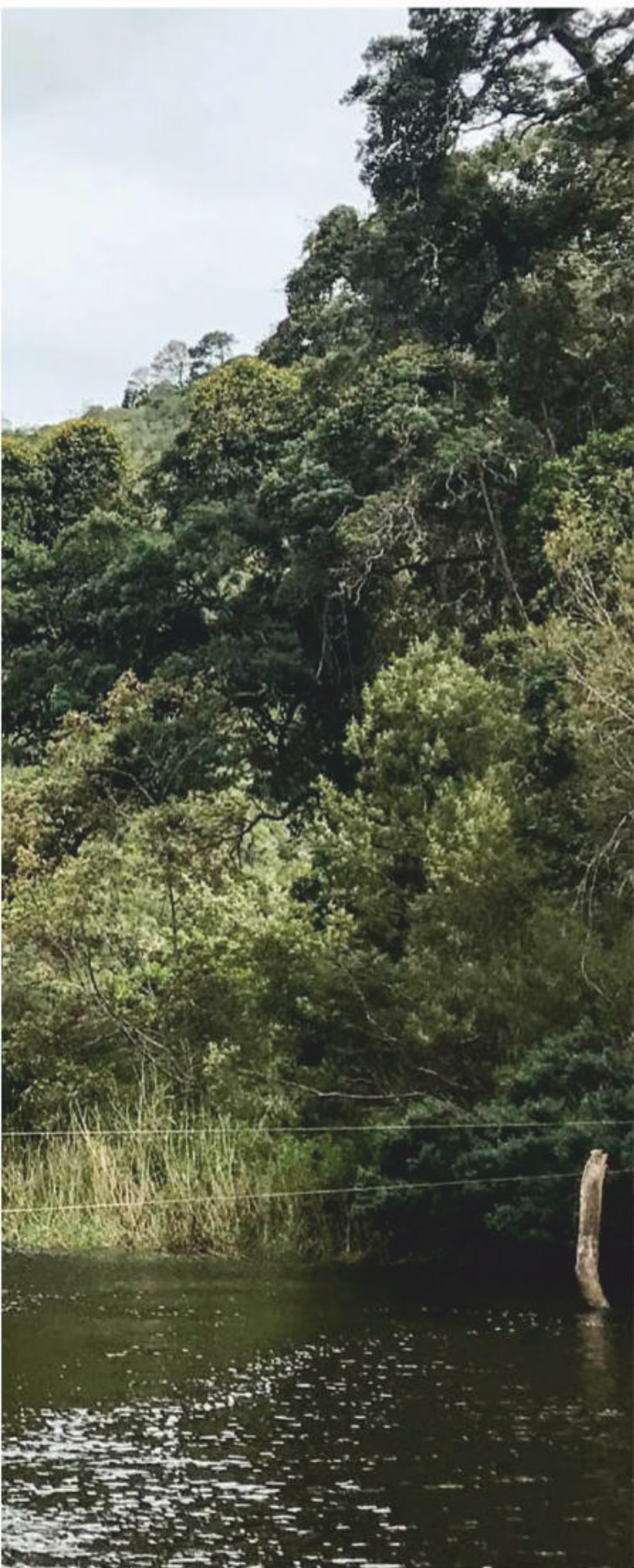
Camping in the Garden Route National Park? You get to choose between stands by the riverside, lakes, forests, rocks or right by the sea where the waves break.

Text and photos Liana Mocke



There are heaps of action-packed activities in this part of the Cape, which means you don't just stay put on your camping chair. No, you come here for a camping holiday loaded with outdoor activities and exceptional scenery.

We camped at two campsites in SANParks' Garden Route National Park. The Wilderness section of the park stretches from the Touws River estuary in Wilderness to the Swartvlei estuary outside Sedgefield.



EBB & FLOW'S SOUTH CAMP Gated community

Before you can pitch camp and the kids jump into the warm (and salty) river water, you must first report to the main building. This is the thatched building on the right as you enter the campsite on the paved road from the gate. There's plenty of parking space for cars in front of the building, and a little further away is space for those towing caravans.

You sign in and get a permit that you have to show for the rest of your stay if you want to enter or exit at one of the two gates. The second gate is to the north of the campsite and gives you access to the northern camp. It's also an alternative road to and from Wilderness, but it's not a road that you'd drive while towing a caravan. In places there are sharp bends and sometimes you also have to wait for oncoming traffic. What's more, it's a popular road with runners and cyclists; so you have to drive carefully and not speed around bends.

While one of the parents completes the administration, the rest of the family can visit the information boards in the parking lot. Here you'll find pictures and sketches that will teach you much about nature, the emergence of wetlands and the history of this environment. You can also see which birds and animals can be found here.

What neither campsite has is a shop, even if it's just to buy ice, wood and ice cream on hot days. Fortunately, Wilderness is literally just a short hop away for shopping, walking and Italian ice cream.

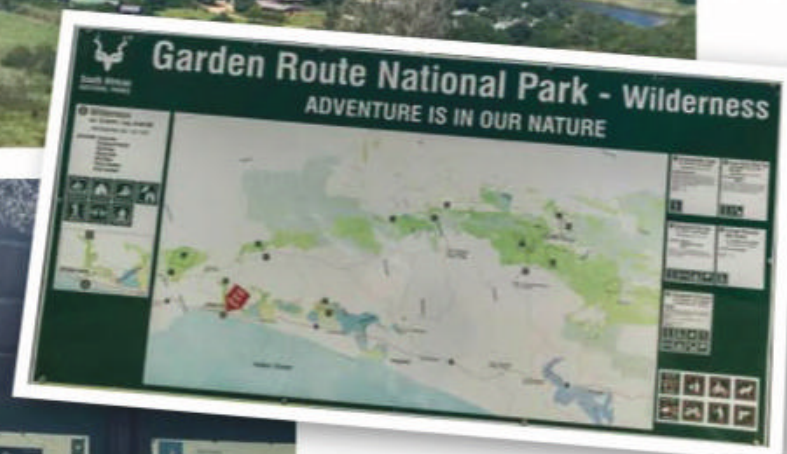
Decisions, decisions...

Ebb & Flow, like other SANParks campsites, doesn't allocate you a specific stand when booking. What you do need to book, though, is whether you want to pitch camp in the north or the south camp. You also choose a stand with or >



Ebb & Flow lies snugly along the Touws River between Wilderness and Hoekwil, and consists of two camps – the north and south camps – with an old train bridge separating the two.

Diepwalle is in the Knysna side of the park, and although you can only camp here with a tent, it should still be on your bucket list. Here you sleep in a forest on your own private deck. It's a tiny campsite without bells and whistles, but the Knysna Forest and various activities are its major attractions.



LEARN SOMETHING. At the office, there are information boards and maps about the environment, fauna and flora you'll see here and all sorts of outdoor activities.

without a view (the stands on the river are sought after and therefore also more expensive) and whether you want power or would rather pack your solar panel. The stands without power or views are the cheapest.

In the south camp, where we parked our off-road trailer, many stands are laid out on the banks of the Touws River. This campsite is large and quite busy compared to the smaller but newer north camp, which is narrowly laid out between the river bank and nearby cliffs, where baboons play and run around.

But be warned: Ebb & Flow is very popular over holidays and long weekends, and you will have to act quickly if you want to camp here in school holidays.

You get a resort map at the front desk and the staff show you which stands are still available. So, come early to get the best spots.

The south camp is a large campsite with 78 stands and various chalets and log cabins. It's a busy camp that teems with kids on bikes and teenagers walking around at night, but at 10pm the noise must be muted. The staff also actively controls noise levels.

There are more than 20 stands on the river and a gravel road separates the river stands from the others. Also, don't try to take chances and park your caravan next to the river if you haven't booked a stand with a view.

Rangers volunteer on holidays and help the SANParks staff with tasks, such as making sure everyone camps where they should. By the way, the rangers and SANParks staff at Ebb & Flow are exceptionally friendly and helpful. There is a lot of greeting and waving throughout the day.

As you drive past the main building, the road forks. Right takes you to the back of the camp past the chalets and stands without power, but also to the second gate and the winding road to Wilderness.

The road to the campsite veers slightly left with the log cabins on your left and with the campsites, clearly marked, stretched out in front of you. This road branches into smaller paths to the stands. There's a lot of traffic on these dirt roads, and if it would bother you to have tricycles, cars and pedestrians frequently pass by, you should try to get



one of the riverside stands. The Egyptian geese start making a racket early in the morning, and you may well start your day slightly earlier than you'd planned.

There's a large patch of land covered with grass, and on the large open strips between the stands and bathrooms there's enough space to park your vehicle. The open sections of field also make wonderful playgrounds for kids.

There are plenty of stands with little to no shade, so pack your shade nets, gazebo and reflector sheet, especially as you don't know beforehand whether you'll be camping in the shade of one of the yellowwood trees. Don't forget the wind breaks and storm pegs – remember, you're camping very close to the sea and the weather can become turbulent here. And, because you're so close to your neighbour that you can judge each other's potjiekos flavours, a wind break at the edge of your stand will provide more privacy.

If you've booked a stand with electricity, pack a blue caravan plug and extension cord in case the power point is some distance from your camp kitchen.

NO WORK AND ALL PLAY. Ebb & Flow has plenty of room for camping, playing, parking and relaxing. Pack your mountain bike (opposite bottom right) and throw a frisbee while you wait for your coals to reach optimum temperature.

Also, bring some buckets as you share a tap with several stands and some are a bit of a walk from the nearest tap. You have a round steel braai at your stand, but it's wise to also pack your portable aluminum braai if you plan to braai a whole Christmas lunch over the coals.

Not all the stands have their own garbage bins, but you don't have to go far to get to the nearest one. The garbage bins and braais are emptied every day.

The eternal river

There's no swimming pool here, but the river is the main source of entertainment and water games. You will also not hear the roar of motorboats here, because only battery-powered boats are allowed – and for those you must get a permit from the reception desk.



GO FISH. You camp so close to the water that you can sit under your caravan's rally tent and cast from your camping chair with ease. The facilities are very well maintained and if something breaks it is soon repaired.





From early morning to late afternoon one hears people's movements and chats on the river. Throughout the day, the water swarms with kayaks and canoes. Children float around on tractor tubes, inflated flamingos and surfboards, while anglers try to hook a fish in-between all this. You get fresh and marine fish here, but make sure you have your fishing permit with you.

Pack a picnic basket early morning and head upriver in a canoe, past the train bridge, deeper into the forest. Find a spot on the shore where you can stretch out for a few hours. There are also picnic spots with tables and chairs for lunches.

And there's no need to fret about the kayak that had to be left behind because of a space issue. They've got kayaks and canoes to rent, as well as those stand-up paddle boards, Enquire at the picnic spot for day visitors. Incidentally, this picnic spot won't interfere with your privacy; It's quite a distance from the campsite.

Into the wild

Remember your hiking shoes and tackle the Half-Collared Kingfisher hiking trail. It starts just outside the campsite, across from the water purification plant. You need a permit for the route, but you can also use your Ebb & Flow camping permit here.

The route starts near the train bridge and is about 7 km long (there and back). The smell of wet leaves, bark and soil is refreshing. Watch out for the timid Knysna loerie that may swoop past unexpectedly and listen out for the call of the fish eagles who've made this their home.

A highlight of the trail is the pont with



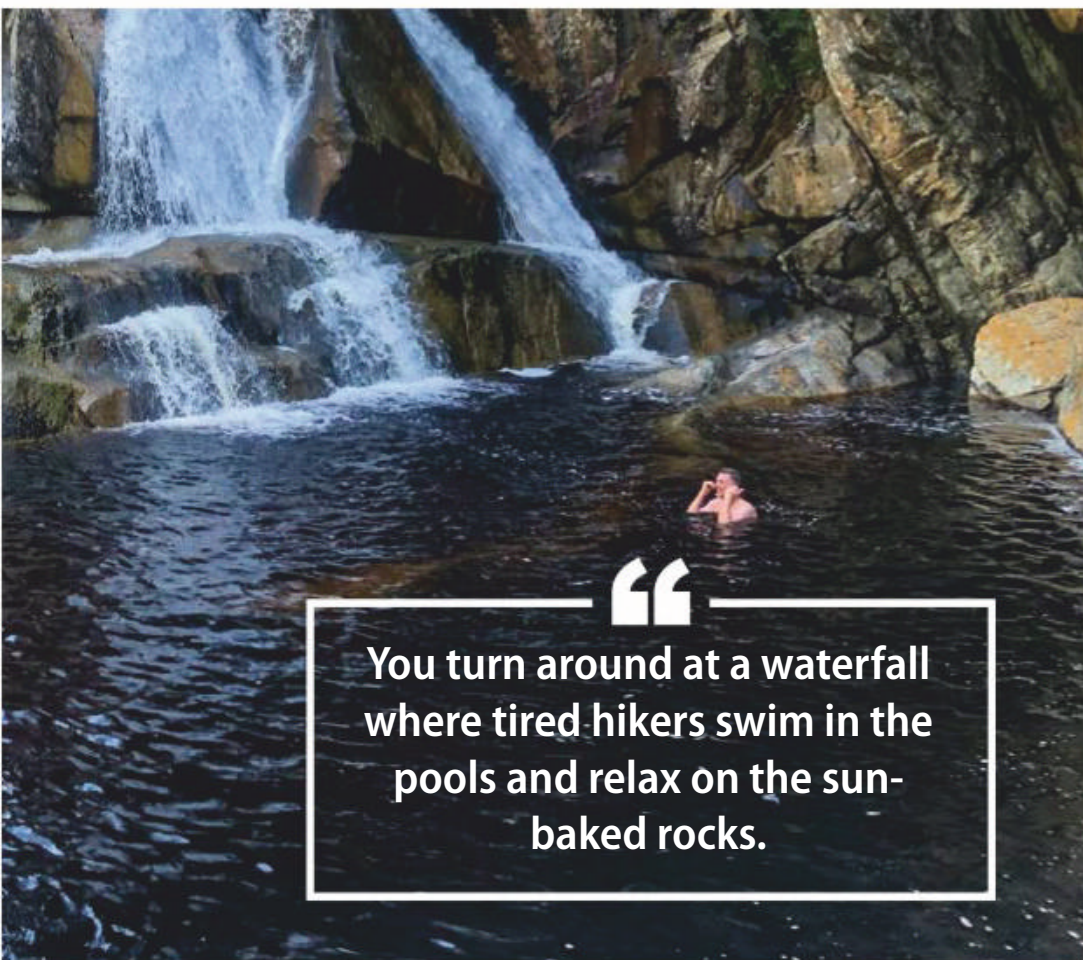
which hikers can pull themselves across the river – you don't have to use it as the river here is very shallow and you could just walk or row. You turn around at a waterfall where tired hikers swim in the pools and relax on the sun-baked rocks. Do take a picnic – it's lovely to spend an hour or so here.

Just remember that sections of the trail can be challenging. Fortunately, there are wooden walkways, stairs and stone paths where things could get tricky. We did the route with many families with small children.

To the beach!

Wilderness beach is not within walking distance of the campsite, but you'll regret not spending a few days here. There are four designated areas on the beach where you may swim and where there





“ You turn around at a waterfall where tired hikers swim in the pools and relax on the sun-baked rocks.



FEATHERED FRIENDS . The area is teeming with birdlife, including the Knysna Loerie. There are five other species to be found here, including the malachite kingfisher (inset).

toilet paper and there is always soap available for hand washing and paper towels for drying.

SANParks has also made sure there are plenty of power points in the bathrooms for drying hair, plenty of mirrors to touch up your face and enough wash basins to brush teeth and shave. The large bathroom closest to the office as well as the small bathroom each have wheelchair-friendly facilities.

The showers at the two large bathrooms are spacious with a dressing area before entering the shower. There's a bench where you can put your dry clothes and hooks for towels. The showers are great, but what is annoying is that there are no curtains – as you wash, water splashes into the dry area >

are lifeguards on duty. You can also row to the beach. It's a kilometre from the campsite to the ocean.

Scrubbing and washing up

The south camp has three separate ablution facilities in the campsite. Two of them are larger buildings with bath tubs, plenty of shower stalls and a space to clean your dirty dishes. The third is a smaller ablution block with two showers and two toilets.

All the bathrooms are clean and tidy (though not new) and are cleaned more than once a day. You don't have to take



Maartin and Marieta Oliver from Kuilsrivier camped at Ebb & Flow in their Gypsy Regal for four years. Initially the north camp, and at the south camp for the first time

They say

“ The two camps differ a lot. The north's campsite is smaller, there are fewer people, but there are also fewer trees in the middle block and the bathrooms far apart. The south camp is in the sun for longer and the wind is not as bad. ”



where you have to get dressed in a bit. There are soap dishes in the showers, but not all the showers have hooks for your soap-on-a-rope.

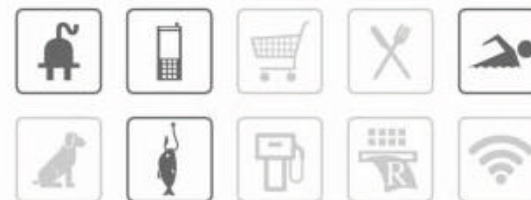
The small bathroom's two showers are rather tight with no extra room to get dressed – you pretty much step right into the spray of water when you open the door. There are just two hooks for your clothes, and one shower has no shelf for your toiletry bag. But these showers are good for a quick rinse after a day's swim in the river – it's coincidentally the bathroom closest to the river.

At the large bathroom on the road leading to the north camp, near the powerless campsites, there is a large chest freezer which you can use at your own risk. There's also a kitchen area. To do laundry, go to the bathroom closest to the office. There you'll find two industrial dryers, two washing machines and wash basins where you can rinse clothes. There are also more than enough laundry lines. It costs R15 to use one of the machines and the tokens are available at reception. At the other large bathroom there are also laundry lines for clothes and towels.

COMFORTABLE. The facilities at Ebb & Flow will impress you because there is plenty of everything here. The bathrooms are neat, clean and scattered throughout the campsite, with enough showers and toilets.



Briefly | Ebb & Flow South Camp



Campsite 78, some without power.

Ablution facilities 3 buildings throughout the camp.

Price R293-R480 p.n. per site (for 2 people). But it also depends on the season, whether you're camping by the river and whether you have power at your campsite.

Arrival and departure times 2 pm and 10 am.

Contact 044 877 1197 enquiries. wilderness@sanparks.org sanparks.org

Nearest town Wilderness, 2 km.

What does the road look like? Tarred and paved to the office. Dirt roads in the campsite.

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go! Drive & Camp says For a small fee, try your hand at bowls at the Wilderness Bowls Club. The club members welcome visitors and will guide you if you have never played before. 044 877 1370.



“On the large open strips between the stands and bathrooms there's enough space to park your vehicle.”



DIEPWALLE CAMPSITE **Deep in the forest...**

Diepwalle is in the Knysna portion of the Garden Route National Park and lies northeast of Knysna.

You're don't come here for swimming pools, rivers or playgrounds for the kids... you camp at Diepwalle to be as close to the forest as possible. It's a place of special enchantment that delivers fun, entertainment and adventure.

Diepwalle is also not your traditional caravan campsite – you pitch your tent here on a wooden deck. There are 10 stands, one of which is wheelchair friendly.

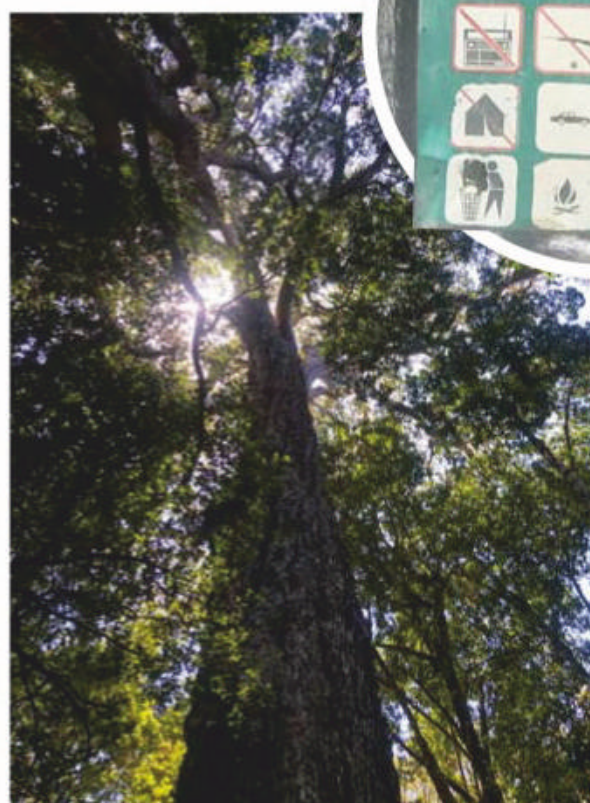
If you don't fancy pitching your tent, you can choose one of four campsites with existing tents. These tents each have two single beds, a chest of drawers and a basic mattress, but no bedding. On the other six decks you can pitch a three-man tent, but you can also rent tents and mattresses if you don't want to bring them with you.

You walk down wooden walkways to your camping deck, and if you want to stay deep in the forest, make sure you book number 10. The other camp decks are also in the forest and you will still enjoy privacy, silence and magic.

The stands are far enough apart that >



STAY SHARP. Although the Knysna forest does a great job of hiding its most famous residents, there are plenty of other small game and birds to keep your eyes peeled for. Learn more about the old yellowwood (right) and other tree species from the information boards.



you won't easily hear your neighbour snoring, and apart from the distance, there are plenty of birds and insects that mute any other sound. Do remember to pack insecticide. You don't have to worry about malaria, though there are mosquitoes.

Each deck has its own bar counter, a Jetmaster fireplace, chairs, power points and a rubbish bin. You fetch your water from the bathroom, and if you want to braai on an open fire, you can light one nearby at the designated braai areas where there are some picnic tables near the bathroom building and parking area.



SPICK AND SPAN. The ablution block at Diepwalle is clean, neat and well maintained. The tents and camp decks are just as well kept and clean. Conservation is the name of the game here, so make sure you leave nothing but your footprints behind.

There are marked parking spots for your car and trailer and the only ablution block is next to the gravel road and parking lots.

The bathroom has showers, flushing toilets, basins and hot water. There's also a communal fridge, washing machine and tumble dryer in the building next door. You can buy firewood at reception.

Forest life

At Diepwalle, there's so much bird life to observe on several hiking trails through the forest. It's also the place for you if you're fond of mountain biking, because

there are many paths on which you can let the spokes sing.

Also, stroll along the well-known Elephant Route and follow the boardwalk to the famous Grootboom – a yellowwood tree that's more than 800 years old. You pay a fee to walk to the tree, but if you have your Wild Card with you, you go for free.

The path to the tree is only 450 m away, but you can walk even deeper into the forest... and if you're lucky (and quiet) enough, you may see the only rumoured remaining elephant in Knysna Forest.

Briefly | Diepwalle campsite



Campsite 10, of which 4 have tents.

Ablution facilities 1 building with showers, toilets, basins, washing-up area, plus washing machine and tumble dryer.

Price R217-R470 p.n. per deck (for 2 people).

Arrival and departure times 2 pm and 10 am.

Contact 044 302 5606 sanparks.org
grace.valela@sanparks.org

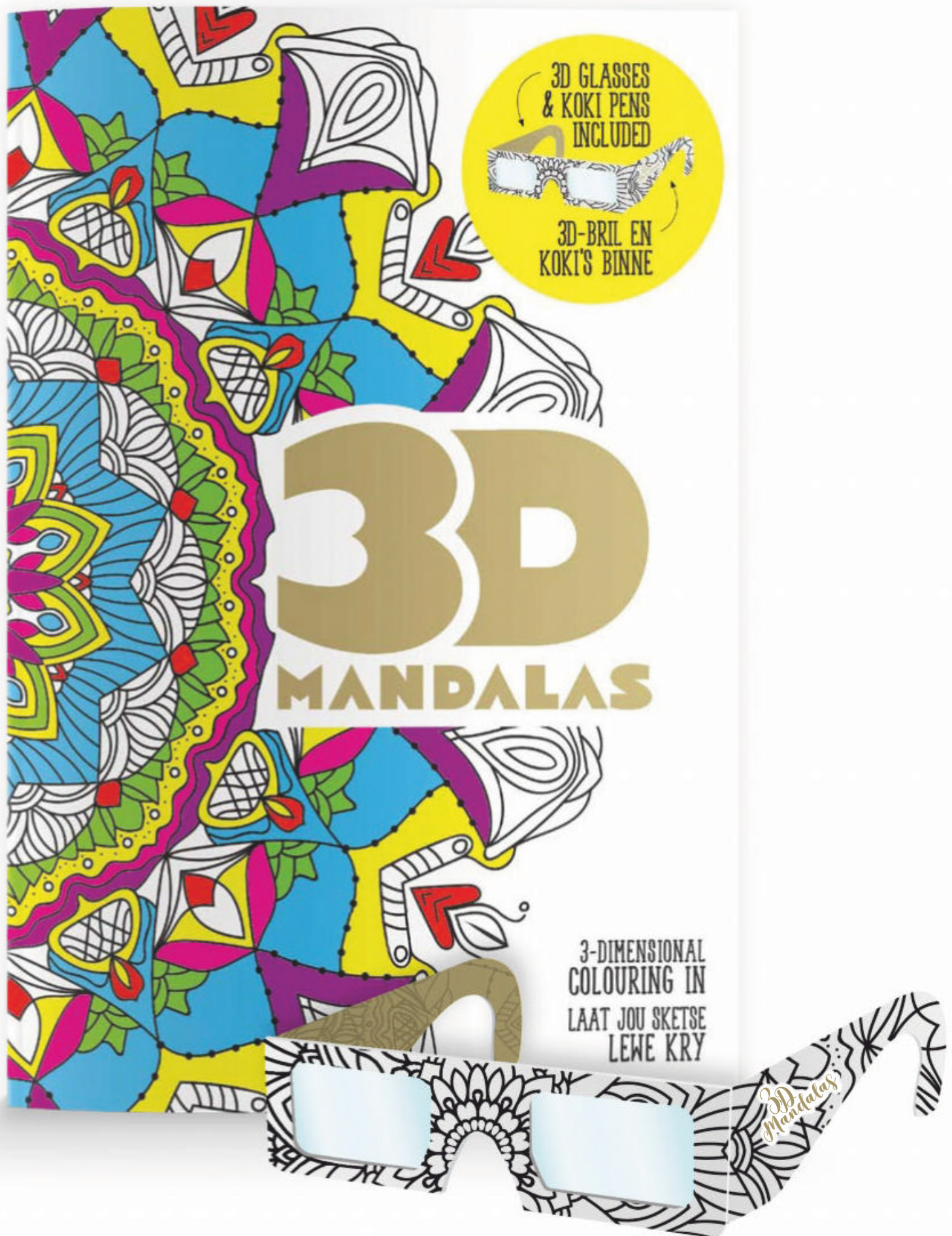
Nearest town Knysna, 23 km.

What does the road look like? The last 16 km is a gravel road with sharp bends and many corrugated-iron sections.

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go! Drive & Camp says The staff here are friendly and helpful, as if they know something about the forest and its magic that we still have to figure out. 🌲

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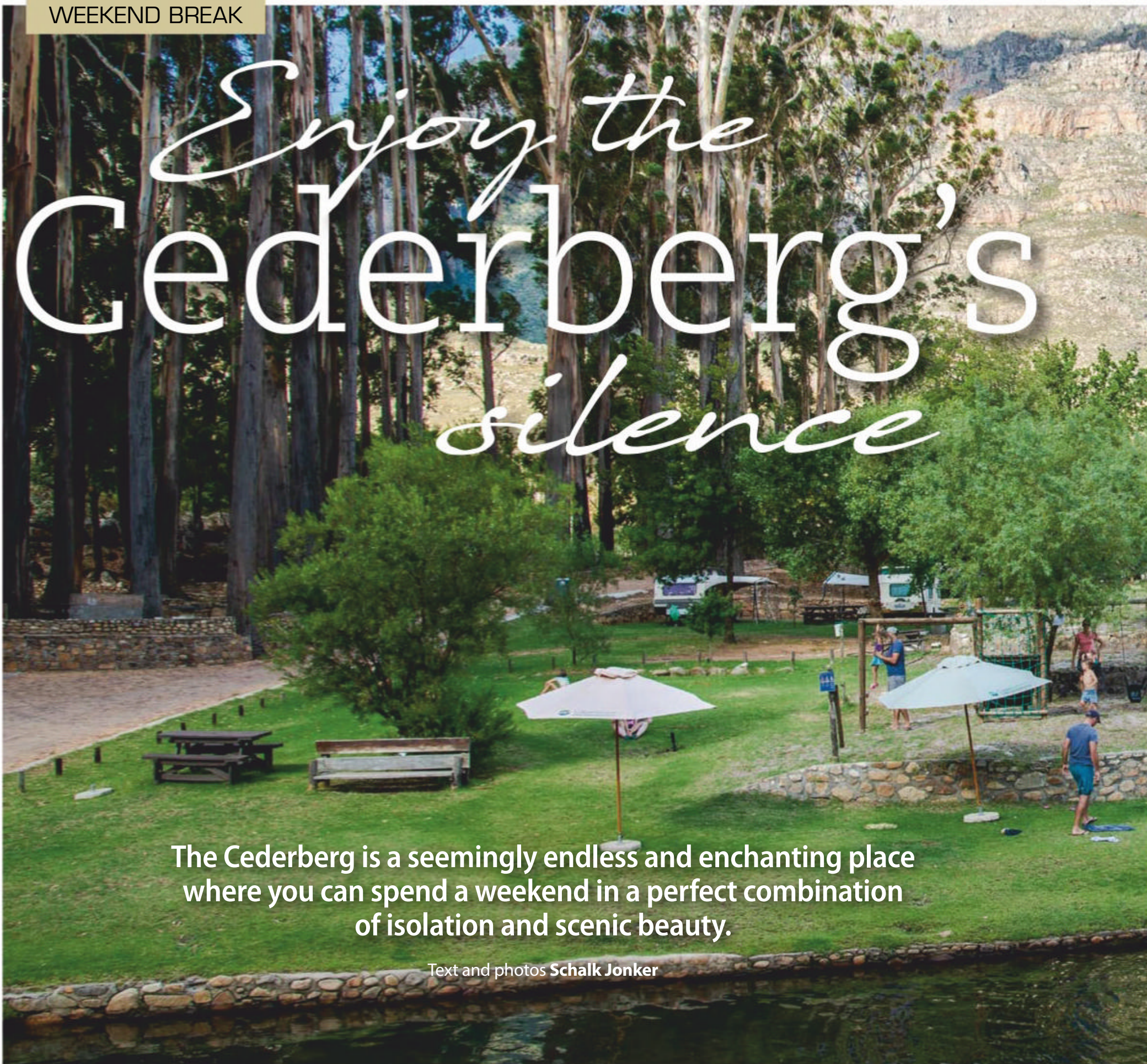
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Enjoy the Cederberg's silence

The Cederberg is a seemingly endless and enchanting place where you can spend a weekend in a perfect combination of isolation and scenic beauty.

Text and photos Schalk Jonker

It requires a bit of effort to camp with your caravan in the Cederberg. OK, not really, but definitely a healthy dose of caution and patience.

It's a little over a 2½ hour drive from Cape Town, and if you don't get off work early enough – or the little Miss won the finals of the butterfly at the school's gala – you'll hit hectic traffic on the N7 north.

When you finally turn off 28 km past Citrusdal, a stretch of 18 km of gravel road awaits you and you will have to slow down until you turn left at Cape Nature's Algeria campsite. But when

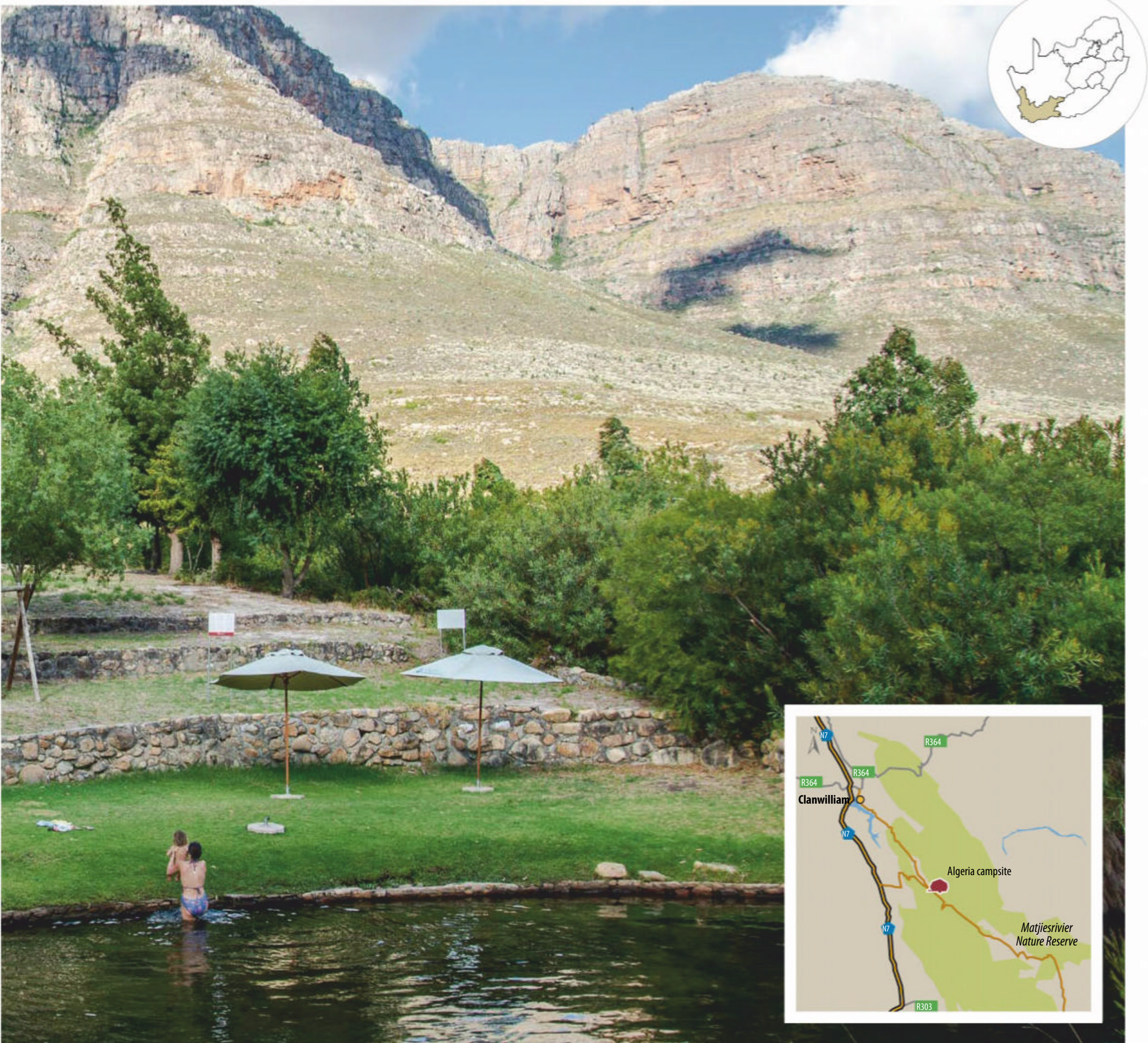
you finally set down your camping chair at probably the most popular campsite in this region and sit back with a cool refreshment while the kids make a beeline for the swimming hole, it is worth every peak traffic swearword and every centimetre of gravel road.

Then you realise it's not too much trouble to tow the caravan here. And when the sun begins to colour the majestic rock formations that surround you orange, you start playing with the idea of leaving your caravan here and coming back next weekend.

Say what?

Let's start with Algeria's slightly unusual name. This patch of earth was first called Garskraal, but by 1905 the forester George Ernst Bath (yes, he was indeed a Brit) requested that the name change because he could not pronounce the word Garskraal.

The Cape government was clearly sympathetic to poor George and his linguistic limitations and allowed him his request. The area was renamed Algeria. They decided on that name because the then forest superintendent, a Count M de



Vasselot de Regne (who visited the area in 1882), said the Cederberg reminded him of the Atlas Mountains in Algeria.

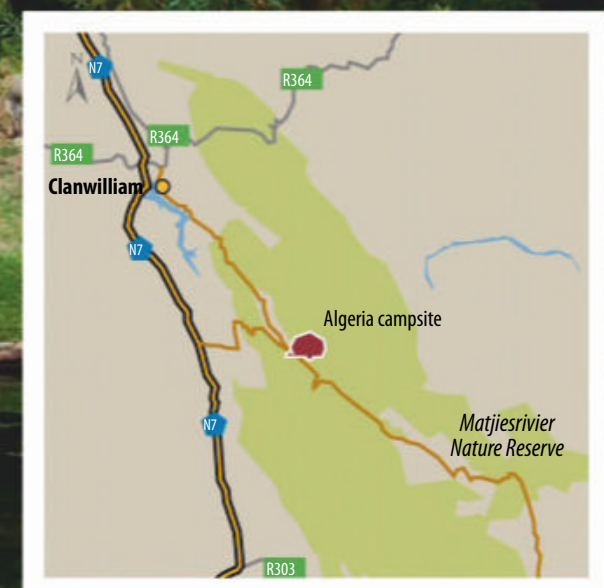
You learn this piece of history when you arrive at reception to fill in your paperwork – even before you pitch your tent. It is stuck on the counter and is one of a many pieces of information in the office that helps you learn more about the environment and plan activities for your weekend.

Whether you want to go hiking, jogging, mountain biking or sightseeing, you will come right in the Cederberg.

While in reception, you can also buy those items for which there was no room in the car. They sell stuff including wood, firelighters, soft drinks, biscuits, and T-shirts and caps.

Also find out about the two hiking trails that you can take from the campsite. The Waterfall trail requires quite a bit of effort, but the views more than make up for that. Or you can tackle the Uitkyk route.

The latter runs along the river and never goes too high up the mountain. It will require 2-3 hours of your time.



Choose your site

The campsite is laid out in two parts in a eucalyptus forest, which is quite strange if you think about the fact you're in a nature reserve.

It is probably not ideal to have these alien trees here, but they provide wonderful shade throughout the campsite. The sun can become scary in this area and everyone is grateful for the shade the eucalyptus trees give.

The Rondegat River cuts the campsite with its demarcated stands in two, with numbers 1-15 between the reception >

office and the water – these are more suitable for tent campers. The tree branches hang too low on the stands for your caravan and you'll struggle to get comfy here. There is, however, a lot of grass and shade, but look carefully where you pitch your tent. Some of the tree roots stick out above the ground and something like that could mess with your sleep.

There's a lot of grass, but not on all the stands. In fact, on most stands, you will need a ground sheet, because the grass struggles to grow under the trees.

You drive over a low-tide bridge to get to the other part of the campsite with stands number 17-46. In this part there's a paved road between the stands. Numbers 17-25 allow you to place your caravan so that it feels like you're really in isolation – with just mountains and valleys around you.

Closer to the river (numbers 39-46) you can hide from the sun under a dense leaf canopy while the kids play and relax on the green grass.

Each stand has a large concrete braai, tap, power point (ordinary home socket) and a concrete table with chairs, similar to those found at the road access points where Grandpa and Grandma used to stop for coffee, hard-boiled eggs, cold chicken breasts, meatballs and cheese sandwiches.

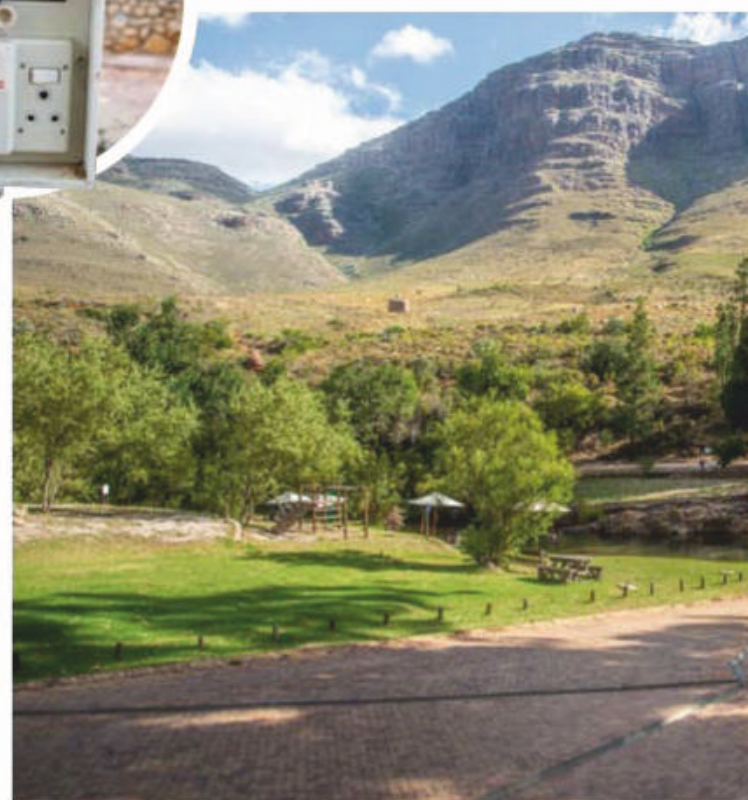
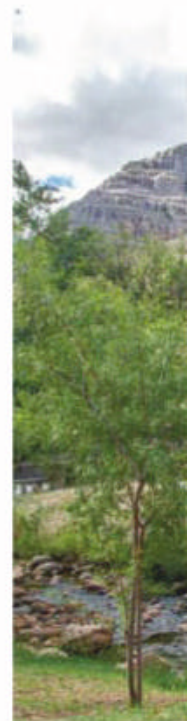
However, some of these tables and chairs have suffered with time, and at most stands, the guys from Cape Nature have placed fibreglass tables and benches that look like wood.

There's no grid or rubbish bin at your stand. In fact, there are no bins to be seen anywhere in the campsite. You're expected to keep your garbage and to throw it in a wire cage next to the top ablution block. There you'll also find separate containers for recyclable items such as glass and plastic.

Get soaked!

The swimming hole in the river next to the low water bridge is a real treat. The water is crystal clear and wonderfully refreshing, and by the shore the water is shallow enough to allow the little ones to splash among the fish.

On the other side is a deep hole with a few high rocks from which the more





GREEN ROOF. The dense group of alien eucalyptus is an oddity in a conservation area, but campers sure do appreciate the shade they cast over the stands in the harsh summer months.



adventurous campers can jump. It makes for great fun, and while the kids climb up and jump down again and again, you can open your paperback on the lawn next to the swimming pool under the big umbrellas. There's also a jungle gym for the little ones.

You can pack a picnic basket to bring along, but leave the wine and beer at your stand as no alcohol is allowed at the swimming hole. (You also may not light a cigarette here.)

The campsite has two ablution blocks – a smaller one just below reception and a larger one on the other side of the river. The smaller one has separate facilities for men and women and in each one are two showers, two wash basins with mirrors and power points, and one toilet that is also wheelchair friendly.

The shower cubicle is one room and there are no wet and dry sections – so you have to know your stuff to make sure your clothes remain dry on the shelves or on hooks.

The facilities are nonetheless modern, clean and neat. Washing and dishwashing facilities are also in this building.

The big ablution block is the older one of the two, but there's nothing wrong with it. The walls are tiled from the floor to the ceiling, the cleaners do their job well and there's plenty of hot water. There are four showers (with shower curtains), five wash basins with mirrors and lots of storage space, and two toilets. In the women's section there is a bath. There is also a small ablution block at the swimming hole, but it's really just a toilet and changing room.

Remember your toilet paper and torch as there isn't an oversupply of lights in the campsite and the steps to the ablution blocks are steep and not

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something you want to attempt during the dead of night.

Ancient art gallery

Load the family into the car and drive about 40 km south with the road going past Algeria to visit the Stadsaal Caves and check out the special rock art there. Just remember to get your permit at the campsite reception.

It costs R50 p.p. (R30 for kids) and with your permit you get the combination for the lock at the gate.

If on the way there you wonder what the world looked like centuries ago, the answer is in the landscape around you, because the spectacular rock formations that envelop you here have escaped any significant development.

The Stadsaal Caves are a series of caves that have been created by wind erosion in the rock over thousands of years. Along with the nearby Maltese Cross and the Wolfberg Arch, the rock formations make you think of the ruins

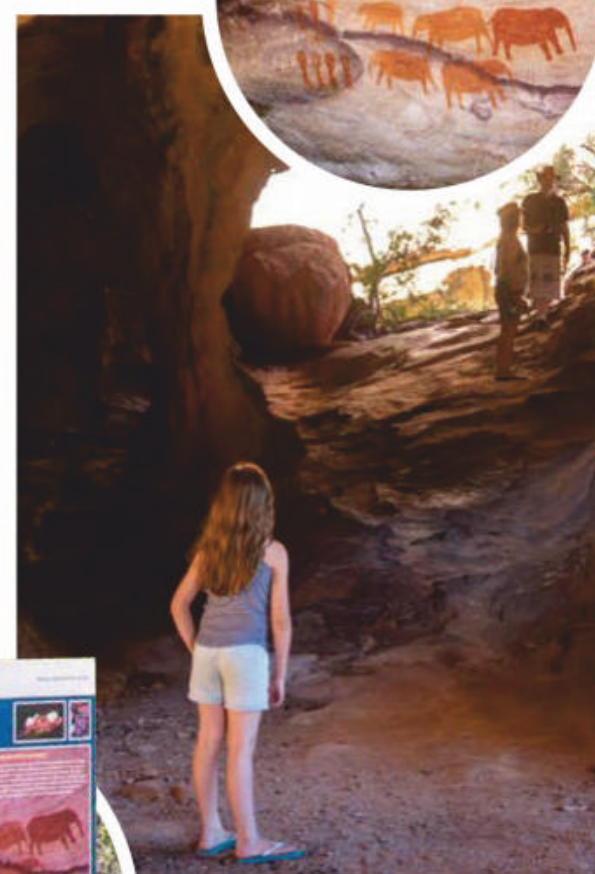


CAST YOUR EYES ON THE CAVES. It's a real treat to visit the Stadsaal Caves. You get to learn a lot about the colourful history of the region and the people who lived here for more than 500 000 years. Their 5 000-year-old artwork can still be seen.

of a suburb established by heavenly beings, and you understand why it was a sacred place for the San people.

You can also see the San's legacy when visiting the famous elephant rock art at the Stadsaal Caves. The San lived in the Cederberg for more than 500 000 years and began painting the walls of their shelters about 5 000 years ago.

Historians are not 100% certain exactly what the symbolism



Here's what it costs

(2 adults, 1 child)

Fuel 95 petrol @ 10 l/100 km and R13,49/l and 440 km (there and back)	R593,56
Accommodation (2 nights)	R840
Conservation fee (2 adults, 1 child)	R310
Food and drink	R1 562,78
Grand total	R3 306,34





of the particular rock art is, but it is generally accepted that it depicts a San ritual dealing with rain. The tribe's shaman would go into a trance and his spirit would leave his body to catch an imaginary big and fat animal (an elephant, for example).

Although no one can say with any certainty exactly how old the rock art is, it can be more or less determined when it was done by looking at what is not

portrayed. There are no animals such as cattle or sheep – and these animals were brought into this environment between 1 500 and 2 000 years ago.

Do visit this special place. It's good for your eyes, because it's truly spectacular; it's good for your ears, because you can hear yourself think in the absolute silence; and it's good for your soul when you stop for a few moments to reflect upon your existence.

Briefly | Algeria



Campsite 48 stands of varying size on soil and grass. Most have shade and are pretty even.

Ablution facilities Two clean and neat ablution blocks.

Price R420 per stand.

Contact 027 482 2812 (reception office) 021 483 0190 (reservations)

capenature.co.za

Arrival and departure times 2 pm and 10 am.

What does the road look like? The last 18 km is a gravel road where you have to take it easy.

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go! Drive & Camp says They've got a card machine at the reception office, so you don't have to travel with a stack of cash.

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Get yourself to Goegap!

The Goegap Nature Reserve outside Springbok is one of the best flower destinations in the spring. But there is also an excellent 4x4 trail where you can play with your off-roader all year round.

Text and photos **Evan Naudé**

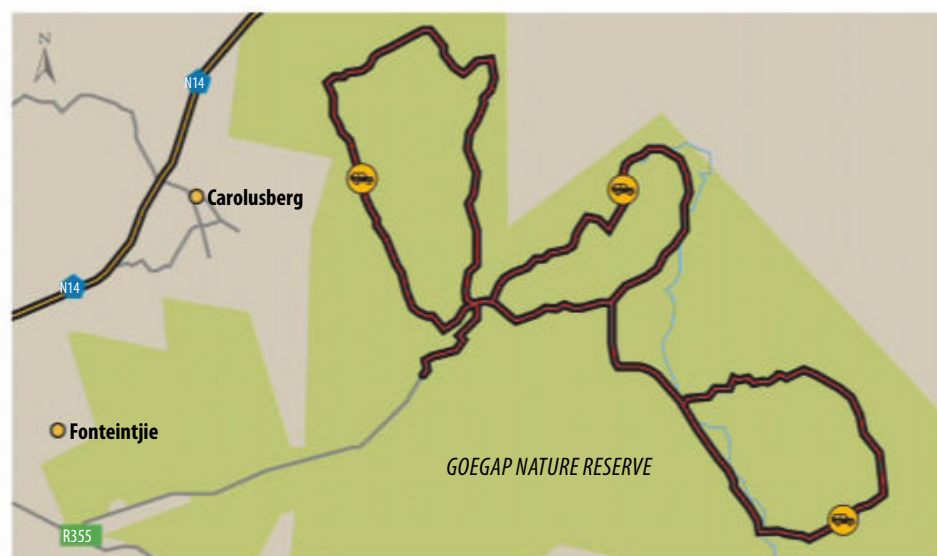
Once a year, Namaqualand throws a colourful floral display that attracts visitors like swarms of bees. And then, when the flowers fade, the tourists also disappear like the morning mist. It is therefore easy to overlook this region at other times of the year when you rush through on your way to Namibia.

Namaqualand is, however, a place where you need to take your time and take a closer look at the landscape. Then you start to see its unique features. The 4x4 trail in the Goegap Nature Reserve outside

Springbok is a great example of this: it is one of the best flower-viewing trails, but also an excellent route throughout the year. Especially if you want to avoid the flurry of tourists.

The route

Once through the park gate, drive 4 km along the tar road to the tourism building and look for the signs indicating the “Tourist Route” to the right. Turn off onto the dirt road and switch over into 4x4 mode – not only to make your ride easier, but also >



LAND OF THE NAMA Goegap's three circular routes are lovely no matter what time of the year you visit. It leads you to places in Namaqualand that few people get to see.

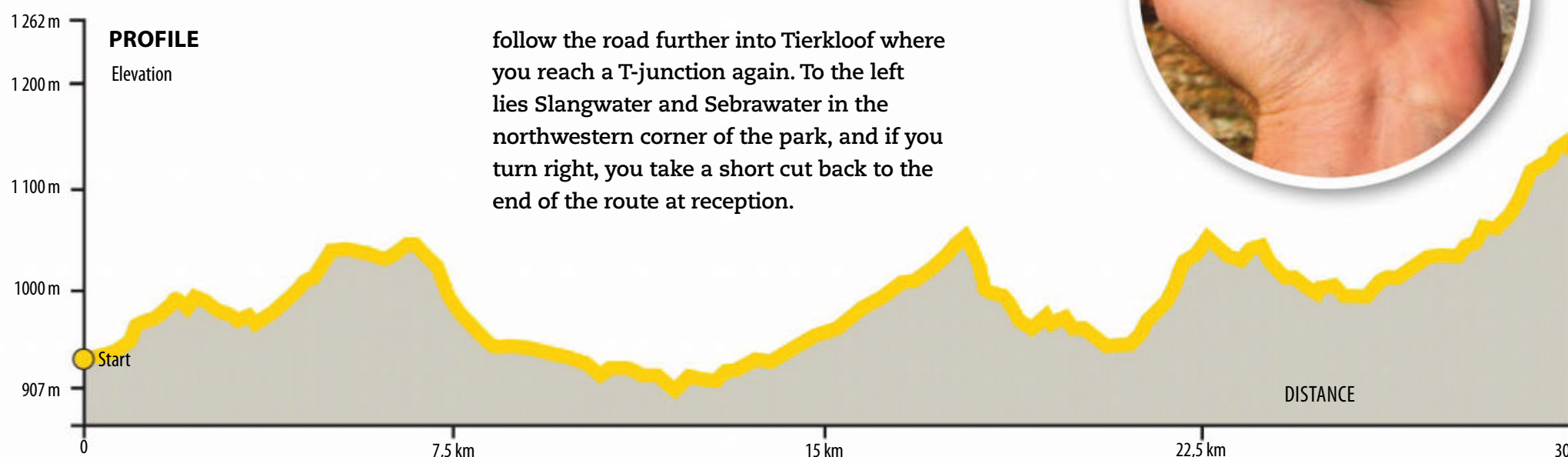
to protect the route against unnecessary damage and erosion. Follow the road past the picnic sites and across a wide plain until you find a sign indicating the 4x4 trail to the left. Follow this road to a T-junction with a sign for Tierkloof to the left and Klip Pass to the right.

From here, the route (about 60 km in total) is divided into three loops. So, you can choose whether to do all three or just certain sections of the route. The first loop lies in the eastern corner of the park and includes the steep Witsand Pass, which has a difficulty rating of 3. You drive over the Klip Pass (which, as the name suggests in Afrikaans, is littered with rocks) and follow the trail over a beautiful open grassland to a fork in the road. Keep right here. The trail turns north with a loop and brings you down the Witsand Pass and finally back to the Klip Pass.

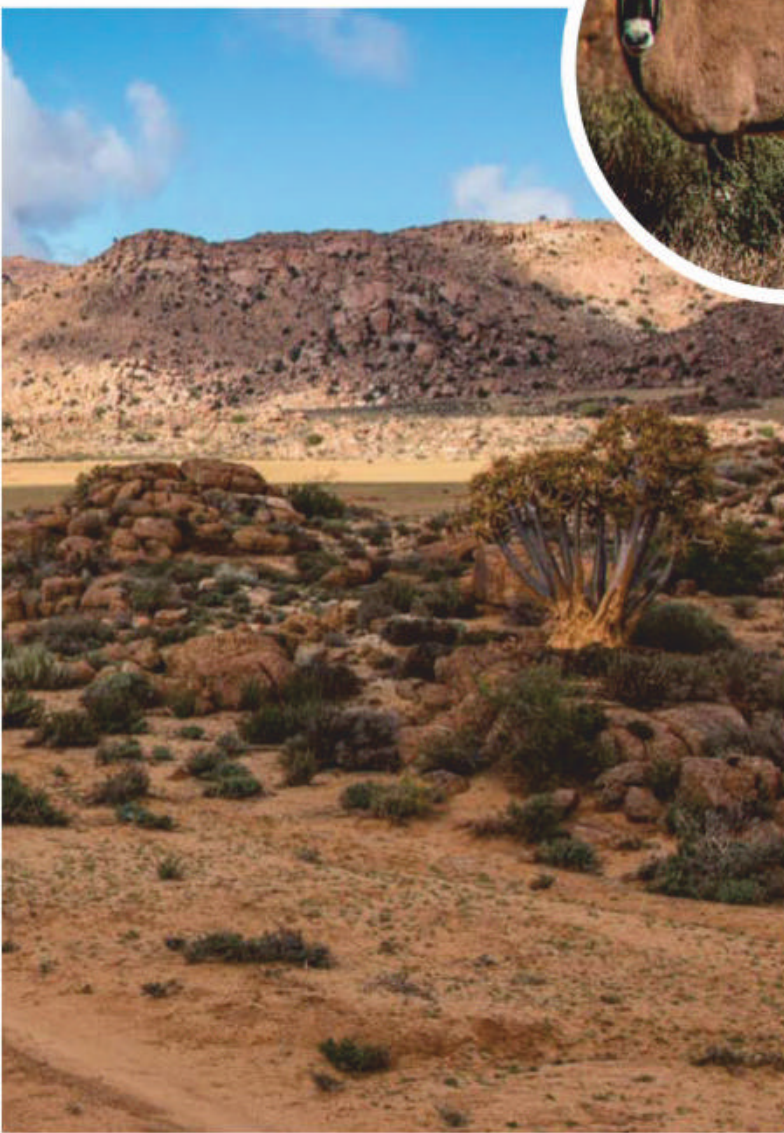
Here, you can choose to turn right for the loop over the Rooiberg and past the Witsand hut in the north of the park. On the far side of the hut, you take the Klip trail down to a T-junction where you turn right in the direction of Tierkloof. Keep straight and the trail takes you up the west side of the Carolusberg. At the top is a road to the right leading to Bloumyn. This is the toughest piece of trail on the whole route and in places you have to pick your line over the rocks with great care.

When you arrive at a massive rocky ridge, the turnoff on the left leads to an abandoned mine shaft, but it's a nasty piece of road and the park rates it as a 4. You can, however, walk the remaining 200 m if you are concerned for your vehicle. It is not called Bloumyn for nothing – the rocks around the shaft are bright blue due to the copper content.

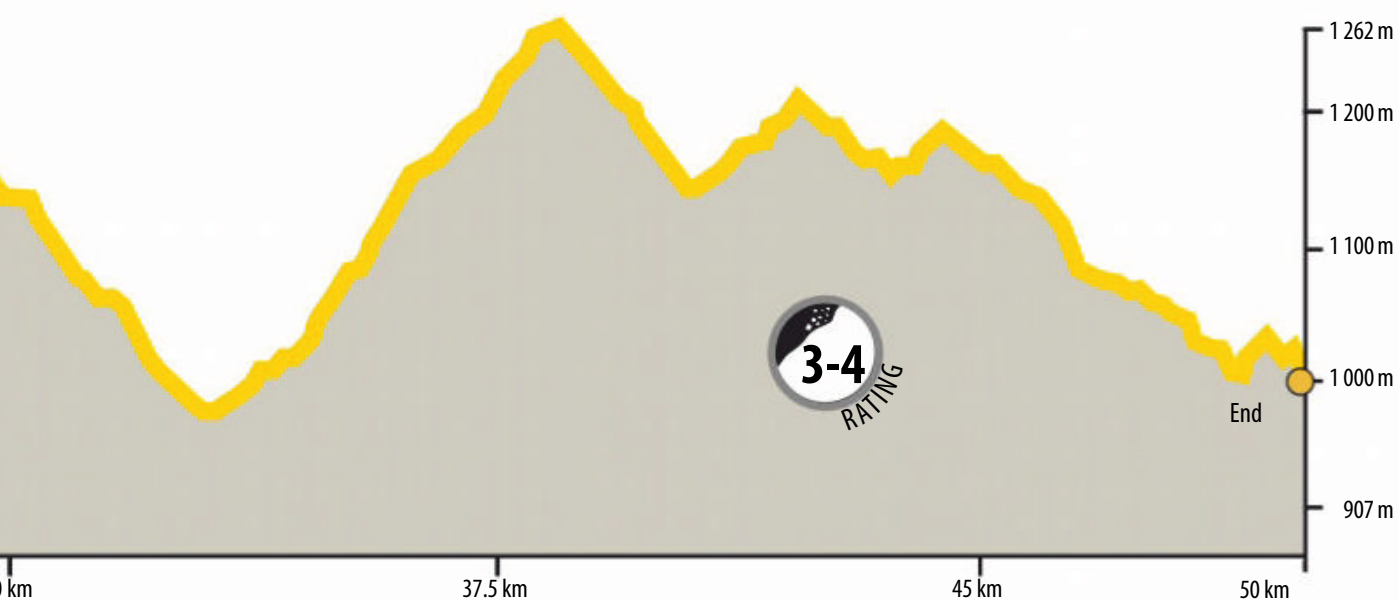
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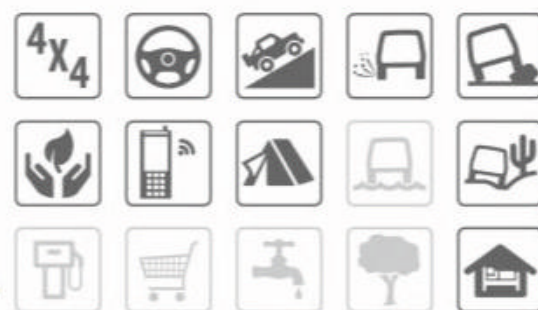
follow the road further into Tierkloof where you reach a T-junction again. To the left lies Slangwater and Sebrawater in the northwestern corner of the park, and if you turn right, you take a short cut back to the end of the route at reception.



ROCK ON There are approximately 60 km worth of routes in the park. All offer magnificent views of the Namaqua landscape with its geological oddities.



What you need to know



4x4 / low range / diff? 4x4 and low range, but diff lockers are not required.

Maximum number of vehicles 6.

Do I get a map? Yes.

Will I scratch my vehicle? No.

Should I take a compressor? It is not necessary.

Can we braai next to the road? No, nowhere in the park.

Can I turn around halfway? Yes.

Is there cellphone signal? Yes.

THE TRAIL

Best time to go? July to October, as this is one of the top flower-viewing trails.

Can I take my family? Yes.

Just for the day or the weekend?

You can complete all three routes in one day.

Are there ablution facilities? Not on the route.

Directions Drive out of Springbok on the N14 in the direction of Pofadder. Just after crossing the N7, turn off at the R355. The turnoff to Goegap is 5 km from here.

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Price R120 per vehicle plus a conservation fee of R30 p.p.

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Back to the West Coast

The quiet simplicity of the West Coast transports you to bygone days, says **Laudo Liebenberg**, frontman of the rock group aKING.

“My wife, Cara, and I both have our own fond memories of Yzerfontein’s municipal campsite. We often exchange stories of that first kiss and the mischief we got up to during the school holidays. It had probably been about 15 years since either of us were last there and so we decided to go camp and see how the campsite has changed since our youth, just for the sake of nostalgia.

Tell us more about the campsite

The campsite is pretty much the way we remember it, even through the rose-tinted glasses of our memories. We found a stand near the ocean with plenty of trees for shade. Tent pegs are easily driven into the shelly ground and we set up camp in no time at all.

An interesting feature of our stand was that we had to share a braai with our direct neighbours. While it may not be to everyone’s taste, we actually enjoyed making new friends while sharing a fire, coals and drinks.

I am of the my opinion that campers are unique beings with shared interests

– they’re generally sociable and generous people who share similar needs for a peaceful experience.

My wife and I relaxed on the beach every day. If we weren’t there, then we were cycling along the coastal road to Yzerfontein’s harbour, about 2 km south of the campsite. Along this road you’ll find restaurants and bars where you can enjoy lunch and drinks right next to the ocean.

What do the ablution facilities look like?

There are four ablution blocks – one large and three smaller ones. The condition of the one near our stand was fairly decent, especially if you consider that you’re in a municipal campsite, but I do think the ablution facilities overall require a bit of attention, especially as it is such a popular campsite.

You get a personal set of keys for the ablution blocks. It makes you feel safer when you or your wife have to go during the middle of the night.

Is there a shop?

There is a general dealer within walking

distance of the campsite’s main gate – on the corner of Park and Volstruis streets. You therefore don’t have to go far for provisions. There are also all kinds of shops in Yzerfontein’s town centre.

We had a wonderful experience at the Yzerfontein campsite, even though it’s been 15 years since our last visit. We’ll definitely recommend it if you love a West Coast weekend full of fellowship next to the sea.”



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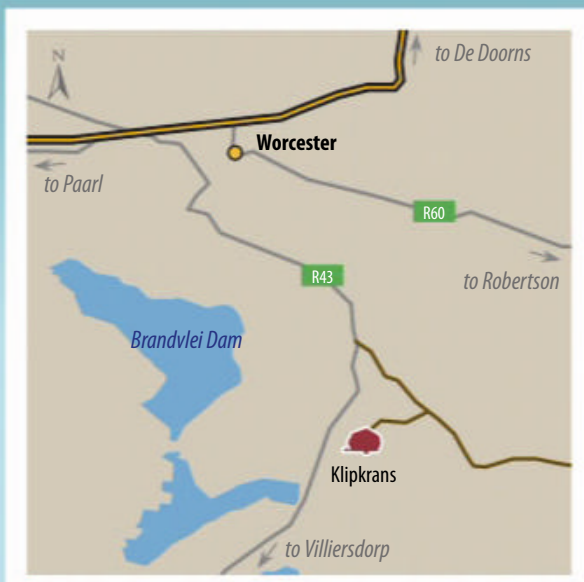
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At the water's edge



At Klipkrans you get a double bonus: you camp in the peacefulness of a farm, and the fishing waters run right past your stand. Plus it's barely an hour's drive from Cape Town.



FISHING RESORT

KLIPKRANS

Choose your spot!

The Klipkrans Private Game Farm and Camping Site is on a 450 ha piece of land, and on the way to the stands you drive through natural veld where game such as blue wildebeest and zebra roam. They aren't hunted and the animals are therefore singularly tame.

The campsite is on the banks of the Breede River and

the dirt road is decent. When you see a playground on your right, you've arrived at the campsite. Walking, swimming, rowing, mountain biking and fishing – these all await you here. Judging from the photos in the kiosk, fishing is a popular pastime. Carp, black bass and barbel stare wide-eyed at the camera, and you can see they've pulled out a few big ones here. Right here in front of your stand, fish jump in the water – their splashes a fitting soundtrack for your weekend.

You've got 36 stands from which you can choose, 13 of which are right on the Breede. Klipkrans initially had only six stands (five of which are next to the water). These stands are larger than the new ones and the owners allow up to eight people per stand on them. Stands 7-9, 13-16, 33 and 36 are part of the new stands and also on the riverbank. The rest, 21 of them, are further back, away from the water. Each stand has a power point and the trash bags

for the bins are available free of charge at the kiosk.

Klipkrans has an honesty kiosk. You can buy basic items including soft drinks, water, ice, wood and mosquito repellent and then leave your money.

The ablution facilities are in the same building. It is a brick structure with a row of three bathrooms, but each bathroom has a spacious shower, toilet, basin, table, chair and four hooks.

The bathrooms are simple, but it's a great convenience to have a door you can close behind you while having the entire bathroom to yourself. Around the corner of the building are three sinks for dishes – with hot water.

On the riverbank is a sign warning that the water on this side of the river is too shallow for diving. There's space on the shore to get your ankles wet, and some deeper areas where a canoe or a piece of bait will feel right at home.





FISHING GEAR

The immortal sardine

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The lures look like the real thing, and when you reel in the line, the bait

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The bait comes in three sizes: 11 cm, 14 cm and 16 cm, and in two colourways.



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FISH DISH

PILCHARD BURGERS

Sardine cuisine

Sardines are good for you – they not only contain omega-3 fatty acids but are also packed with vitamins and minerals. You can even make burgers using a can of sardines from the camp shop.

Ingredients

(enough for 4-6)

- 1 can (410 g) tomato or chilli pilchards
- ½ onion, finely chopped
- 1 egg
- 4 slices of bread, coarsely crumbed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 4 tablespoons tomato sauce
- 4 tablespoons chutney



- 4-6 bread rolls
- lettuce leaves and slices of tomato and onion slices

Here's how

1 Drain the liquid from the sardines and remove all the bones – work calmly and slowly as the spine is brittle and breaks easily. Break the sardines up and mix them with the

chopped onion, egg and bread crumbs. This mixture should be stiff and not fall apart. Season well with salt and pepper. **2 Heat** the oil in a pan. Form 4-6 patties by rolling the mixture into balls that are just larger than a golf ball and then flattening them. Carefully fry the patties over moderate heat in the hot oil – about 4 minutes on each side.

3 Mix the tomato sauce and chutney for your burger sauce –you can even add chilli.

4 Allow everyone to make his or her own burger the way they like it – with lettuce and tomato and onion, and with or without sauce.

go! Drive & Camp says These fast and easy burgers will cost you much less than the takeaway ones from the beach café.



Briefly | Klipkrans Private Game Farm and Camping Site



Fish Carp, black bass, barbel.

Campsite 36 stands (13 on the river bank) on lush green grass that is level enough to camp comfortably. Each site has its own power point.

Ablution facilities 3 separate bathrooms with hot shower, toilet and basin.

Price R115 p.p.n. (R80 for children 5-12 years; free for under 5s).

Arrival and departure times After 1 pm and before 10 am.

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Nearest town Worcester, 12 km.

What is the road like? Tar road to the gate and then 2,8 km of good gravel road.

GPS S33.741626 E19.493448

go! Drive & Camp says Though the last kilometre or three are on a gravel road to the campsite, you can tow a road caravan here without issue.

A softie with a tough exterior

Nissan's Hardbody may be getting on in years, but when towing a caravan it's clear this vehicle is far from over the hill.

Text and photos **Leon Botha**



NISSAN NP300 2.5D HIGH 4X4 (DOUBLE CAB)

After Nissan's Hardbody received a zero in the GlobalNCAP crash test, it's been back on everyone's mind for the past year. The Hardbody has been built in Pretoria since its inception in 1988 and has become an institution. Just look at its sales figures: since 2002, nearly 200 000 NP300s were sold in South Africa. And once you get it in front of a caravan, it feels like you're turning the clock back to its younger days.

Sturdy backside

You use the Hardbody's rear bumper as a step if you want to climb up from behind onto the load bin. This type of bumper is about as old as bakkies themselves and is bolted to the ladder-frame chassis, just like the towbar. There is also space on

the bumper to bolt the ball of a towbar with enough space for a drop plate if you want to change the height for the caravan coupling. The ball section along with the harness is not standard equipment on the Hardbody – you'll fork out R3 222 for this.

According to the manual, the weight of the caravan may not exceed 1 400 kg, but that does not exactly coincide with the plate below the bonnet. According to this, the bakkie's gross combination mass (GCM) is 5 740 kg and the gross vehicle mass (GVM) is 2 740 kg. If you subtract these two numbers, it gives you a tow capacity of 3 tonnes. However, you can't tow a three-tonne weight, because the bakkie's tare weight is 1 767 kg. This means your caravan's GVM should not exceed that weight. However, consider the

towbar's limit. That is certified for a tow load of 1 450 kg and the nose weight should not exceed 90 kg – this is 10 kg short of the legal limit.

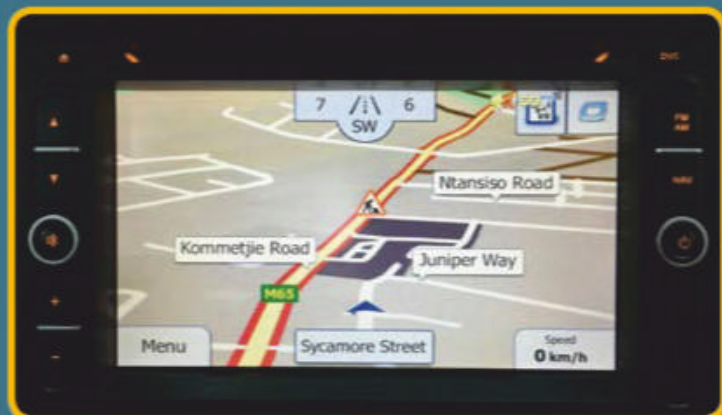
Back in the day

It's when you get into the Hardbody that you realise it's no longer a youngster. Other than the electric windows, there aren't many luxuries here. The cabin's fan with its mechanical knobs that you move from one side to the other makes you feel like you've turned the clock back 20 years. The instrument panel has analogue dials, but there is a small digital screen that shows the odometer.

The two gear levers – one for the ordinary and the other for 4x4 gearing – take up almost half of the centre console >



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RETRO. Next to the (mostly) analogue instrument cluster, and levers for the ventilation, the navigation system seems futuristic.

between the two front seats. The two gears have a pleated casing underneath, which means you can't put items there, such as your phone.

... but not too behind the times

You're not quite back in the old days, because Nissan offers, among other things, a navigation system as an optional extra for R10 710. This is a digital screen and fits in the middle console where you would expect the radio. For an extra R608, Nissan can equip your system with a rear camera. This image appears on the GPS system screen. The index lines on the screen are static, and unfortunately, you cannot

estimate distance because the camera lens sits too low and too close to the ball of the towbar.

Rear camera lenses usually sit a good half a metre above the ball – so you can see the angle between the ball and the approaching coupling when reversing. The low lens works well if you want to aim to push straight back, but you have no idea how far the caravan's coupling is. You can, however, give it points for the sharpness of the image.

You also don't really expect a USB socket in the Hardbody, but there is one hidden in the panel box. It is actually a cord with a socket at the tip and works better than those usually seen sunken in a panel. >





He hasn't towed anything with a Nissan Hardbody for about two decades – here's what **Pieter Crous** thinks of the latest model.

Pieter says

“I haven't towed anything with such a Plain Jane for a long time. It's a basic bakkie –

check out the length of the gear lever! Apart from the navigation system, there is little technology to see in the cab. Everything is still old school. Even the telescopic radio antenna comes from a different era.

For a bakkie, it has a small steering wheel and I like it. My wife, Gina, says she sits comfortably on the back seat and I can say the same about my seat. But I have to mention that my legs are too long to be comfortable at the back; my knees end up under my chin.

I'm amazed at its strength: you feel that 300 Nm kick in. Even in town at 60 km/h and in fourth gear, the engine turns

at 2 000 rpm and accelerates evenly when you want to. For this generation of engine, it runs surprisingly quietly. Up to 80-90 km/h, it has more than enough power with a caravan – it tows it comfortably.

In fifth, at 100 km/h and 2 500 rpm on a level road, it is still comfortable in front of the caravan. For towing, most of its power lies between 2 500 rpm and 3 000 rpm, regardless of gear. It is not necessary to rev the engine.

I think the Xplorer is actually too heavy for this type of bakkie, but it doesn't battle, and switching on the air-con also doesn't make any difference to

the power output. The bakkie has just over 2 000 km on the clock, and the gearbox is already smooth. The clutch releases easily when changing gears.

It's got good suspension and isn't as hard as some bakkies. Even on an ugly corrugated dirt road, you don't shake that much. It does better than other much more expensive bakkies.

For a 4x4 vehicle, its price is very competitive, but I am quite surprised that it does not have a diff lock on the rear axle. I would not attempt to drive serious 4x4 roads with a caravan behind me.

I have to admit I'm really surprised at how good it tows.



KITTED OUT. Our test unit came equipped with such niceties as a bull bar, snorkel, tonneau cover, and a rear camera integrated with the navigation system. A USB cable allows you to plug in portable audio devices.

Before you open your wallet

What does the book say?

Fuel Diesel

Engine 2,488 ℓ

Cylinders 4

Power 98 kW @ 3 600 rpm

Torque 304 Nm @ 2 000 rpm

Transmission 5-speed manual

Drivetrain 4x4 with low-range gears as well as a limited slip diff.

Tare 1 767 kg

GVM 2 740 kg

GCM 4 140 kg (according to Nissan's specification and not the engine plate)

Wading depth 890 mm

Towing ability for trailer with overrun brakes Up to 1 400 kg

Dimensions 5 170 mm (l); 1 825 mm (w); 1 695 mm (h)

Axle distance 2 950 mm

Track width 1 525 mm (front); 1 505 mm (rear)

Ground clearance 240 mm

Fuel tank 75 ℓ

Price (new) From R370 900

Price (second hand) At the time of going to press there was no second-hand 2.5 ℓ diesel model on autotrader.co.za.

Fast facts

 **The hitch** Not standard and costs R3 222 extra. It is certified for a tow load of 1 450 kg and a 90 kg nose weight.

 **Suspension** The tail only dropped 25 mm when towing the caravan. That's in line with what you'd expect of a bakkie with leaf springs.

 **Weight** 2 260 kg with a full tank of fuel, two people in the car and the nose weight of

the Xplorer on the hook.

 **Inside** If you sit in front, you can't complain about anything, but adults are cramped in the back. Your head touches the roof and your knees push into the driver's seat. It's a seat for kids.

 **Speed** Its speedometer is less accurate than what you see in modern cars. Usually the difference between the speedometer and the GPS would be about 4-6 km/h. The Hardbody drives a full 9 km/h slower when the speedometer is at 100 km/h.

 **Fuel consumption** You'd expect better consumption than the 13,9 ℓ /100 km (7,2 km/ℓ) we got. So, you can drive 540 km with one full tank of fuel when you tow with the Hardbody.

 **Finishes** It's a proper bakkie – from front to back – and grey just about everywhere. It looks somewhat plastic but is steady on a gravel road.

 **Extras** Other than the hitch, you get a bull bar (R3 024), snorkel (R3 564), Tonneau cover (R1 726), rear camera (R608) and the audio and navigation system (R10 710).

Other 2.5 ℓ diesel double-cab models?

Just one, the 4x2 R333 900

go! Drive & Camp says The Hardbody is a fine towing vehicle, but it's time is up.



What we towed

Make Jurgens Safari

Model Xplorer Xcell

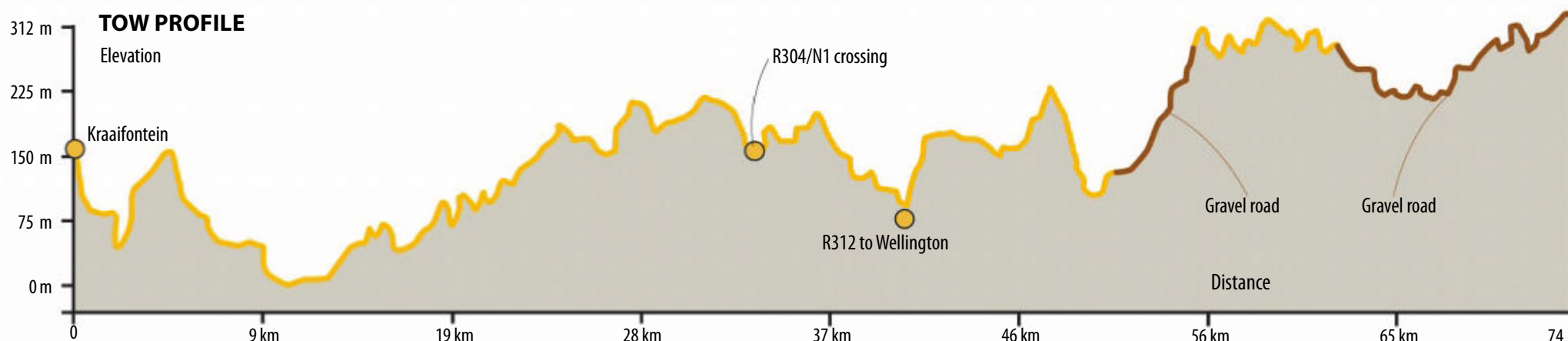
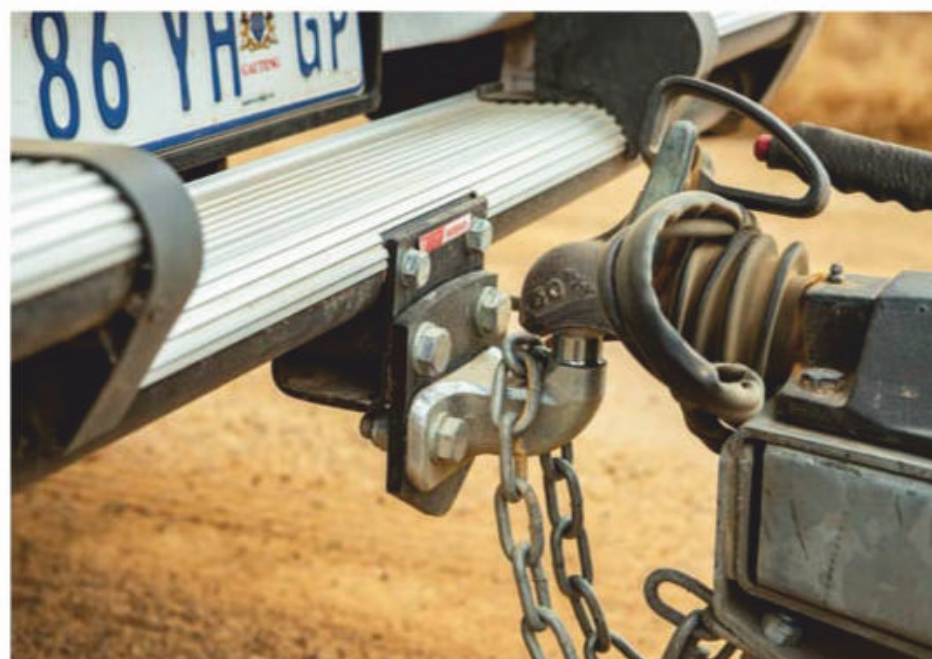
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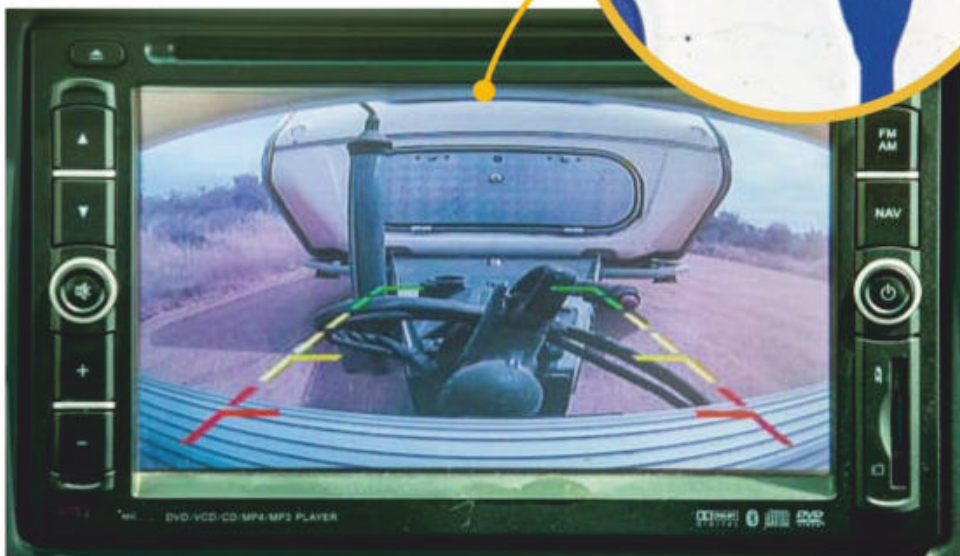
GVM 1 650 kg

Loaded weight on the axle at time of testing 980 kg (hitched to the Hardbody).

go! Drive & Camp borrowed the Jurgens Xcell from Tygerberg Caravans. Call Wesley Dempster 021 982 4670 if you want to view the Xcell closer.

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The test

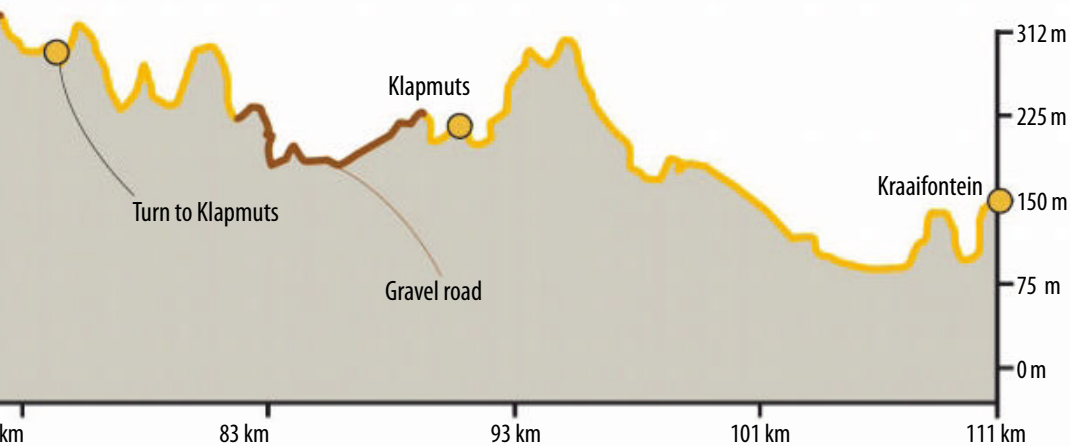
Distance 111 km

Top speed 104 km/h (GPS)

Average speed 52,7 km/h
(highways, back roads, built-up areas as well as several kilometres of bad gravel road)

Driving time 2 hours and 7 minutes.

Weather 21 °C, partly cloudy with a northerly wind of 11 km/h.



From the competitors (double cab, 4x4, diesel and under R400 000)



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290 Nm

-6%

-5%

The big guy in the lion's den

LION'S DEN SUPREME 4X4

If there is one thing you can say about Custom Canopies owner Jan Venter, it's that he builds an off-road caravan that turns heads. His latest model, the Lion's Den Supreme 4x4, is no exception.

Text and photos Schalk Jonker

Custom Canopies recently launched a luxury version of its popular Lion's Den De-lux off-road caravan, and if you take a close look at it, there doesn't appear to be anywhere you couldn't camp with it.

Jan Venter, owner of Custom Canopies, prides himself on the five innovative ways in which the Lion's Den Supreme 4x4 differs from the De-lux model, including the nose cone, the larger fridge-freezer and the wealth of storage space. And then there's a special surprise at the back of the caravan.

We hitched the Lion's Den Supreme 4x4 to a Nissan X-Trail and went camping in the Bushveld for a few days.

Let's start at the very beginning

The Lion's Den Supreme 4x4 has a double nose wheel and a proper nose cone on its A-frame. It's 107 cm tall, 48 cm wide and 60 cm deep, and next to the two gas cylinders (for the geyser and the gas stove in the kitchen) that the manufacturer has hiding here, there's still plenty of room for items including your camp chairs and your skottel braai. The electrical management system also lives here.

It's not a nose cone as you know it. Instead of a door opening at the top, you remove the cupboard's lid entirely. That means you don't have to measure and struggle to get something through the door and it's easier to lift large and bulky things in and out. You tighten the lid with steel clips and can also lock it here with a padlock. Jan also built a high rim around the lid so you can load a bag

or three of your favourite braai wood here before setting off.

Because it's so high, though, someone who isn't particularly tall and strong will find it difficult to lift off the lid on their own and, in most cases, this would be a job for two people. It does, however, have two small white doors on the sides if you

need to grab something small such as firelighters in a hurry. >





Lift it up

The caravan has swing-out rear struts with which you can quickly and easily get it standing firm. In front, it simply rests on the wheel.

When the caravan is steady, open the roof. As with Custom Canopies' other caravans, Jan's ingenious pop-up roof, which only lifts on one side, is also used on this model.

The roof has a hinge all along the length of it on the right and therefore lifts up from the left. Just remember to loosen the clips that hold the roof at the front and back. After that, push the roof up and it rises an impressive 1,6 m to give headroom for a giraffe inside the caravan. From the floor to the apex of the roof it's more than 2,6 m

and it feels there's is enough space for Springbok lock Lood de Jager to practice his lineouts.

The canvas section between the roof and the hull folds opens while the roof is lifted. You then pull down the elastic stretched around the canvas and tighten it around the frame. This elastic is really there for when you take it down, because it holds the canvas inside and stops it from getting caught in the roof when you close it.

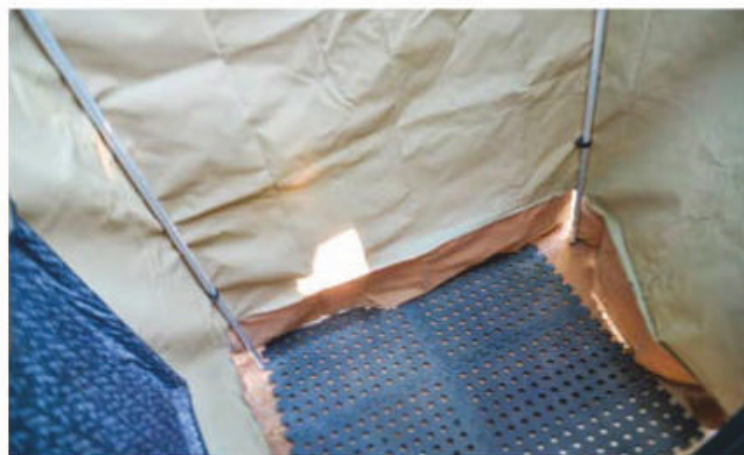
Now you get into the caravan and push up the folded-up U-frame. It also automatically folds up to stretch the canvas section over the left side of the caravan.

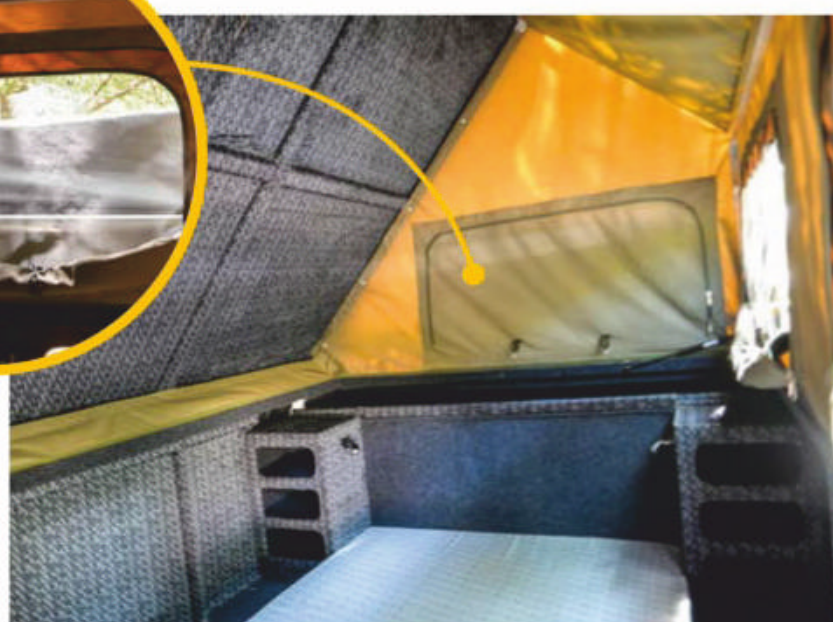


Check out the bathroom...

On the right side of the caravan is the laundry frame, but Jan has a dual purpose for this because the framework is also for your bathroom canvas. You stretch the canvas around the frame and then get out the right door of your caravan into the bathroom.

To the left of the door is a cupboard with a light, a canvas holder for toothpaste, soap and shampoo, a mirror and the pull-out tap that hangs on the laundry line when you shower. A clever use of the laundry line indeed.





Step inside

When you get in at the door, your wardrobe (130 x 63 x 37 cm) is immediately to your left. The door isn't the biggest we've ever encountered on an off-road caravan, and you'll need to be aware of the danger that you might bump your head if you're not paying attention. To the right of the door are three light switches and your two USB sockets and electricity meter. The switches are for the lights at the stairs, kitchen and gas braai.

Next to the wardrobe is a surface on the right with a washbasin for washing your face and brushing your teeth, and two rectangular cupboards underneath where you can store your toiletries. Above the surface is an LED – one of only three lights in the caravan.

The island bed is a luxury in an off-road caravan, and at 196 x 120 cm there is more than enough space for you and your partner to sleep peacefully without clambering over each other. Each of you also has a wardrobe with three shelves and a flat surface on top of which forms the bedside table. Against the cupboards is an adjustable reading lamp for each sleeper – the remaining two lights in the caravan.

When the caravan is set up, there is a long shelf above your head, where you can store items such as your glasses, pills and books. Just remember to remove them from the shelf before lowering the roof.

But the big treat is actually under the bed: when you lift the mattress and the big cupboard's lid, there is as much space as you'd get in a Venter trailer. Here you can pack and pack and pack... And, best of all, it's on the axle, helping you to pack your caravan to eliminate or minimise sway. >

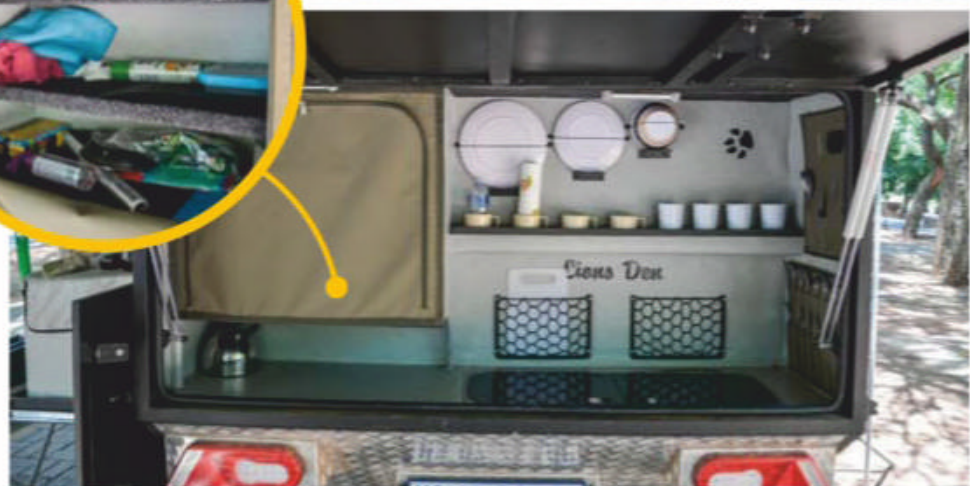


Galley in a drawer

Behind the wheel on the right is a cupboard door. When you open it, you'll see something you don't see very often: on the sliding frame is a gas braai with its own gas cylinder. Just the thing if you need to get that meat cooked real quick.

Underneath the braai is a pull-out drawer with your casserole dish, tank, spices and the like in foam rubber. An LED sits above the cupboard door to help you keep a watchful eye on your steaks.





Kitchen tales

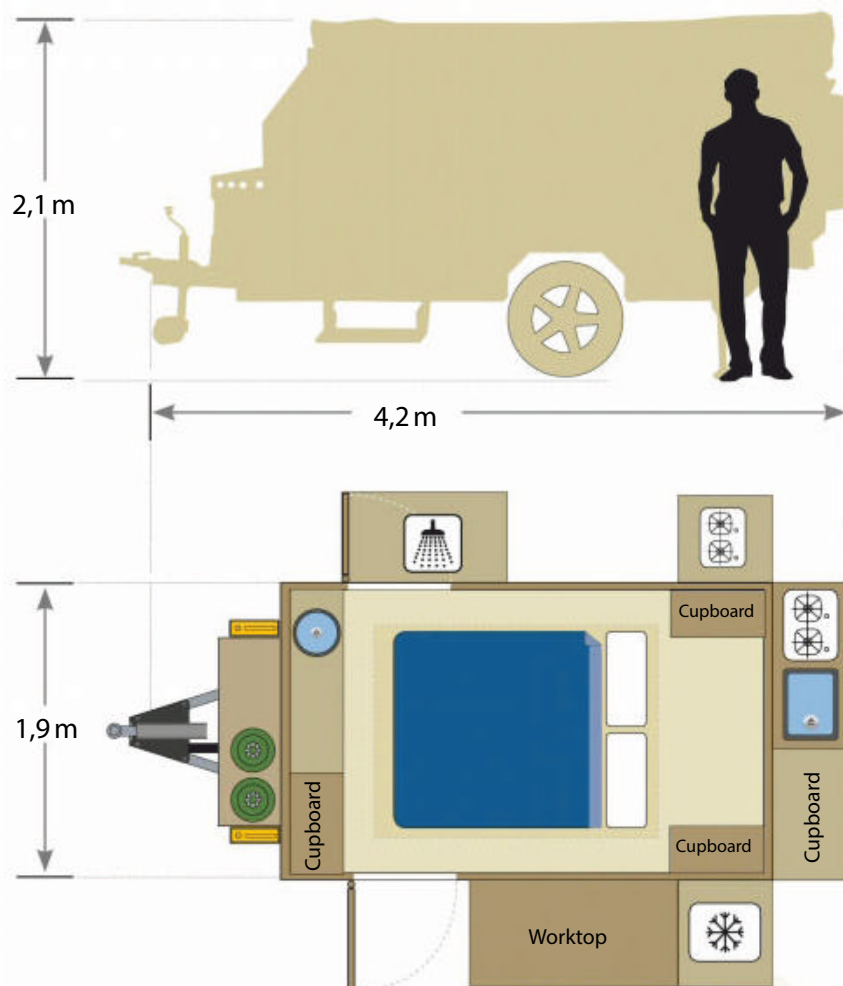
Behind the caravan is a swing door on which two 16" spare tyres are mounted. Behind this door, which opens with gas struts, the Lion's Den Supreme 4x4's kitchen lies hidden. Here you'll find a sink and a stove connected to the gas cylinder in the nose cone. Against the right wall is a canvas holder for your cutlery and in the shelf above the sink and stove there's a strip of foam rubber in which your cups and glasses can safely ride. The plates are held by elastic in a row against the wall in front of you.

On the left side of the kitchen is your three-compartment grocery cupboard behind a canvas flap that zips shut. The kitchen is at a good height and under the canopy, which

means everything stays dry when it rains.

Your 80 l Snomaster fridge-freezer is on a sliding frame in the cupboard behind the left wheel. Above the wheel is the table (130 x 66 cm) that is upright against the caravan when you drive and folded down when you camp. There are also three power points for your kettle and toaster. The table top is made of stainless steel and has no edge around it, so it's easy to clean. An LED above the work surface means you don't have to fiddle around in the dark when you cut the tomato for tonight's braai.

The Bundutech 270° canopy provides shade and protection against the elements and is easy and quick to get up and down.



The technical stuff

Length	4,2 m
Width	1,9 m
Height	2,1 m
Ceiling height with raised roof	4,2 m
Floor-to-ceiling height inside with raised roof	2,6 m
Tare weight	720 kg
Payload	780 kg
GVM	1 500 kg
Price (without fridge)	R280 000

light. It's pretty dark.

- The lid of the cupboard underneath the bed is short of a support arm.

go! Drive & Camp borrowed the Lion's Den Extreme from the manufacturer.

go! Drive & Camp says
The caravan's layout and the clever use of every possible space deserve praise.



Plus

- The pop-up roof is ingenious and simple.
- You could hardly ask for more headroom.
- There is ample storage space.
- It is great to have USB sockets in the caravan.
- The outside shower is a smart idea.



Minus

- It is difficult for one person to open and close the nose cone.
- It feels like the caravan could do with at least one more

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Tropical delights

For this menu you'll add curry powder, fruit and coconut to the pot to keep the chill at bay and your tummy full.

Recipes and styling **Aletta Lintvelt** Photos **Michelle Parkin**

TRINCHADO

A rich and tasty sauce

This creamy sauce is luxurious and makes for a great condiment for grilled steaks.

Ingredients

(enough for 4-6)

- 1 kg steak (use sirloin or rump)
- 2 tablespoons coarse salt
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- ground black pepper
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 green peppers, seeds removed

FOR THE TRINCHADO SAUCE

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tablespoons chilli flakes
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup brandy
- 1 cup dry red wine
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 2 cups cream (fresh or long-life)

Here's how

1 Cut the meat into 3 cm cubes. Add to a bowl, then add the salt, garlic and a good helping of ground black pepper, and rub the seasoning into the meat. Add the olive oil and vinegar and mix thoroughly.

2 Slice the green pepper into strips of 2,5 x 4 cm. Add it to the bowl with the meat, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and marinate it for at least two hours, but preferably overnight.

3 Thread the meat and sweet pepper alternately on kebab sticks you've first soaked in water (or use metal sticks).

4 Make the Trinchado sauce: heat the olive oil and butter in a pan and fry the onion until tender. Add the garlic, chilli flakes and bay leaves and sauté for another few minutes. Watch it carefully – the onions should not be browned at all, just soft and glossy.

5 Add the brandy and red wine to the pan and turn the heat higher so the alcohol can evaporate and the mixture reduce and thicken slightly. Then stir the soy sauce through. Keep the sauce warm in a pan on the side of the braai.

6 Braai the kebabs over moderate coals for about six minutes – turn them over every two minutes and baste them constantly with the marinade. Remove from the coals when cooked to your taste and leave it aside under foil.

7 Add the cream to the sauce and allow it to bubble once before removing it from the heat. Serve immediately with the kebabs.

go! Drive & Camp says Leave the meat outside the fridge for at least one hour before braaiing.



JAVA RIB POTJIE

An explosion of flavours

This fruity potjie has a lovely combination of flavours. It's not a curry, but as you do with bobotie, you use fruit and coconut to get a uniquely South African taste.

Ingredients

(enough for 6)

- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1,5 kg beef short ribs
- 1 onion, cut into rings
- 1 red chilli, finely chopped (optional)
- 2 tablespoons fresh ginger, finely grated
- 2 tablespoons of curry powder (mild or strong)
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 cups beef stock
- ½ cup dessicated coconut (or use almond flour)
- juice of ½ fresh lemon
- 1 green apple, coarsely chopped
- ¼ cup dried apricots, finely chopped

- ¼ cup of sultanas
- Salt and white pepper to taste

Here's how

1 Heat the oil in a potjie and braai the short ribs in batches until golden brown. (Don't try to braai them all at once, because then they will steam rather than braai.)

2 Return all the ribs to the potjie and add the onion, chilli, ginger, curry powder and cinnamon. Sauté over moderate heat until the onion begins to soften.

3 Add the garlic, stock, coconut, lemon juice, apple, apricots and sultanas to the potjie and season with salt and pepper. Cover and simmer for 90-120 minutes over moderate coals – the heat is right when there's the occasional light bubble (to get the meat soft and tasty).

4 Serve with rice. Add more coconut, lemon juice and chopped fresh chilli to taste.

go! Drive & Camp says If you don't like coconut, use almond flour. >



EASY MOUSSAKA Greek 101

Whether you say aubergine or brinjal, you'll enjoy this meal.

Ingredients

(enough for 6)

- 2 medium-sized aubergines
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 1 kg beef mince
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon dry origanum
- 1 can (410 g) chopped Italian-flavoured tomatoes
- 4 tablespoons tomato paste
- ½ cup dry red wine
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 packet (40 g) mushroom sauce (we used Royco's)
- 1 cup of grated cheddar

Here's how

1 Cut the brinjal into 1 cm slices and rub them on both sides with

olive oil. Braai on a grid over medium coals until golden brown on both sides.

2 Sauté the onion in a small potjie with the rest of the olive oil. Add the mince and fry it until golden brown. Stir in the garlic, bay leaf, origanum, tomato, tomato paste and red wine and simmer for 30 minutes. Taste and season to taste with salt and black pepper.

3 Pack a single layer of aubergine slices into a medium-sized flat-bottomed pot. Spoon over some of the mince mixture. Repeat the layers of brinjal and mince until all is used.

4 Mix the sauce according to the instructions on the packet and pour it over the moussaka. Sprinkle the cheese on top, cover the potjie and bake over moderate coals for 45 minutes.

go! Drive & Camp says If you prefer a richer moussaka, make the mushroom sauce with cream.



CURRIED CABBAGE Cabbage onto this!

Cabbage is the neglected member of the vegetable drawer, but it's delicious if you cook and season it properly. And it's perfect for camping because it keeps well.

Ingredients

(enough for 6)

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon ginger, finely grated
- ½ teaspoon chilli powder
- 2 teaspoons strong curry powder
- ½ red cabbage, shredded

- 1 teaspoon honey
- A handful pumpkin seeds
- A handful raisins

Here's how

1 Sauté the onion in the olive oil with the garlic, ginger, chilli and curry until soft and fragrant.

2 Add the cabbage and stir-fry everything until the cabbage is still crisp, but not completely raw.

3 Stir through the honey, pumpkin seeds and raisins and season with salt before serving.

go! Drive & Camp says

You can also use half a coarsely chopped cauliflower for this dish.

ORANGE SWEET POTATOES Next level goodness

Give your sweet potatoes wrapped in foil a whole new dimension with this delicious orange and honey sauce.

Ingredients

(enough for 6)

- 6 small sweet potatoes
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- grated peel and juice of 1 orange
- a pinch of salt
- ¼ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 50 g flocked almonds, roasted

Here's how

1 Cut slices into the sweet potatoes, but don't cut all the way through the bottom skin. Place them in a heat-proof pan and sprinkle with olive oil, orange juice and a pinch of salt. Cover the pan with foil and place over moderate coals for about 30 minutes. Remove the foil.

2 Pour the orange peel, butter, honey and vanilla essence into the slices of the sweet potatoes and finish with the flocked almonds.

go! Drive & Camp says

The sweet potato can also be wrapped in foil with the olive oil and orange juice.



HOT PEACH POTJIE PUDDING Lips like sugar

An old favourite in a new form – and lovely around the campfire.

Ingredients

(enough for 6)

- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 4 cups water
- 2 cups cake flour
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- a pinch of salt
- ½ cup butter, cut into cubes
- 1 cup peach jam
- 2 fresh nectarines or peaches, sliced

Here's how

1 Stir the sugar and water in a small potjie (#3) over moderate coals. When the sugar is dissolved, allow the syrup to boil.

2 Mix together the flour, baking soda and salt in a mixing bowl.

Now rub the butter through the flour mixture with your fingers until it looks like coarse breadcrumbs.

3 Stir the jam through the flour mixture to form a batter.

4 Ensure the potjie with syrup rests on a braai triangle with a few coals under it – it shouldn't be too hot as then your pudding will burn.

5 Spoon the batter onto the hot syrup – don't stir it – and place the lid so that it fits snugly.

6 Slowly simmer the pudding for one hour over lukewarm coals. Remove it from the coals and serve warm with the peach slices.

go! Drive & Camp says

When you spoon the batter onto the hot syrup, you're going to think it looks weird – but rest assured, it should look like that (don't stir!).



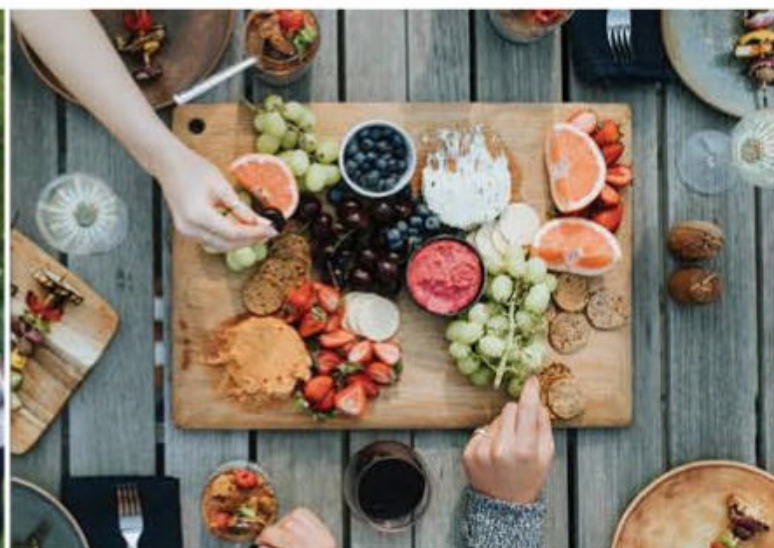


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Keep your cool

Buying a cooler box is almost like looking for a pram for your first child: it's too late when you realise it's not as easy as you thought. We help you choose from the multitude of cooler boxes on the store shelves.

Text and photos **Piet van Heerde**

The next time your dad says all cooler boxes are actually the same, just remember this is the guy who believes all the Bulls' problems will disappear "if they just learn how to tackle low again". Cooler boxes have become a science, and that is good news for you. Somewhere between your small

sandwich bag and the white boxes in which a living heart is flown halfway around the world for a transplant, there exists the cooler box that is absolutely right for your camping needs.

And even if you have a camping fridge with all the wiring and batteries, a cooler box remains a useful thing to have.

Actually, even if you don't have that fridge, you should be able to get a cooler box that can take you and your friends through the Oppikoppi long weekend without you having to experience the humiliation of a warm beer or an overripe chop even once.

That is if you're willing to take out your wallet and let your money talk.

6 TIPS FOR COOLER-BOX MANAGEMENT

- **START COLD** Cool the box down before filling it – load it with ice to cool the walls, otherwise your meat or beer or vegetables will lose their temperature. Leave a layer of ice in the bottom.
- **PACK PROPERLY** Plan how you are going to pack it. The meat or vegetables that you are going to use last, go in first. Then layer it according to what you'll be getting out first. You can even use newspaper or polystyrene between layers to better insulate it.
- **LEAVE IT!** Never open the box unnecessarily or leave it open. Open it, take out whatever you need and close – and ensure it's

closed tightly. Try to open it only once or twice a day.

- **IN THE SHADE** Don't leave your cooler box in direct sunlight. If you can't help it, cover it with a blanket or sleeping bag. If you only have to open the box in a few days, wrap it in a blanket from the get-go.
- **ISOLATE** Wrap some of the items inside – such as pre-frozen meat – in newspaper before packing.
- **KEEP THE WATER** Don't throw out ice water unless you replace it with new ice.



EVAKOOL 25 ℓ ICE BOX

A “cool” Aussie

You get the impression that this box is built to last. The lid seals well on its rubber seal and is secured with stretchy tie-downs. The durable hinges are attached to the lid and box with three screws each. The five-year guarantee is underwritten by evaKool in Australia.

In addition to the strong handles, this guy also has a broad strap that you can throw over your shoulder. The company says it has sold more than half a

million of these impressive boxes.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 280 (d) x 270 x 340 mm

Outside 360 (h) x 345 (with hinges and clips) x 425 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 25 mm

Price R1 955 at evaKool.

go! Drive & Camp says If you're serious about ice, get one of these. It's expensive, but you won't regret it.



LEISURE QUIP 26 ℓ HARDBODY COOLER

Braai box

It's blue or red and everyone is familiar with it. This is a nice high box in which a 2 ℓ bottle can stand upright.

The handle is strong, and it also has hand-holds on the sides if you want to pick it up with both hands. The lid opens and closes with a plastic cast hinge and seals fairly tightly.

Its bottom is 13 mm off the ground for better insulation, and the lid is designed so you can stack two cooler boxes on top of one another.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 344 (d) x 239 x 394 mm

Outside 275 (h) 280 x 460 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 24 mm

Price R225 from Takealot.com.

go! Drive & Camp says Leisure Quip's products maintain a good quality standard, but it's important to know that it's not designed for a week-long expedition.

COLEMAN EXTREME

Stylish gentleman

This is a Coleman with a new look – and almost as revolutionary as when Volkswagen went from the Beetle to the Golf.

Under the bonnet, however, this one is still the same: the two-way handles and strong hinges and the lid that closes properly.

The lid has sunken cup holders so your glasses will stay upright when it gets to that part of the evening when the glasses start toppling over. And yes, it also has that handy ruler on the lid – if the bass you just caught is shorter than this ruler, it needs to go

back in the water.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 335 mm (+ 30 mm in lid) x 323 x 630 mm

Outside 445 x 339 (with hinges) x 710 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 30 mm

Price R1 999 at Cape Union Mart.

go! Drive & Camp says Coleman says you can sit on it, but we would advise you not to allow your brother-in-law, who plays prop for his local club, to use it as a chair. >





GEARUP 50 L AND 70 L

Tough and Thai

This box is imported from Thailand, but it's as if it's been built for South African conditions. The plastic (formed by rotational moulding) is clearly sturdier than a regular cooler box.

The most important feature of any cooler box is the thickness of the wall, and this box is 50 mm and even 70 mm in places. You can definitely take it camping for a long weekend.

The lid is tightened with double-action,

strong rubber and stainless-steel latches and a proper rubber seal. The latches are also sunk into the walls, which means they won't come undone on the back of a bakkie because they snagged on a gas cylinder or a crate. The hinge is a part the box and its pin is made of stainless steel. If you

COLEMAN 3-PIECE COOLER COMBO

Three in one

When the babies start arriving and you want to cover all your cooling needs in one go, then you buy this set – unless you plan to tour through Tanzania for six weeks. Then you'd need something more advanced.

The big box's lid is high enough so that a 2 l cooldrink bottle can stand upright and it's spacious enough for four days' worth of salad, butter and eggs.

It has a kind of two-way handle that makes it easy to pick up without pinching your fingers and the lid closes tightly, with a click. The hinge is durable – if you look after it, it will last many years.

DIMENSIONS

THE BIG ONE

Inside 302 mm (+ 76 mm in the lid) (d) x 295 x 560 mm

Outside 415 x 344 x 644 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 20 mm

THE LITTLE ONE

Inside 230 mm (+ 12 mm in the lid) x 181 x 189 mm

Outside 280 (h) 230 x 315 mm (with handles)

Price R1 399 at Cape Union Mart.

go! Drive & Camp says

Coleman is to us and cooler boxes what Hoover is to Americans and vacuum cleaners.



EVAKOOL 60 L SAFARI BOX

The Merv Hughes of cooler boxes

Like its little brother, this one is built like a tank. We're not always too keen to give credit to an Aussie, but as with many outdoor products and 4x4 accessories, they have a winner here. At 60 l, it's a big cooler box but not unmanageable.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 340 (d) x 350 x 490 mm

Outside 460 x 460 (with hinges

and latches) x 605 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 38 mm

Price R2 600 at evaKool.

go! Drive & Camp says This is a very popular brand among safari guides and operators – the guys who only use equipment that really work. It's expensive, but it's an investment.



don't crush this box with your Cruiser, it should last forever.

The handles are also moulded into the wall, and there is a second set of rope handles that make carrying it even easier. The box also has anchor points so you can secure it during a challenging 4x4 trail.

Also useful is the two-piece drain plug. The plug unscrews on the inside but it won't come off on its own and disappear.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 320 (d) x 293 x 565 mm

Outside 420 (h) x 395 x 709 mm

Wall thickness 50 mm (front and rear) and sides 70 mm to make room for the built-in handles.

Price R2 599 for 50 ℓ and R2 999 for 70 ℓ at Outdoor Warehouse.

go! Drive & Camp says

Extremely strong, sturdy and durable, but the box itself is quite heavy.



CAMP MASTER 30 ℓ COOLER BOX **Bargain**

This box is just big enough that you can pack it quickly for a day trip. It's got a comfortable handle. Inside, 2 ℓ bottles can stand upright. It's also got the moulded cup holders on top where you can put your cups or glasses if you have to pour while the southeaster is blowing.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 430 mm (+ 17 mm for the lid) (d) x 273 x 393 mm

Outside 340 (h) x 305 x 435 mm (with hinges)

Wall thickness 20 mm

Price R169 at Makro.

go! Drive & Camp says

Camp Master makes affordable camping equipment that will have you camping for at least three times in one season. And if you look after it, it'll last a good number of years.

MARINE ULTRA FAMILY COOLER 36 QT **For the sun-seekers**

It is beautiful and it is white. And don't underestimate the fact that it's UV resistant, because plastic's biggest enemy is the sun. The box oozes quality. It's solidly built and seals well. What is striking are the handles that are rubber-covered so that you can easily carry it around, and then the lid has a cable that prevents the hinges from getting damaged if you open the lid too far and too quickly.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 270 (d) x 275 x 505 mm

Outside 330 (h) x 335 x 610 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 30 mm

Price R1 299 at Outdoor Warehouse.

go! Drive & Camp says The attention to detail makes it one of the better cooler boxes we have seen. >



SAFARI CHILLER

Fishing for compliments

We had the 25 ℓ model in hand, but Safari Chiller has a wide range of products. It's a truly South African brand that was designed for the fishing brigade 21 years ago.

The shell is a solid fibreglass construction and years of research have gone into evenly distributing the foam padding to get the insulation 100% right.

Its handles are made of stainless steel, as are the hinges and clips in the larger models. They help to keep the lid – which is already tight – closed even more tightly.

The smaller models have a nylon lid you can use as a cutting board, and no, it won't sag or warp. The lid

seals so tightly that you can feel and hear the air blowing out when you close it.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 340 (d) x 245 x 344 mm

Outside 390 (h) x 344 x 442 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 35 mm

Price R1 099 at select retailers.

go! Drive & Camp says

Everything about this box says quality – the durability of the construction and the thickness of the wall for insulation (35 mm). And it's definitely not just for anglers.



CAMP MASTER SAFARI 45 ℓ COOLER BOX

The greenie

You've got a choice of colours: khaki green... or khaki green. This cooler box is made of so-called "impact-resistant plastic". It has handles on ropes that are long enough, so your hands

don't get pinched. The clips look durable and can tighten the lid properly – plus you can lock it. In addition, the hinge mechanism in the lid looks like it'll last with a stainless-steel pin on which it hinges.



COLEMAN EXCURSION 16 QT

Dependable

A Coleman is like a minibus taxi – there's always room for one more. And this brand is indeed as much a part of South Africa as Hilux and Sunlight Liquid.

As always, this one is well-built with sturdy hinges and a lid that clicks shut to make sure it seals well and remains closed.

We tested this picnic-sized model, but remember that Coleman has a huge range to meet different needs.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 230 (d) x 250 mm to 335 x 331-330 mm

Outside 275 (h) x 295 x 395 mm (with handles)

Wall thickness 17 mm

Price From R550 at Outdoor Warehouse.

go! Drive & Camp says

Coleman has already proved itself. At the braai, hide it under the table so that cousin Ed doesn't sit on it.



DIMENSIONS

Inside 310 x 295 x 470 mm

Outside 420 x 390 (with blink)
x 590 mm

Wall thickness 40 mm

Price R1 199 at Makro.

go! Drive & Camp says It would have been better if the box had an extra foam rubber seal for the lid.



CAMP MASTER 50 L COOLBOX

Grandmaster

A large cooldrink bottle (2 l) can stand upright in this guy and its hinges are strong – each fastened with four screws. You have three cup holders in the lid, and the handles are designed so that you can easily pick up the box without hurting your fingers.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 330 (d) x 290 x 555 mm

Outside 410 (h) x 340 x 665 mm
(with handles)

Wall thickness 23 mm

Price R499 at Makro.

go! Drive & Camp says Value for money.



QUANTUM 55QT COOLER BOX

Eat – and measure?

The Quantum's best feature is that the bottom is lifted about 20 mm from the ground by feet for better insulation. The cup holders in the lid are also fab, as it makes it easier to pour a drink.

Although the lid is completely removable, the box seals tightly and easily. It even has hooks through which you can affix a strap or fit locks to keep your full-blood Wagyu tenderloin safe.

Like the Coleman Extreme mentioned earlier, this box has a ruler on the lid to measure freshly-caught fish.

By the way, the manufacturer has a whole host of other options

– from cooler boxes on wheels to water coolers and elegant picnic boxes.

DIMENSIONS

Inside 313 (d) x 321 mm to 335 x 550 mm

Outside 400 (h) x 380 x 655 mm
(with handles)

Wall thickness 28-35 mm

Price R1 299 at Outdoor Warehouse.

go! Drive & Camp says It's a good, efficient box that's not a chore to carry around.



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Big and lightweight? You bet!

The Hoefer group has just made history in the local caravan industry: they are now building the lightest caravan of this size, and it's almost a home you can tow behind your medium-sized towing vehicle.

Text and photos **Leon Botha**

On your caravan's plate are two key figures: the tare weight and the gross vehicle mass (GVM). The tare weight is what your specific caravan weighs as a standard model on the manufacturer's display floor, and the GVM is how heavy the caravan may weigh in total after you load it. So, if you subtract the two digits, you'll know how much you can load onto your caravan.

Let's look, for example, at a popular road caravan such as Jurgens's Penta (the 2013 model): the tare weight is 1 220 kg and the GVM 1 400 kg. So, you could load another 180 kg on the Penta without exceeding the GVM limit.

Three years ago, during the

Easter holiday, a small storm erupted at weigh bridges, because the authorities were fining many people who were towing caravans or trailers that were technically overloaded.

The tricky issue was the tare weight, because not all manufacturers determine that weight in the same way – some even claimed that the tare weight was just the weight of the empty shell.

Since then, the picture has changed, but at the same time vehicle manufacturers are building ever lighter vehicles – something that directly affects the caravan industry.

The law says a caravan's GVM may not exceed the tare

weight of the towing vehicle. This applies to caravans with run-in brakes (with which most caravans on our roads are equipped). Take Volkswagen's Touareg as an example: the 2015 model has a tare of 2 043 kg, which means you can tow most caravans in the country. But the 2019 model weighs 113 kg less and therefore has a tare weight of 1 930 kg.

This small difference recently landed us in a predicament. We wanted to hook Quantum Leisure's Infinity model for a tow test, but realised the Touareg was too light, even though Volkswagen said the Touareg can tow a load of up to 3 500 kg. The Infinity's GVM is 1 950 kg –

so 20 kg heavier than the new Touareg's tare weight. This while the older model could tow the very same caravan.

On a lighter and longer note

The GVM of most caravans on our roads is 1 800 kg or lighter, while most of the larger towing vehicles are closer to 2 000 kg. So, it would seem that everyone is happy. But it means that people with a smaller towing vehicle have no choice but to look at smaller caravans.

Where in the country would you see a 7,5 m long caravan behind a new Nissan X-Trail?

The 4x4 model has a tare weight of 1 547 kg and you would be able to tow that 2013



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TEAMWORK. Even though Charles Hoefer (second from right) built the Azzero caravan, he embarked on the project with Michael Hammond (far left) and Neil Volschenk (next to Michael) of GC Caravans in Witbank. Charles's wife, Andrea Kine, joins them on the far right.

Penta with it, even though it's over a metre shorter than the "long" caravan. The X-Trail is too light for Jurgens' Elegance (7,46 m), Quantum Leisure's Infinity (7,35 m) and Destination's Magic (7,7 m). The Elegance has the lowest GVM – 1 850 kg – with the Infinity at 1 950 kg and the Magic 2 000 kg.

This is where the Hoefer Azzero caravan by Charles

Hoefer comes in. Charles is an American who established a caravan factory in Swaziland. The Azzero is 7,5 m long, but its GVM is only 1 510 kg. So, you may legally tow the caravan with the X-Trail – after loading up to 275kg into the Azzero.

Its tare weight is a mere 1 235 kg, which is something unprecedented for this size. The Elegance, Magic and

Infinity's tare weights are at least 315 kg more if you compare their respective weights of 1 634 kg, 1 550 kg and 1 650 kg.

A thinner body

The Azzero's tare weight includes a 120 l water system, microwave, two fridges (93 l and 193 l), the leather lounge suite that folds out as a second bed, >

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and the outside kitchen with its sink and stove. Plus, that plush double bed.

The key to its low weight is in the building materials used. The chassis is made of 8 mm thick aircraft aluminium. It is lighter than any conventional chassis out there.

And then the hull is glued to the chassis with a special adhesive, which forms a layer of about a centimetre between the chassis and the hull. It's rubbery and absorbs some of the vibrations.

The floor is 80 mm thick and is also made of a special material

about which Charles doesn't want to elaborate.

All this means the caravan – and specifically the floor – is wood-free. South African manufacturers are moving away from timber, but you still see the occasional wooden floor.

The thickness of the Azzero's panels varies between 8 mm and 75 mm. The outer layer is made of fibreglass while the inside is made of insulating material. Each panel forms a unit.

According to Charles, these panels are ten times stronger than the jointed fibreglass materials seen in some caravans. The Azzero's panels are glued together to turn the hull into a single structure.

Not much wriggle room

South Africa's laws around the weight of caravans are strict, says Charles, especially when compared to US law. What matters over there is the tow weight that the car manufacturer assigns to the car, and the tare weight is irrelevant.

If an American's Ford Explorer

or Toyota Tacoma are able to tow a caravan of more than 3 tonnes, they're free to do so. South African law, however,

limits you to the tare weight.

Another difficult hurdle in South Africa is the permitted nose weight. In America, the nose weight on the hitch may be 15% of the towing weight – so if you load the Azzero to its limit, the nose weight may be up to 226 kg. In South Africa it is more than half of that, because the maximum permitted weight here is 100 kg. That means that you'd have to load more weight in the back of the caravan to balance the weight – and this makes the caravan unstable when you tow.

Charles, has kept the Azzero's empty nose weight at around 80 kg.

Lighter for smaller guys

While Charles is doing pioneering work with his lightweight caravan, the local industry is also taking a new course. Wood in caravan hulls are just about something of the past, and quite a few of the market leaders are using up-to-date hulls, especially in road caravans. Not only are the caravans lighter, but these materials are also virtually maintenance free.

The chassis is made of 8 mm thick aircraft aluminium. It is lighter than any conventional chassis out there.





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Are you sure you're insured?

So your off-roader is insured, but will your insurer pay if it floats away down in the Orange River?

Text **Cyril Klopper** Photos **Getty Images/Supplied**

Regular Joes and insurance companies have a strained relationship. For some of us, insurance is necessary evil, and you pay the premium every month whether you like it or not. Sometimes the resentment is so great that you claim more than you deserve when fate strikes.

Conversely, insurers are not very enthusiastic about compensating you for your damage. If there is an error in your claim, they'll only pay out a portion – or possibly nothing!

Most of us, however, do enjoy an amicable relationship with our insurer. You budget for the premiums and, should an accident befall you, you claim fairly, and the insurer fully compensates you for your damage – that's in a perfect world.

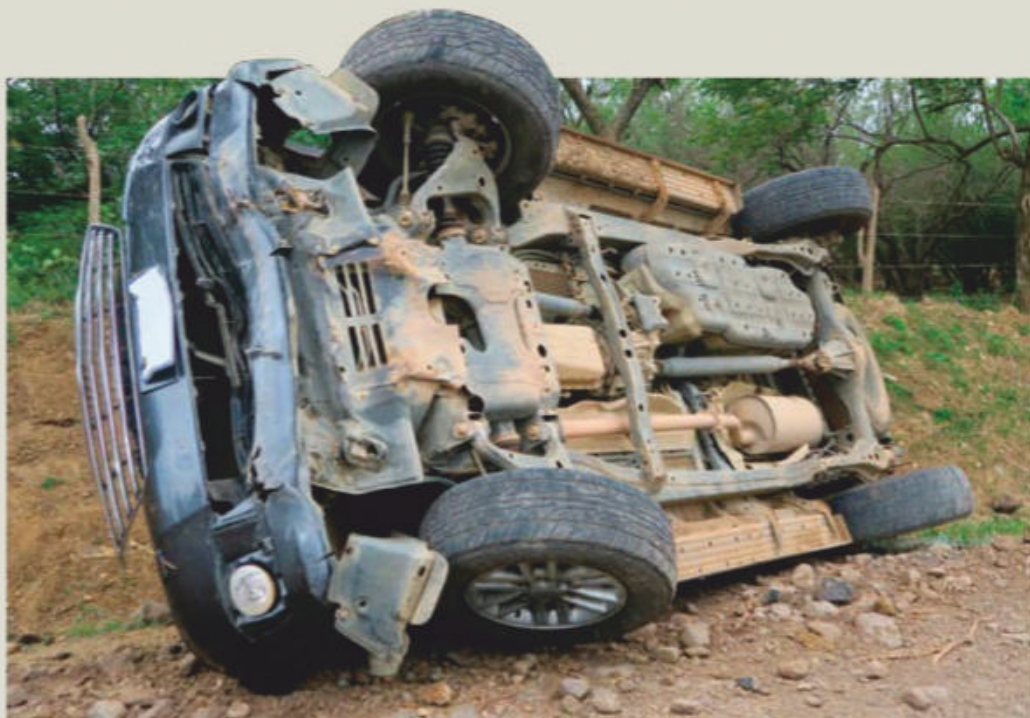
But if you're a 4x4 enthusiast, watch out for some pitfalls that could lead to a fight with your insurer.

We chatted to a few independent insurance brokers about the nature of these pitfalls.

According to these brokers*, most insurers offer an optional extended cover for 4x4 vehicles, but while many of their customers drive 4x4 vehicles, not many want this cover.



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WHEN DISASTER STRIKES Make sure you declare your intentions with your 4x4, even if it's just for a fishing holiday.

Why, after all, would anyone pay significantly more for optional insurance that appears unnecessary?

"You pay a basic premium based on your age, the value of your vehicle, the risk of you making a claim, etc," they say.

It sounds reasonable, because a 45-year-old housewife driving a Hyundai is likely to be a smaller financial risk for any insurer than a 25-year-old stockbroker in a Ferrari, after all. The risk is also not merely in the likelihood of a claim, but in the size of the pay out, too.

But what are the implications for you and your off-road vehicle?

"The problem with ordinary insurance on an adventurised SUV is that it only covers incidents that happen on regular roads and normal conditions," says one broker, adding that most insurers will only accommodate you if you make a reasonable claim.

But if they have any suspicion that you were jumping over dunes or fording through deep rivers, you'll need a broker to fight your case.

"When one client's vehicle was damaged on a 4x4 trail, an insurer rejected his claim because he paid to go on the obstacle course," relates another broker.



If you're going to use an off-road vehicle on a paid, private 4x4 trail, it's important to consider the extended 4x4 coverage.

How is such a thing possible?

If you study the wording of your standard policy, you may note that some insurers offer no cover if you use your vehicle

on race tracks or in any type of competitive activity.

If you're going to use an off-road vehicle on a paid, private 4x4 trail, it's important to consider the extended 4x4 coverage. This cover allows for damage that may occur on non-standard roads or off-road conditions.

It also offers a variety of other

benefits, such as recovery if your SUV gets stuck on a Kalahari sand dune and they will even cover you in neighbouring countries – if your 4x4 ends up on its roof in the Kunene River or stolen in Maputo.

"Some insurers require you to let them know before you leave for holiday in a neighbouring country, otherwise they will >

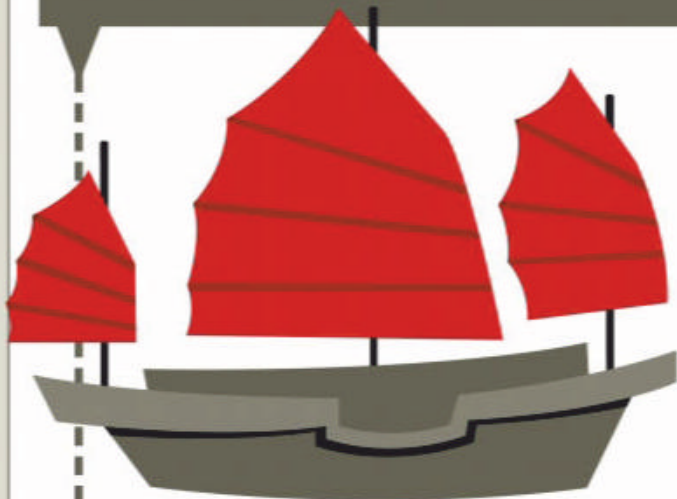
HISTORY

Insurance, like other brilliant inventions such as paper, gunpowder and the umbrella, was originally invented by the Chinese.

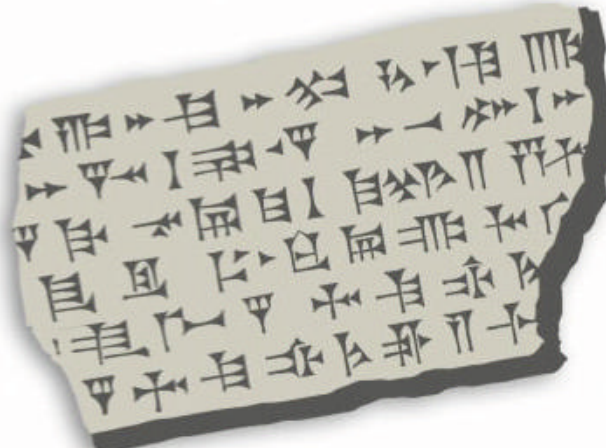
The practice arose when Chinese traders

were looking for a way to make sure they didn't suffer catastrophic losses should fate turn against them.

Here's a short timeline:



3000 BC Chinese traders insure the cargo on their boats with financiers.



1754 BC A Babylonian text entitled *The Code of Hammurabi* discusses the terms and conditions of standard insurance.



1898 The first dedicated vehicle insurance – with liability – is issued to American Truman J Martin.



1879 In South Africa, unsuccessful attempts are made to replace Roman-Dutch insurance regulations with British legislation.



1930 Third-party insurance becomes compulsory for car owners in Britain.



1972 Car insurance becomes compulsory in Massachusetts in the States, but it would only be enforced in the rest of the US decades later.

not approve a claim or support you there if you get into trouble."

We examined two popular insurers' 4x4 coverage packages: Santam 4x4 insurance and Outsurance Out-in-Africa. Both insurers will support you in 14 African countries outside of South Africa. Both cover you against mechanical problems and both provide monetary compensation for injuries or death in neighbouring countries or on a 4x4 obstacle course.

Outsurance's policy wording is clearer than Santam's and it appears they won't pay if a civil war breaks out and armed rebels shoot up your rig. They also don't cover vehicles that venture outside of the country for longer than six months in total.

We're not going to propose the best 4x4 policy for you; that's your insurance broker's job, but what we must stress very clearly is that you absolutely have to declare your intentions with your off-road vehicle to your insurer, even if it is something innocent such as your annual fishing holiday in Henties Bay – but especially if it's slightly more challenging, such as participating in your 4x4 club's monthly outing.

Because if you take out ordinary insurance, you will only have ordinary cover.



ASK THE PROFESSOR

Do you have a question for the 4x4 professor?

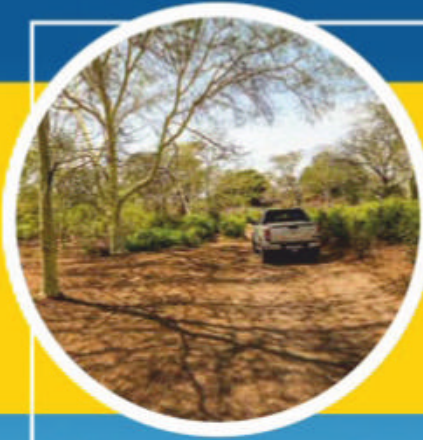
Something along the lines of: will my license fee increase if my bakkie gets heavier thanks to all those extra 4x4 modifications? Please send email to

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*Sources

The independent brokers who we spoke to are known to us, but the reason why they chose to

remain anonymous is because insurers are apparently inconsistent when it comes to approving claims. It's a minefield of small print out there!



From Bush to Coral Coast



This spectacular palm-covered coastline of Mozambique that was off limits to us South Africans for such a long time, is now once again available for us to explore and enjoy.

DAY 1

We meet at Punda Maria Camp in the northern section of the Kruger National Park, where we will spend our first night camping in tents.

DAY 2

We make our way to the Pafuri Gate, where we cross the border and enter Mozambique. After about 80 kilometres, we reach the village of Mapai, where we cross the Limpopo. (Should the Limpopo be in flood, an alternate route will be considered).

DAY 3

Early to rise and, after a hearty breakfast, we break up camp and continue on to Machaila, then the town of Mabote and lastly on to our destination at Inhassoro. At Inhassoro we'll be sleeping in chalets almost on the beach with a view of Bazaruto Bay where we will enjoy the evening together.

DAY 4

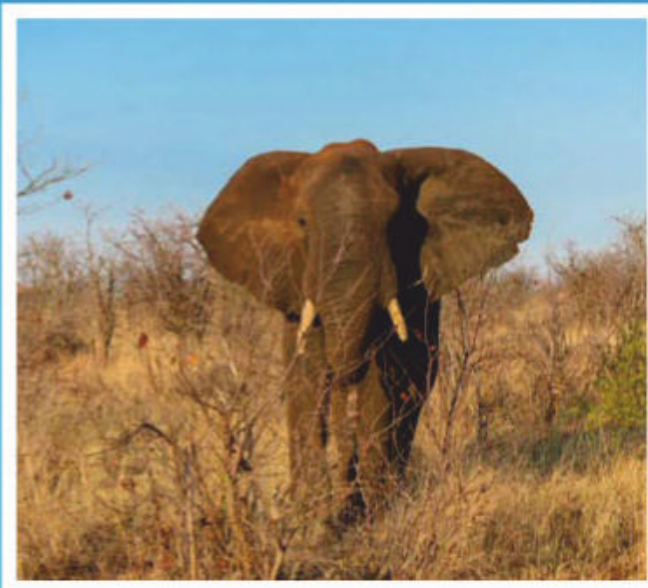
We take a boat trip to the beautiful Paradise Island and hopefully we will get to see dolphins and turtles in the crystal clear water of the Bazaruto Sanctuary with its bounty of marine life. In the late afternoon we return to our camp as the sun sets over the palm-lined beaches of the mainland.

DAY 5

Today we head north onto the Inhassoro peninsula, driving along the top of the dunes, with the sea on our right and the lagoon to our left. Here again we can explore the coastline, snorkel and swim.

DAY 6

We have the whole day to relax. As our beach driving permits are still valid, those of you who want to head up the beach will be more than



welcome to do so. For those of you who want to go shopping in Vilanculos, it can be a very interesting excursion.

DAYS 7 & 8

We have a long drive down to our campsite, just north of the town of Xai Xai. Here we spend two nights camping and have a day to relax and enjoy the magnificent coast.

DAY 9

From Xai Xai, we head inland towards Masingir and enter the new Limpopo Transfrontier Park at its southern gate. We spend about two hours driving through the park and camp at a magnificent campsite overlooking the Masingir Dam.

DAY 10

After breakfast, we sadly say our goodbyes and you make your way back into the Kruger National Park via the nearby Gariyondo border post, just north of Letaba.

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DUNE TRAINER



Businessman and amateur racer Hennie de Klerk and his navigator, Gerhard Schutte, were the only privateers from South Africa in the 2018 Dakar rally. Here's Hennie's Dakar rally car.

2016 TreasuryONE Rally Car

THE REAL DEAL!

It may look like a Volkswagen Amarok, but Hennie de Klerk's TreasuryONE rally car hides mechanics you won't find in any lifestyle bakkie.

“ Even from an early age, I believed I was a racing driver, especially when driving my dad's bakkie on the farm. I was already deep into my thirties, however, when I started racing on a track – with a **Porsche 924**. After four years, however, I moved to off-road rallies.

My navigator, Gerhard Schutte, and I

participated in the **2018 Dakar Rally**. There were 105 teams in the car category, of which 17 were rookies. Of the 17, only two rookie teams finished, and we came in first. This bagged me the Rookie of the Year award.

I'd love to do the Dakar again, but in 2019 we will participate in the Morocco Desert Challenge in April. I also take part in class T of the South African Cross Country Series (SACCS), which consists of six races, including the **Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000**.



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To qualify for local rallies, you need to complete two regional rallies before you may join the national ones. For Dakar and similar international races, you simply have to enter early enough and possess an FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) racing license.

My rally car has 0,1% in common with a standard Amarok – actually only the badge and the headlights. It originally had an **Audi TT 2.5 turbo engine**, but the Dakar doesn't allow turbo petrols – though turbo diesels are allowed – and we had to swap that engine for a **Ford Mustang 5.0 V8**.

The V8 uses ordinary 95 octane petrol, but at the Dakar you may use Avgas. We get about **1,5 km/ℓ (66.7 ℓ /100 km)** in a typical rally. In terms of speed, I'm limited to **190 km/h** – not electronically, but because

of a 37 mm air-supply hose. I still have all the power and torque in the low gears, though.

Tyres are extremely important in off-road racing. The rules in class T of the SACC series require you to race with commercially available tyres. I use Cooper STT Pro tyres. I used the same Cooper STT Pros in the Dakar and in the 10 000km we drove, we lost only two tyres.

My rally car compares well to those of the factory teams, but guys like Toyota are simply in another class. They build a new car each year for the Dakar, with new technology. My Amarok was built in 2016 and we still use the same 2016 technology.

All Dakar participants' cars must comply with FIA T1 requirements and be built accordingly. That's why the cars you see in the Dakar contain almost no standard equipment. It's usually just the engine that has to be a standard production engine; the rest are all motor-sport parts.

A Dakar vehicle may not weigh less than **1 850 kg**, and the maximum travel distance on the front shock absorbers is **280 mm with 320 mm** for the rear. They also need to contain an FIA-approved roll cage, seats, five-point seatbelts and fire extinguishers, and occupants must wear special FIA-approved underwear and racing suits.

During the rally you may replace all parts except the engine. If that packs up, your race is over, even if it happens on day

one. You may also only have one car; there is no replacement allowed should yours break down.

Fortunately, nothing in my rally car tends to break; we have a strict replacement policy to prevent such problems. If something does break, it will probably be a control arm if we hit a rock. For this reason, we carry two extra control arms in our car. We also carry an extra alternator and a hydraulic pump.

I was fortunate to have Gerhard as my navigator in the Dakar, because he is also mechanically competent. Gerhard saved the day when our vehicle's control arm broke – he repaired it in under five hours. In the Dakar,

which consists of long distances and many days, a navigator with mechanical skills is worth his weight in gold.

If you were wondering: no, we don't pack *padkos*. We do drink plenty of water with all kinds of electrolytes in it, though. It gets very, very hot in my car – easily **55 °C** when the air-con breaks down.

We eat a hearty breakfast and during the day we nibble on nuts – no sweets, because that elevates your sugar. You don't actually get hungry during the day, but the snacks help you concentrate. At the end of each day, I drink an energy shake and eat a light dinner.



DESERT DUELLER. What do you give to a man who has everything? A Dakar bakkie, of course! Hennie's Amarok shares very little with an actual production model – just the headlights and badge, actually. Even the engine isn't made by VW, but comes from a Ford Mustang.



Take another look

The opportunity for a nice photo sometimes surprises one. Always be ready – whether you're visiting the Kruger National Park or just relaxing in a garden.

By **Leon Botha**

Into the deep...

His smartphone is also his camera, and when Alwyn Smit from Bloemfontein visits his

people in Australia, his finger soon taps the screen when a nice scene pops up along the way.

"I have literally taken hundreds of photos with my iPhone, but you don't get presented an amazing photo moment like this every day."

My wife Karin and I visited the village of Sorento in the Mornington Peninsula near Melbourne with my sister- and brother-in-law, Sanet and Johan Bornman. It was then that I saw the walkway leading into the sea. The contrast between the bright blue water, the weathered boards and the two newer brown boards creates a beautiful photo."

Alwyn's picture could hardly be simpler, but the strong composition with the straight lines that meet at the focal point is simply a winner.

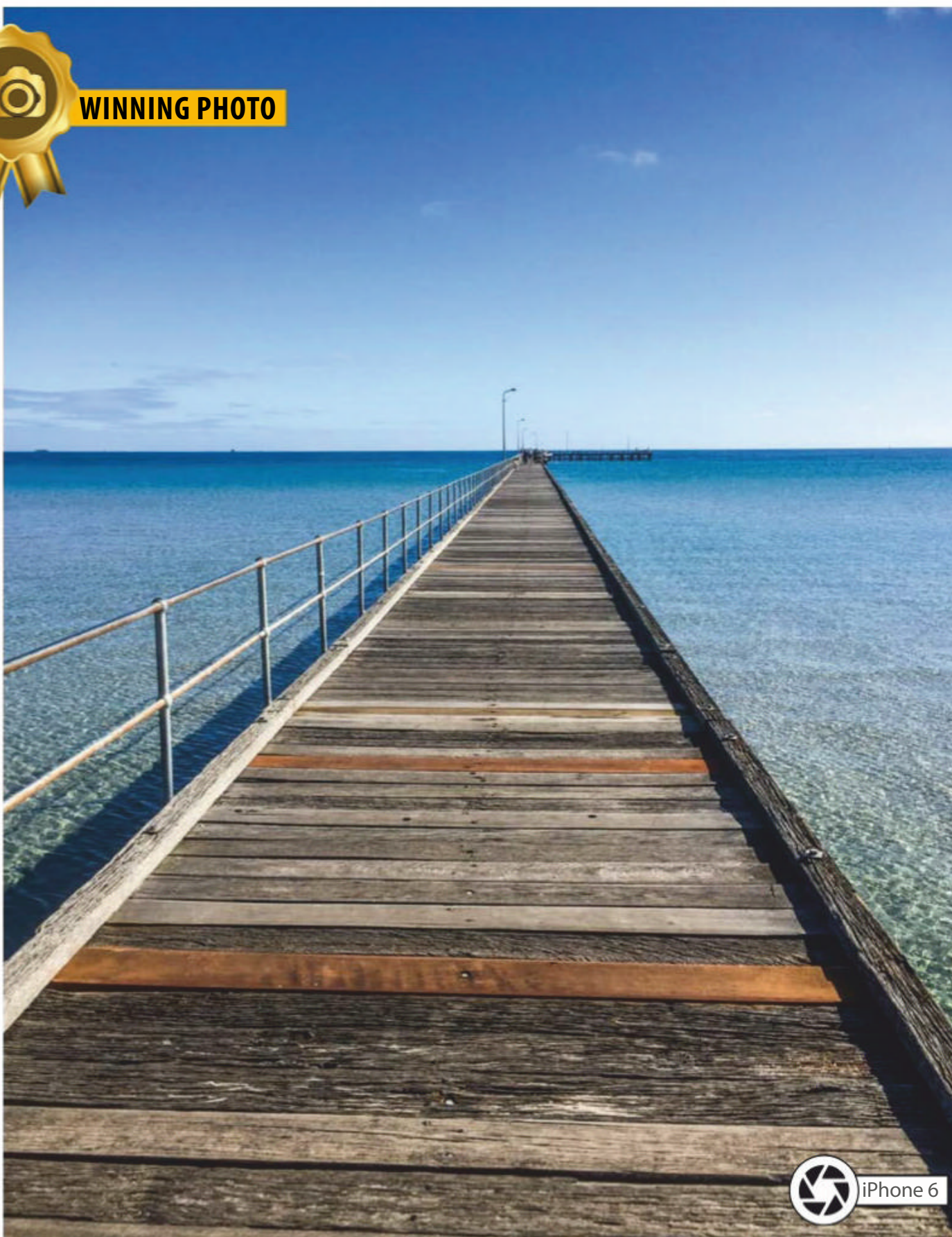
Even though the photo seems to be a bit dull and without detail at first glance, there are quite a few interesting things to look at.

This includes the new boards Alwyn refers to, but there are even more. Oddly enough, the walkway only has a hand rail on the one side, but as your eye follows it to the horizon, a further detail stands out: far in the distance is a lamp post, and if you look carefully, you also see the other lamp posts and then figures that look like people. At this point, the footpath swings to the right and carries on for another few metres. This is also part of the focal point, and because it lies on the top third line of the photo, it anchors your gaze even more.

The composition leans over to the formal side because the photo's lines run symmetrically, but Alwyn didn't position himself 100% in the middle of the walkway. You can see it from the two sides of the path, as it they not cut the frame at the same height. This disturbs the formal composition to some extent, but does not detract from an excellent photograph.



WINNING PHOTO



Hello, here I am again!

It was a stroke of luck, says Pieter Venter from Bryanston, when he saw the same leopard twice in the Kruger National Park.

"We visited the park and saw the same leopard on two consecutive days. I captured this beautiful cat on camera on both occasions and could compare my photos to see it's definitely him again.

The one morning we saw the leopard to the left of the road – after we passed a bus full of tourists stopped by a giraffe. The next morning, at quarter to six, we decided to go back along the same road. We again saw the giraffe and a few people who pulled over to check it out.

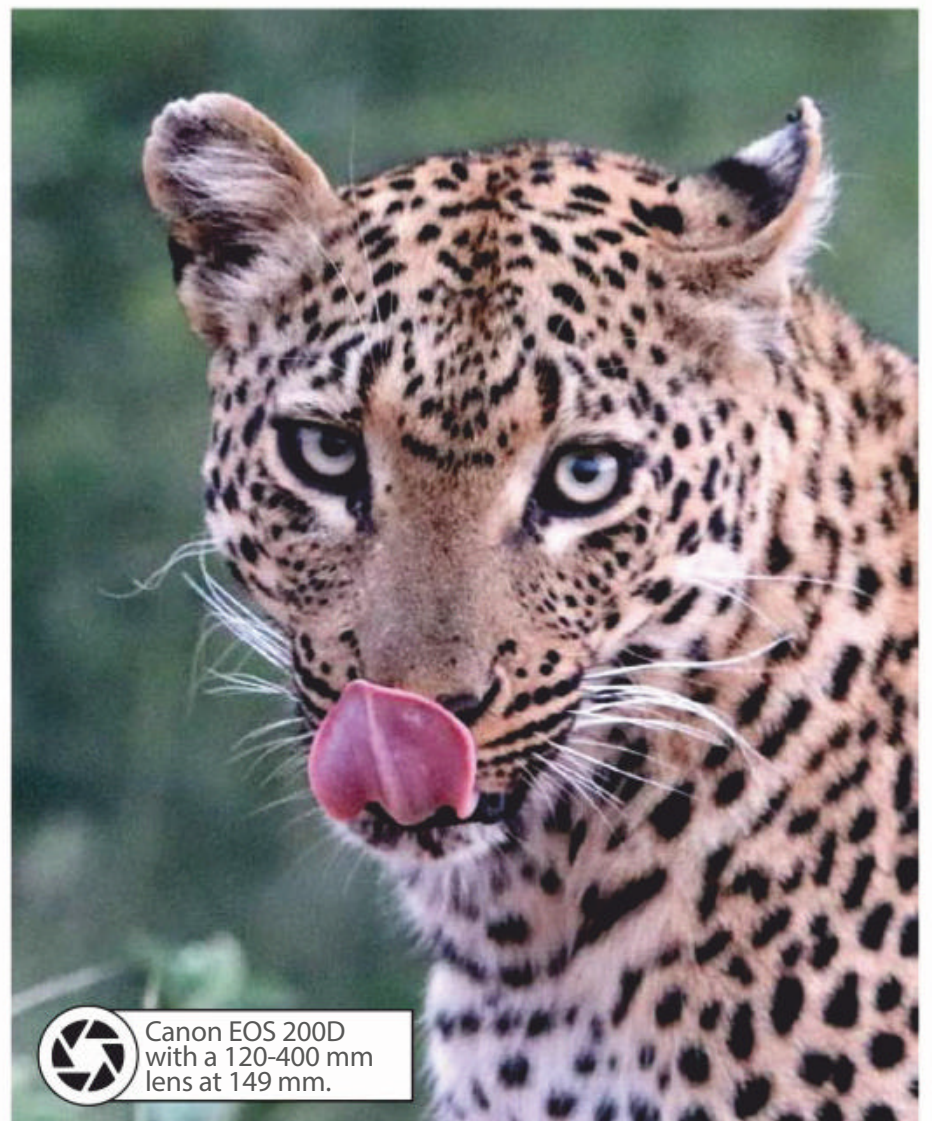
We slipped past them and 2,8 km further we saw the same leopard to the right of the road. My heart was beating so fast as it was truly an extraordinary experience."

This is an incredibly striking photo, because it feels as if those cool eyes of the leopard look straight through you.

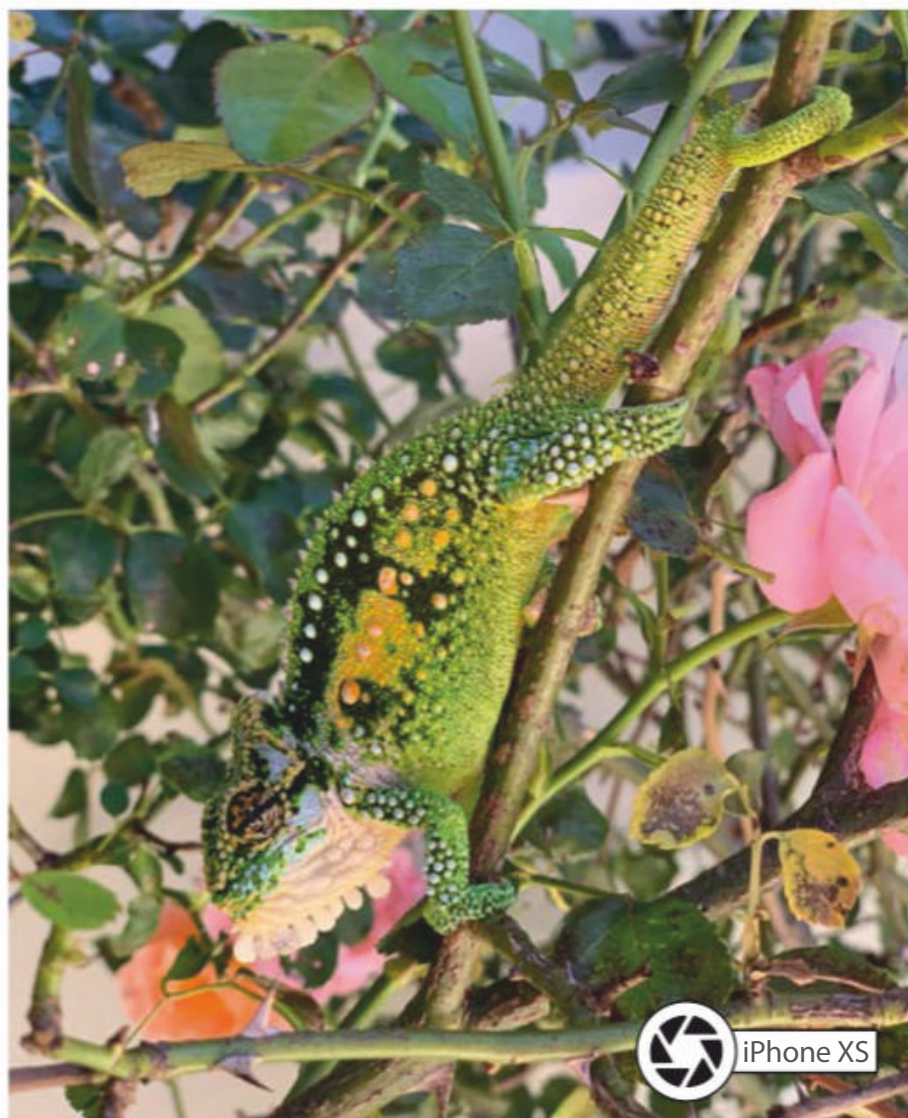
Thanks to the eye contact, this is the part of the photo one sees first, but there is also a second focal point: the leopard's tongue that stands out against its fur. It's unusual to see an animal literally licking its lips.

The picture doesn't have much of a composition element because the main focus is right in the middle of the photo, and the surrounding detail to the sides of the photo is basically negative space.

As the photo was taken in the shade, it tends to be colder because of the low colour temperature. You wouldn't notice it when looking at something in the shade, but it's noticeable on a photo.



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Hold on!

Alwyn Schutte from Machadodorp rides a big

motorbike, but when a beautiful natural scene comes across his path, his smart phone is at hand.

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to us and we might publish them here. We're not looking for traditional "prize winners", just regular pics that you love. Think of the type of pic you'd use as your Facebook cover photo; or something charming, like kids warming their hands over a campfire. Whether the pic was taken with an expensive DSLR camera or a run-of-the-mill cellphone, if it's good enough for your family photo album it's good enough for us. **ALWYN SMIT** wins a *go! Drive & Camp* camera bag to the value of R520 with his photo – congratulations!

Send your photos and contact details to leon.botha@media24.com

"My wife Martie and I drive to the KwaZulu-Natal coast once a year. We always choose a different destination and recently visited Margate. We drive all the way on my Harley Davidson CVO Softail Deluxe motorcycle, and, as it is so far, decided to overnight with friends in Mooi River. They had several chameleons in the garden, and I immediately used my phone to take some pics. It was a special experience, because I can't remember when I last saw one, never mind a whole variety."

It's not every day you get so close to nature in someone's garden.

Although the photo appears quite busy at first glance, there are mainly two colours only: green

and pink. The photo doesn't really have a focal point, but one's eye still sticks to the dark green parts on the animal's body. The light parts around its mouth – which one would expect to be the focal point – let his face disappear slightly into the background, but as your eye jumps a little, you see the rose right behind which has almost the same pink colour. When you take a step back, you see the chameleon sitting on the branch of a rose bush. It runs diagonally to the left and the twig across the bottom draws a line as if to say the picture ends here.

The photo is busy, but get closer and see that the chameleon is full of bumps with lovely colours, and thanks to Alwyn's photo, we can enjoy it with him. 📸



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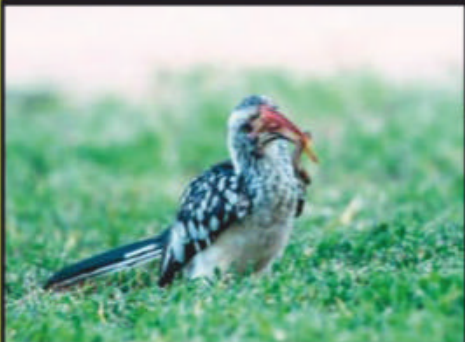
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CROSSWORD

We have great news for **Johan van Schalkwyk** from Swellendam. You have won **Van Loveren's Tangled Tree** wine worth R1 000 for your correct entry in the February 2019 crossword competition. You can also win like Johan. Complete the crossword, take a picture, and e-mail it to drivecamp@gomag.co.za. Please include your contact details. Or complete it online at <https://tinyurl.com/y5banws4>. The solution to last month's crossword is on p.131.

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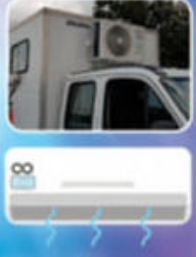
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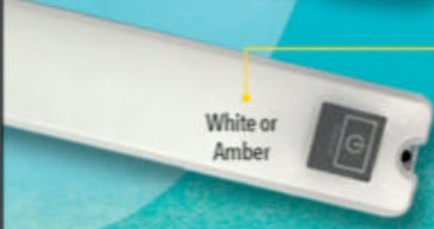
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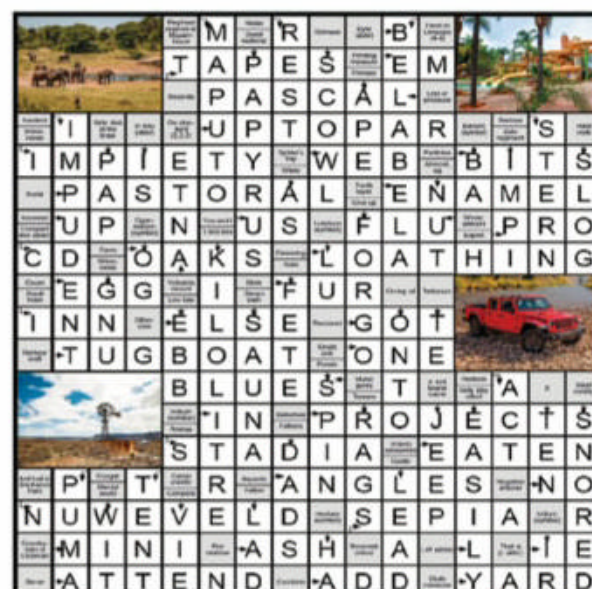
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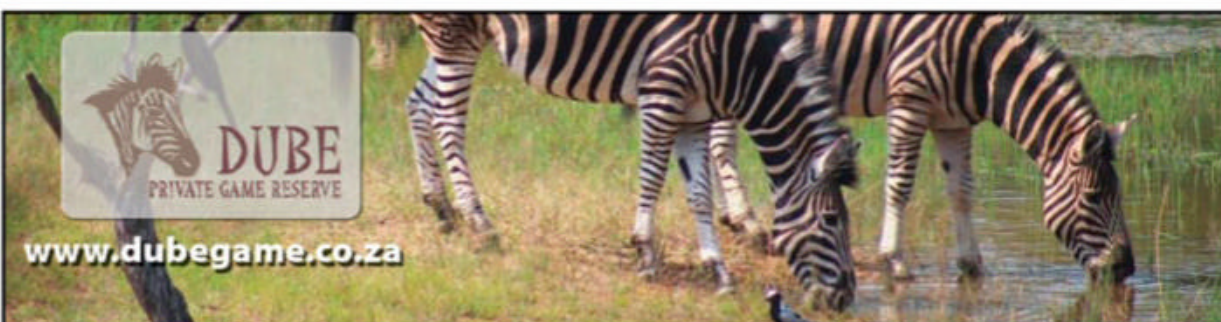


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Cyril Klopper remembers his first bakkie.

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WHEN I was a student at the University of Stellenbosch, I drove a second-hand Nissan 1 Tonner. My mom bought the bakkie at a bargain price from a family friend and gave it to me, on the provision that I'd be on hand for tasks at short notice, including hauling garden refuse and moving furniture. This arrangement suited me just fine.

The bakkie was a bright red 1986 single cab model, the original Hardbody. I baptised it Big Red, or Red for short. It may not have been the most original nickname, but that bakkie was so red, I couldn't come up with anything else. I loved Big Red and took any excuse to get behind the wheel, whether my cargo was black bin bags or a group of rowdy student friends.

Aside from shuttling between classes and student accommodations, my first road trip with Big Red was in 1995 when

I took a girl to the Crayfish Festival in Lambert's Bay on the West Coast. Lambert's Bay is about 250 km from Stellenbosch, and good fuel consumption was not one of Red's strengths. I was practically broke by the time we got to the caravan park in Lambert's Bay.

That weekend, we frequented the local hotel every night to dance, and afterwards we sat quietly around campfires listening to someone's collection of Pink Floyd. When the music stopped, my girlfriend and I crawled under Big Red's canopy and fell asleep on a mattress. We were both second-year students and had only recently come of age, but we felt immortal and free thanks to the independence that Big Red gave us.

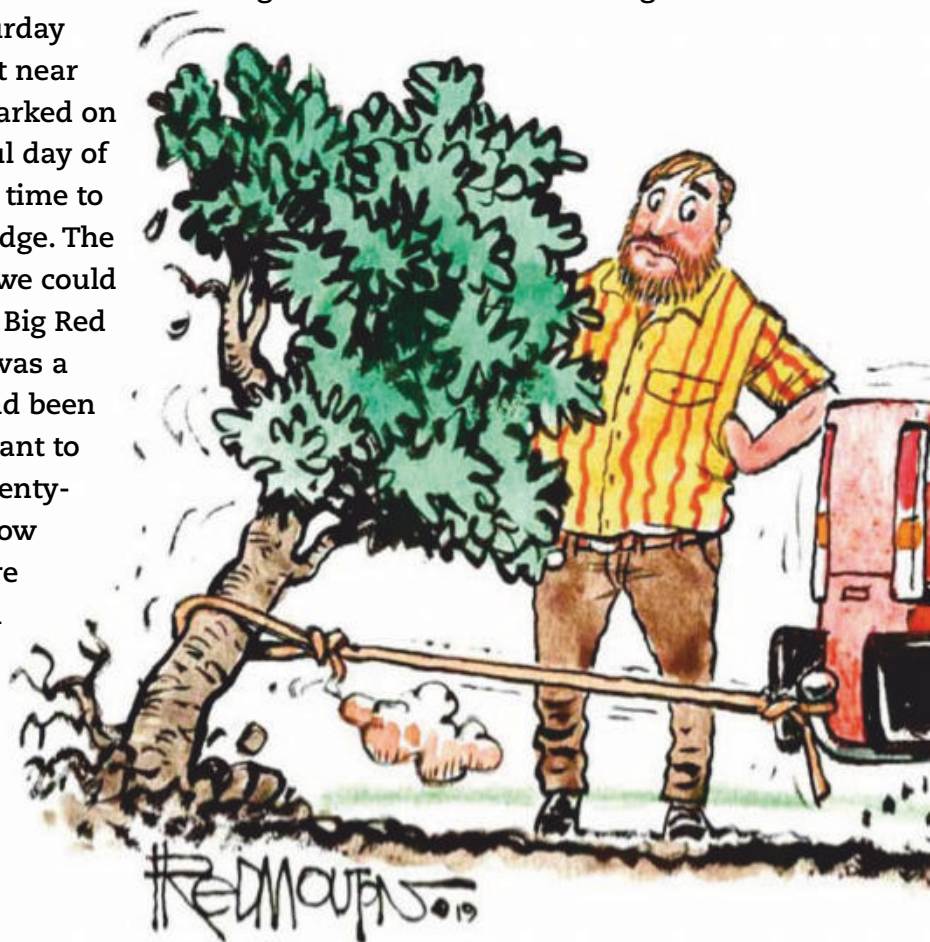
ON ANOTHER occasion my girlfriend and I drove Red to the Strand one Saturday morning. We entered a parking lot near the SuperTubes water slide and parked on a flat sand dune. After a wonderful day of sunbathing and swimming it was time to go home, but Big Red wouldn't budge. The sand was barely 10 cm deep, but we could go neither backward nor forward. Big Red had rear-wheel drive only. There was a diff lock on the rear axle, but it had been dodgy from the start and didn't want to work on that day. Also, I was a twenty-something city boy who didn't know much about reducing tyre pressure and other 4x4 tricks. A gentleman in a Land Rover 90 kindly recovered Big Red. I felt slightly embarrassed, but Red wasn't to blame.

Then there was the time another girlfriend and I (the

previous one left me for a guy on a motorcycle) visited my best friends Jonathan and Susan in Langebaan. Jonathan's parents owned a beach house near the yacht club and we visited here regularly when his parents were away. On the first night, all four of us jumped into Big Red's single cab to go dancing at the Flamingo's night club next to the golf course on the outskirts of town.

After a few Monis Esprit drinks and dozens of sokkie treffers we were ready to return home and braai. We weren't tipsy, but I might have been slightly over the legal limit. Fearing that we would encounter a roadblock, we chose to take a shortcut across Langebaan's golf course – not over the greens, but along the golf cart path.

The girls stood on the back of Big Red



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and Jonathan and I loudly played his *Now That's What I Call Music 36* CD on the deck. By this time, I had Big Red for two years and knew its every mood and whim. I also believed Red and I were the best rally team in the country. What happened next isn't clear, but I suspect that one of the milkwood trees on the golf course jumped out in front of us.

Big Red straddled a flattened tree. It was easy to reverse off the tree, but the tree wouldn't get up again. We decided to get rid of the evidence and tied a rope around the trunk. Red was as strong as an ox – the diff lock surprisingly decided to do its part – and the tree was uprooted. After we concealed the hole as much as we could and wiped away our tracks, we set forth dragging the tree behind us.

But what to do with the incriminating tree? Jonathan had a cunning plan: let's throw it in Langebaan's quarry, near the popular time-share resort Club Mykonos. Unless the golf course manager is reading this column, he probably still wonders what happened to his milkwood tree.

Big Red got off lightly – just a small dent in the front bumper and a fist-sized hole in the grille. I later replaced those with second-hand parts.

THE FOLLOWING night, unfortunately, we injured Big Red a lot more. We wanted to enjoy sundowners on the beach between Langebaan and Saldanha, and all four of us once more piled into Big Red. Back then, you could still legally drive on beaches and so we went over a dune behind Club Mykonos onto the beach. The diff lock was engaged, and the tyre pressure lowered – I believe I'd taken every precaution. But at the beach's low-water mark, the diff lock decided to disengage, just as I changed up from first to second gear – we instantly got stuck.

Digging didn't help; we only succeeded in deepening Big Red's grave in the wet sand. The sun had set and an icy wind rose up. The only provision we had was a bottle of cheap sparkling wine, but there was no cause for cheer.

A bigger concern was the rising tide. It was low when we got stuck, and after a fruitless effort to free Big Red, the tide had started to come in. When the water came to within a metre of Big Red, I asked Jonathan to fetch help at Club Mykonos. The resort was about a kilometre behind us, and when he returned about an hour later with two labourers and a small tractor – the kind used for gardening – the sea had already started to lick at Big Red's chassis. But the tractor was too weak to extract Big Red and the men went back

to fetch Club Mykonos's groundskeeper. He apparently had a Land Rover.

When the Land Rover finally made its appearance, the waves had started breaking against Big Red's doors. We used the Land Rover's winch and the garden tractor to save Red. With a sigh of relief, I rewarded my rescuers with the only thing of value I had with me: the bottle of cheap sparkling wine.

Back at Jonathan's house, we thoroughly hosed Big Red down, but I knew rust would one day take its toll... Perhaps it was already eating away at the chassis from the inside.

But I was never given the chance to say goodbye to Big Red...

A FEW weeks after the Langebaan incident I had to go to Cape Town to do something for my mom in the city centre and I left Big Red in the parking lot on the corner of Buitengracht and Shortmarket streets. The car guard promised that he would keep an eye on Big Red.

After I had completed my errand, I returned to the parking lot... but both Big Red and the car guard had disappeared.

Perhaps you know that sinking feeling when you walk up and down a parking lot searching for your car. At first, you're firmly convinced that you merely forgot where you parked it. You even suspect a friend might be pulling a prank on you, but then reality sinks in and you finally admit to yourself that your beloved car has been stolen.

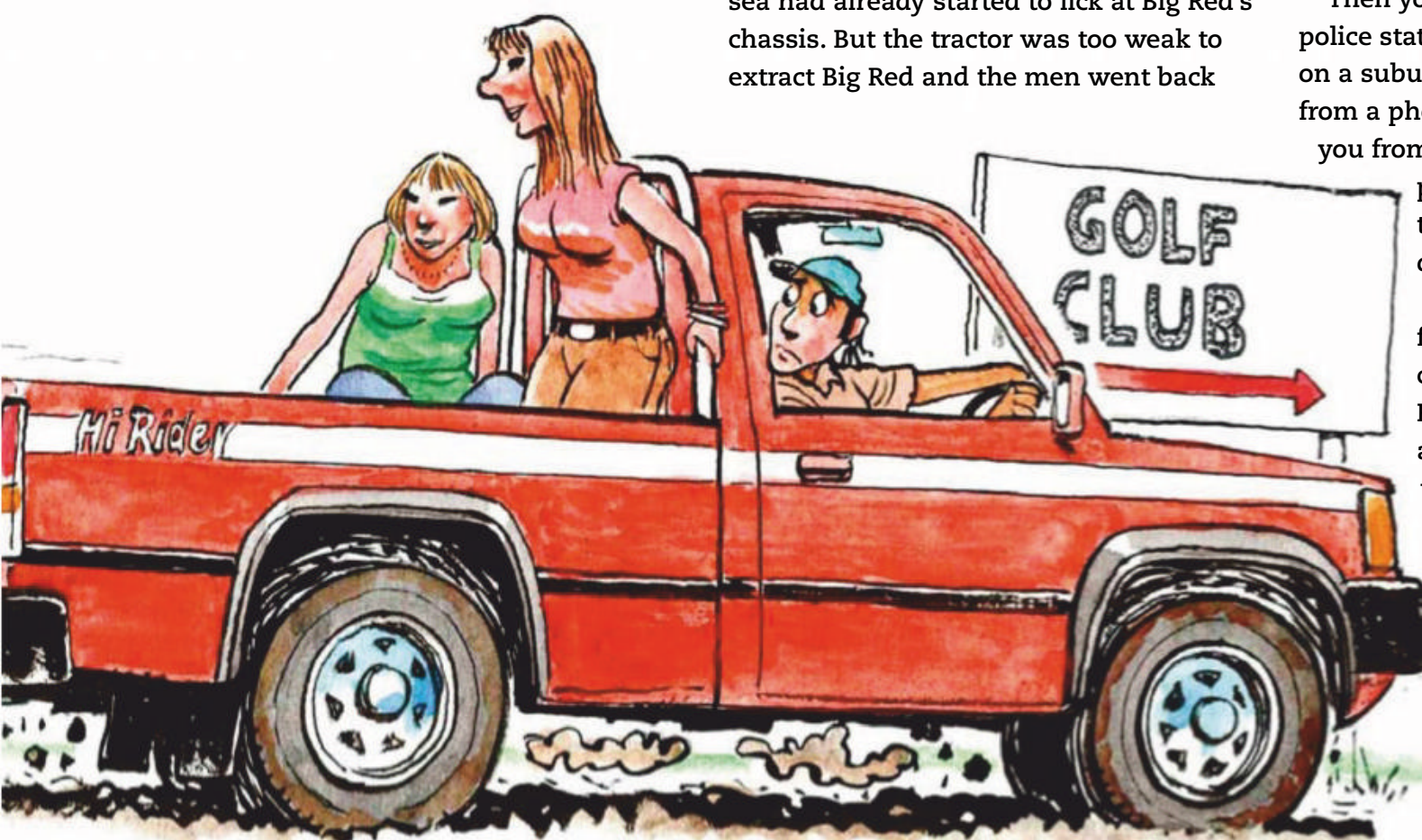
Then you trudge to the Roeland Street police station to report the crime. You get on a suburban train, call your mother from a phone booth and ask her to fetch you from the station. Your heart is in

pieces and you are furious with the degenerate who took what didn't belong to him.

About a year later, I got a call from the police that brought closure: they had found Big Red's chassis. It now held up a minibus taxi's shell, but this taxi crashed into another vehicle in Bhisho in the Eastern Cape.

Red was gone.

I owned several vehicles in the years since Big Red, some were second-hand and others new, but I never named another car again. ●





Big camping plans with Tiny

Ever since exchanging a tent for a bed-on-wheels, they camp every month, says Peter and Sandy Schuurmans from Zeekoevlei in Cape Town.

Text and photos Leon Botha

“ We used to camp with a tent until two years ago when we decided it was time for a change during a visit to the ATKV Goudini Spa. One of those little fibreglass caravans, the Sherpa Tiny, caught our eye and the owner told us their friends had a similar small caravan they wanted to sell.

The caravan is far from new – it is nearly 30 years old – and according to its registry plate, it was built in 1990 by Paragon Fibreglass in Durban. It weighs just 260 kg and has a GVM of 550 kg. We decided that this was the one for us... and, for R21 000, we bought our first caravan also called Tiny.

Tiny has two doors: one on the left and one large double door at the back. The back door's lower section swings open, and the top opens like that of a bakkie. We pitch our gazebo when we camp for long



periods, but use the canopy over the side if we're not staying long in a campsite.

Like the Sherpa, this caravan is also made of fibreglass and has a double bed. The bed is on one side with a corridor next to it, but the roof is too low for you to be able to stand inside. We take a bar fridge along, and we take it out as soon as we pitch camp – ditto with the stove.

Today, we're members of the Good Hope chapter of the Caravan Club of Southern

Africa and usually camp at least once a month. We even towed the Tiny to Etosha in Namibia! We're planning a tour through some SANParks camps that we'll tackle with five other couples in August. The Karoo, Kambeboo and Bergkwagga national parks are on our list, as well as the Addo Elephant Park. We've set aside 20 days for this.

It is a pleasure to camp with this little caravan. When we arrive at a campsite, people are usually curious enough to come and ask us about Tiny.”



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