

De Hoop Collection Activities

GUIDED BIRD WALK

Duration +-2 hours

A wonderful walking experience with a qualified field guide focused on the identification and behaviour of the prolific birdlife found in De Hoop Nature Reserve. Length of walk dependent on fitness levels of participants. Depart from the meeting tree at the Opstal at 6am October - March and 8am April - September. R230pp

GUIDED MTB TRAIL

Duration: 2 - 3 hours

Get the chance to cycle among herds of eland, bontebok and other game species with a qualified field guide who will share his knowledge of less obvious natural and historical aspects of De Hoop. Depart from reception at various times. To be booked and confirmed at reception. R475pp, Kids R220

MTB HIRE

Duration: 08h00 - 17h00 per day.

Cost: R 350.00 per person (for the day.) and R200 for kids under 12yrs

VULTURE EXPERIENCE

Duration: +- 3 hours

Adventure out to the cliffs of Potberg Mountain to view endangered Cape Vultures - the Western Cape's last surviving colony of these amazing birds. Depart from the Opstal Area in the morning (times vary according to seasons) with your guide for a scenic drive through endangered fynbos. Once at Potberg, guests will hike (+-1 hour) up to the Vulture Deck to watch the vultures swoop and soar above. Rate includes your packed picnic presented in a backpack for you to carry. Suited to Guests aged 12 and over. Minimum of 2 guests, maximum of 10. Prior arrangement & booking essential. Day visitors welcome. R720pp

GUIDED ECO BOAT CRUISE

Duration 1.5 -2 hour

Explore the Vlei and enjoy bird, game, otter and even porcupine sightings with our eco cruise experience.

Cruises are held daily at 11am and 3pm during summer or can be booked by arrangement. Morning cruises include tea, coffee as well as pastries and croissants with jam and cheese. Guests opting for the evening cruise can enjoy house wines, local beers, juices and savoury snacks. Please note that this excludes spirits and speciality wines. R545pp

INTERPRETIVE MARINE WALK

Duration +-2 hours

A walking trail exploring coastal rock pools and sandy beaches while a qualified guide points out interesting marine life forms. Also a great way to experience the Southern Right Whales in the bay between June and December. Depart an hour before low tide from the meeting tree. Times of daily low tide should be confirmed with reception the day before. R360pp

NATURE DRIVE EXPERIENCE

Duration: 2 hours

Experience the Pristine Fynbos and Wildlife on the reserve from an open safari vehicle. A qualified field guide will interpret rare and endangered species including Bontebok and Cape Mountain Zebra. The drive will encompass some of the beautiful scenic areas of the wetland and there will be opportunity for viewing and identifying some of the Birdlife occurring in the reserve. Rate includes sundowners with snacks, soft drinks, local beers & house wines. Maximum 8 guests. Times: 17:00 Summer -16:00 Winter R545pp

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ORIGINS OF EARLY SOUTHERN SAPIENS BEHAVIOUR

The 'Origins of Early Southern Sapiens Behaviour' exhibition highlights the Southern Cape coastline's archaeological heritage and rich marine environment. The Exhibition showcases the life's work of Professor Christopher Henshilwood, Professor Sarah Wurz and Dr Karen Van Niekerk and their large palaeoscience team, who have uncovered some of the oldest art and science, changing our perspective on the beginnings of human modernity, globally. These unique archaeological discoveries that have been made at the archaeological sites – Blombos Cave, Klipdrift Shelter and Klasies River occupied by early Homo Sapiens between 120 000 and 50 000 years ago.

The De Hoop Collection's Origins of Early Southern Sapiens Behaviour exhibition opened on 18 January 2024.

Bookings & Rates:

Times: 9,11,1,3 every day

Please note that Prior Booking Required via email:

Origins@dehoopcollection.co.za

R250pp | Under 18 years of Age R125pp.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

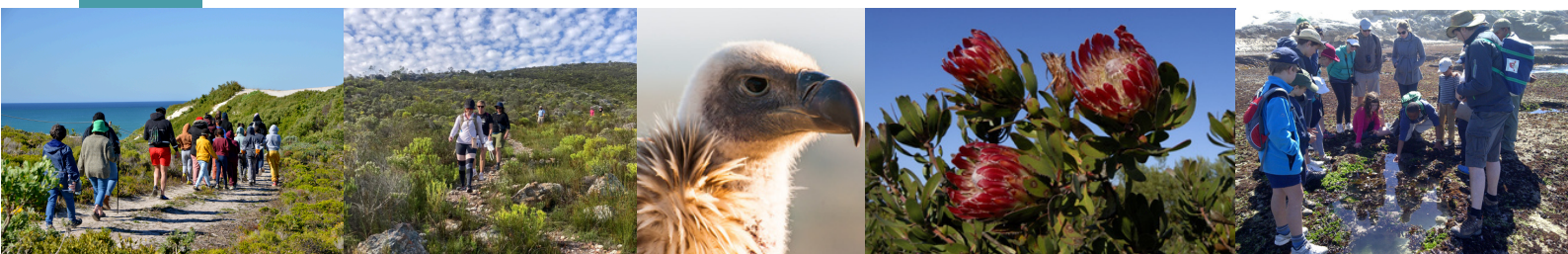
Please email us about group bookings.

*Please note pricing is subject to change

- please inquire when booking



"The De Hoop Collection exhibition has been curated by Craig Foster (My Octopus Teacher) and archaeologist Petro Keene and will be managed and maintained for an initial three year period by the De Hoop Collection team."



VALID: 1 October 2025 – 30 September 2026

Terms and Conditions

All activities are weather dependent. The Marine Walk is weather and tide dependent. Activities can be pre-booked. Pre-booked activities will be confirmed or cancelled on arrival as per the discretion of management.

No pre-payments are allowed. Payments are only accepted on arrival at the reserve. Rates are subject to change without prior notice. Rates include guided activity only and snacks & beverage only where indicated. Children 11yrs and younger pay 50% of full rate.

Eco Boat Cruise takes place on the De Hoop Vlei only –

no cruises at coastline. Eco Boat Cruise takes maximum 10 guests including children.

Nature Drive takes maximum 10 guests including children. A maximum of 10 Guests are allowed on the Vulture Experience and no children under 12yrs.

Rates are Rack

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