

Forest Edge
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TO: Our most welcome guest/s

DATES: Per the confirmation e-mail sent

Forest Edge confirmation with map, what to bring, what to do

Your booking is confirmed **in line with your booking correspondence** with Forest Edge, for the **agreed dates, persons, cost, terms & extras**, subject to your acknowledgement of the Forest Edge Terms & Conditions.

Arrival time (15:00-20:00):	Booking is subject to our Terms and Conditions: https://www.forestedge.co.za/terms-and-conditions/
<u>WE HOLD OUR GUESTS TO THE T&C's</u>	
If booked online, the guest ticked "I Accept" that guest has read and accepted our Terms and Conditions . If booking was made on behalf of the guest, the guest hereby accepts this confirmation including Terms & Conditions unless booking cancelled within 24 hours of confirmation being e-mailed. No Internet? Ask us to e-mail it or read it out to you. Specifically, cancellation policy.	

WHAT TO BRING ALONG – NO SHOP ON SITE

- Food, snacks, drinks, coffee, tea, drinking water if you don't like rain water, sugar and condiments (there is a stove with oven, a microwave and a private braai with grid at each cottage). There is **no shop** on the premises – please buy your supplies in Knysna/Sedgefield en route.
- Toiletries, including soap and shampoo.
- We do stock firewood & charcoal at Reception.
- Walking shoes and daypack/rucksack.
- Camera, binoculars & reference books (and tripod or even your telescope if you are a keen star gazer). Bird, tree and mammal lists available on our website.
- Favourite DVDs & books. TV/DVD in all cottages; comprehensive DSTV in Luxury cottages.
- Cell, dongle and other chargers and plug adaptors if required. Wifi in cottages for lite use only.
- Regular medication & mosquito mats in summer if you are particularly irritated by mosquitoes (malaria-free).
- Sunscreen, swimming gear and swimming towels (for the beach or the rock pools in the Homtini river)
- Clothing – weather unpredictable – <https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/knysna/301196/weather-forecast/301196>
- In winter, the nights can get **very** cold although the days may be mild enough for T-shirts. **Cold to cool nights can occur throughout the year**, especially if our electricity provider, Eskom, becomes unreliable as does happen from time to time. Even without heaters, there is still the cosy fireplace, electric blankets and extra blankets, but warm clothing is required, especially for kids. In summer, especially around February, the days can get **very** hot. A lightweight raincoat is useful for Forest walks even if there is a light drizzle.
- An umbrella is always useful, e.g. on occasion where you may need to unpack or pack your car in the rain.
- Swimming towels (we do provide Linen and bath towels).
- **Pre-book Breakfast or Dinner with Managers** – email stay@forestedge.co.za

Thanks and regards

Danie Jansen van Vuuren

DON'T ARRIVE AT CLOSED DOORS! ETA 15:00 – 20:00 (3-8pm)

We are a very small, dedicated team committed to supporting you. Our reception is not staffed solidly like a hotel.

You may arrive any time between **15:00 - 20:00**, **but please give us a 1-hour heads-up to 082 484 8765**.

Please note that **Early (before 15:00) / Late (after 20:00) arrivals will incur a surcharge of R300**. You still need to communicate with us to pre-arrange else you may arrive at CLOSED DOORS / AN UNREADY COTTAGE. This is not a guarantee that we will be able to assist at short notice, so rather pre-arrange well in time or stick to these times to avoid your holiday starting off stressed.

MAP and DIRECTIONS – PLEASE TRAVEL SAFELY!

ROAD CONDITIONS: The N2 and Rheenendal roads are in good condition; obey speed limits as trapping is common. The last few kilometres of dirt road are quite passable even by small cars, PLEASE travel slowly as our children and wildlife are on this road and we all value dust-free air and water.

From between George/Sedgefield and Knysna/Plett

- An hour away (in **Plett or George** depending on where you are coming from) - SMS your surname and **"arriving in 1 hour" to the manager on duty on 082 484 8765** for a speedy check-in! Hammock only minutes away then ☺
- Turn north into the **Rheenendal rd** (1.5km from the Knysna lagoon bridge OR 16 km from Sedgefield).
- Continue for **11.5km** (do *not* turn off at the Phantom Pass turnoff).
- Just past Totties (Sunday Market Venue), turn **right at the Bibby's Hoek / Goudveld sign**.
- Follow the **dirt road for 3.2km** to the Stop sign (Sanparks info/permit hut on opposite right hand corner).
- Turn **left** at the stop sign and **continue slowly for 1.4km**.
- Forest Edge is the last property on this road; you will see our **yellow wall and gate straight ahead** of you.

GPS coordinates (UNRELIABLE RESULTS): we are not accountable, please follow our directions instead

Lat: -33°55'45.8S (Dec: -33.9294027642531) / Lon: 22°56'18.9E (Dec: 22.9385948181152)

VISUAL MAP (not to scale)



Forest Edge HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

(Just a selection. See our website Activities page for much MORE & links)

Forest Edge self-guided Site Walk-about (includes a Kiddies Version & activities)

Explore the history / graves, eco-information, fauna, flora, donkey & trail facts. It starts at the Reception stairs; follow the numbered boards & meditation corner. Please keep gates closed.

Buffalo Bay Beach

Lovely, safe beach, with restaurant/superette. Turn right at N2, then take Buffalo Bay turn-off. The first beach on your right is for walking, angling. Continue to the 2nd *actual* swimming/whale watching beach.

Forest Massage & Health (all offer in-cottage services)

Harry (084 299 4459) for [massages](#).

Circles in the Forest self-walk Walking Trails at **Krisjan-se-nek picnic site**

Left at permit hut, 5 min drive from Forest Edge. A 3km (1hour) & a 9km (3 hour) both stunning circular walks from Krisjan-se-Nek picnic site. Also: Dalene Matthee memorial & an 880yr old giant Yellowwood.

Jubilee Creek Forest picnic site and gentle **self-walk walking trail**

Turn left at permit hut, 15 min drive from Forest Edge. Stunning picnic spot in the Knysna Forests, next to a stream (water-play!) 1-hour walk from parking area along a creek path used by miners >100 yrs ago.

Guided Forest Walks / Mountain Bike Tours / Guided Canoe Trips / Kitesurfing lessons

Knysna Forest Tours guide, **Tony Cook**, re Forest fauna/flora/history: **0827838392**

Cheaper, more informal but great guided forest tours / Dalene Matthee tours, **Fran: 082 940 0939**

Cycling (bring your own bikes or rent from Knysna cycle providers)

Amble on the safe dirt **roads in the area**, or do **Homtini Cycle Route** 5 min from Forest Edge by car, left at the Permit Hut. A 19km circular route from Krisjan-se-nek. A steep, 3km section is demanding.

Garden Route Trail Park: 082 802 8103 (**GREAT** selection of trails & kids' pump track; & bikes for hire)

Sedgefield Cycleworx: 0443431710/0724641439 (standard to high spec; & kids' bikes)

Wild Oats Farmers' Market & Scarab flea market

Swartvlei, just West of Sedgefield, right next to N2. Award-winning open-air farmers market. Big fresh breakfast / pancakes, live music, curios! Sat mornings. Summer: 07h30–12h00; Winter: 08h00–12h00.

Drupkelders Walking Trail - starting at Forest Edge gate

Magnificent indigenous forest trail, down to huge, magical rock pools. Take rucksack with picnic & swimming costume. About 30min' walk there & 45min' back, with a rather steep section (manageable by most; avoid when very wet). Sanparks permits **essential** as only 12 persons per day are allowed. Pre-book IN ADVANCE with **Sanparks** (0443890126 / 0443890252 / 0769068125) or get permits from the Sanparks hut.

Horse Riding

Chenda (084 474 6563) from lessons to outrides for adults & kids (great with challenged kids). Book early.

Millwood Museum / Goldmine Tour / Tea Garden & Trail / Mountainbike hire (**currently closed**)

Enquire at Sanparks permit hut re operating days/hours (usually closed on a Monday): 20 minutes' scenic drive to a quaint tea garden with interesting mini-museum on gold rush, woodcutters & elephants

Restaurants nearby for breakfast/lunch. Call them re opening hours (more restaurants in town):

The Cow Shed at Portland Manor (Call or WhatsApp 060 753 7870) 15 minutes' drive from Forest Edge.

See an extensive list (with helpful web links) of all area activity / outings / experiences here:

<http://www.forestedge.co.za/things-to-do/>