

Please read these important tips to ensure both wildlife and humans can enjoy the beauty of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve

Peace and quiet for all to enjoy: Wildlife, including plants and insects depends on the Earth's cycle of day and night for breeding, feeding, sleep and protection from predators. 24 hour light interferes with these cycles. Reduce light pollution by switching off lights that are not in use, in particular outside lights. Low lights . . . soft music . . . then sit back and listen to the sounds of the night and look up at our beautiful star-filled sky,

Feeding Wildlife: Please do not put out fruit or seed for birds as baboons are also attracted to these treats. Please feed pets inside or remove leftover food as soon as your pet has finished eating.

DOGS must be on a lead and **under the control of the owner** when in a public place, beach or mountain trail.

Many Endangered African Penguins are killed by dogs, keep your dog on a leash at all times. Dogs running loose on beaches have a detrimental effect on the eggs of endangered Oyster Catchers and White-fronted Plovers and that use our beaches to nest. Eggs exposed to the sun die within minutes. Look out for signed nesting places and stick to designated walking zones.

Ensure your dog has a collar and tag as stray dogs will be impounded. Pick up your doggy's do!

Flowers and Plants: It is a really terrible idea to pick flowers or relocate plants to your garden from the wild. Besides a hefty R5000 fine, every plant here grows in specific soil conditions and the odds are that they will die in your garden. **Leave nature to be natural.**

Waste Removal: Your accommodation is required **by law to have an animal proof waste bin**, please use it and ensure it is securely locked at all times.

Occupants who put refuse out on non-collection days without a secure animal proof bin **will be heavily fined.**

Baboons: The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve is the natural home to troops of Chacma Baboons. As opportunistic omnivores, baboons control insect populations and assist fynbos pollination and seed distribution. Unfortunately baboons have learned that human food is delicious and easy to find, which has made baboons lose their fear of humans.

Treat baboons with caution but do not corner them as they may become aggressive when they feel threatened. If you are in an enclosed area, ensure there is a clear escape route for the baboons to exit.

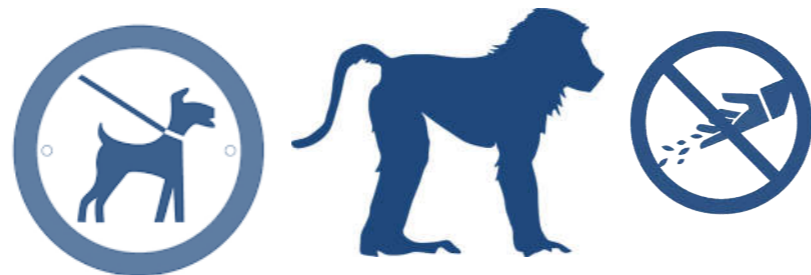
Baboons are food orientated, if you are eating, **drop the food** and move away. **Teach children** to do the same. Never try to take food back from a baboon.

Although baboons occasionally swim, they **hate to be sprayed with water.** Use a hosepipe or water pistol to spray them and they will soon move away.

Show baboons **you are not afraid of them.** Shout at them and act confidently, always ensure the baboon has a clear escape route.

Lock doors and windows behind you when you leave a room. If you are outside, be alert as they are masters of stealth. Burglar bars are effective when gaps are 5cm or less and baboon proof catches can be placed on top-hinge windows **Join your local Baboon Action Group to receive alerts of baboons in the area.** Look out for information in your area.

It is illegal to fire a gun, pellet gun, air rifle or paintball gun in a public area.



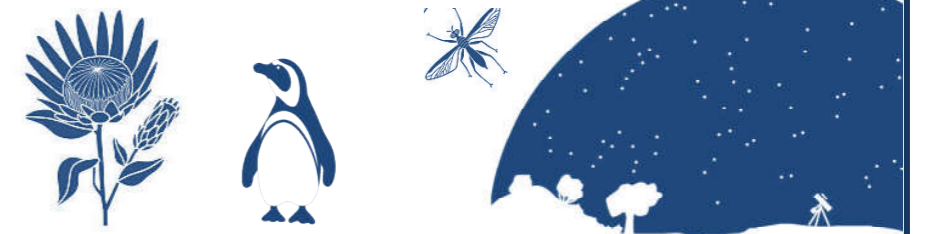
Fire Safety: Outdoor braais are great but must be attended at all times, especially when it is windy. Never walk away from a burning fire - not even for a second - wind can easily spread embers and cause a devastating wildfire.

Make sure there are no glowing coals left on your braai. It's a good idea to have a bucket of water or sand handy.

It is **illegal to possess or set off any form of firework or flare in the Overstrand.**

Beach Paths and Trails: Use only signposted pathways. Paths and trails are designed to prevent vegetation disturbance and erosion.

Never leave valuables in vehicles, while parked at home or sightseeing.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS		
SAPS (Kleinmond)	028 271 8200	Criminal Activity
Law Enforcement	028 313 8996	Noise, dog control, waste etc.
Kleinmond Animal Welfare	028 271-5004/ 083 516 5535	Stray domestic animals
Ambulance	ER24: 084 124	Metro: 10177
Anti-Poaching	083 236 2924	CapeNature 24 hours
NSRI Kleinmond (Station 42)	063 699 2765	Sea Rescue/Drowning
Snake Removal	082 212 5116	Mike Green
Rooisand Horse Watch	060 000 2650	Report horses on the road etc.