



Steenbras Nature Reserve

Steenbras River Gorge & Crystal Pools Hiking Trail

Permit Regulations and Hiking Information

(This is **not** a permit)

- * The hiking trail is **closed** during winter months and is only open from **1 November to 30 April** each year.
- * A carrying capacity of **50 persons per day** is allowed.
- * All permits are issued beforehand via application **by e-mail** only.
- * For the latest permit tariffs, please consult the [Steenbras Nature Reserve](#) page on the City's website.

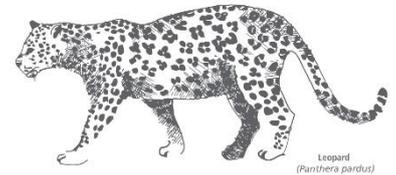
The following information will assist in ensuring that your visit is a safe and enjoyable experience. Your cooperation in adhering to the following is therefore requested:

- You must be physically fit in order to complete this trail.
- You must be in possession of a **pre-booked and paid permit** in order to enter this area.
- A minimum of 2 persons and a maximum of 10 persons are allowed per group.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Entry times are from sunrise until sunset.
- Watch the weather for flash floods, the river can rise metres in minutes. The gorge is situated below the Steenbras Dam sluice gates, which may also be opened at any time.
- First-time hikers for the kloofing routes must be guided by an experienced kloofer.
- The hiking permit does **not** authorise abseiling activities.
- Kloofing is dangerous and not recommended, unless under the supervision of a registered guide.
- Hikers must wear suitable hiking shoes and take the necessary equipment with them i.e. food, water, first aid kit, a warm item of clothing and a cellphone for emergencies.
- Bookings and payments need to be finalised **at least 3 working days prior to your visit** to ensure you receive your permit timeously.
- Reserve office hours are from 09:00 to 14:00 on **weekdays** only (Mon-Fri), excluding public holidays. In case of emergency, call 021 480 7700.
- **Refunds on permits are not possible.** We do however understand that nature can be unpredictable and circumstances may result in hiking conditions not being favourable on the day of your booking. Should this be the case, we will certainly assist by accommodating you on another date.



The Steenbras Nature Reserve forms part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. The area is protected and managed in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 57 of 2003. In an effort to conserve the area, please take note of the following regulations:

- Stick to the designated footpaths and walk single file to avoid soil erosion;
- Never litter. This area is a 'No Bin' zone - please take all your rubbish home with you;
- No fires, firearms, pets, gas appliances or overnighting is permitted.



No person shall:

- Feed or intentionally disturb any animal;
- Remove any wood, sand, gravel, stone, seashell, guano or other material;
- Cut, damage remove or destroy or be in possession of any plant or any part thereof, including dry wood or fire wood;
- Behave in a manner which is likely to injure or disturb any other user of the area.



For permit applications and more information, send an e-mail to:

steenbras.naturereserve@capetown.gov.za

Telephone: Please note Steenbras Nature Reserve does not have a telephone line.

Disclaimer: damage / loss / death

It is a distinct condition of admission to any protected area, which the City of Cape Town accepts no responsibility arising from a visit(s) howsoever caused:

- For any death, injury or illness sustained or suffered by any person;
- For theft/loss/damage to any property, whether allegedly due to the negligence of the officers/employees/agents or arising from the use of any facilities supplied/made available;
- From any other matter arising, in any other manner and from any other cause whatsoever.

Emergency Tel: 021 480 7700

The City of Cape Town's Environmental Management Department is responsible for the management of 16 nature reserves. For more information on the City's nature reserves, visit:

www.capetown.gov.za/naturereserves.

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