



SOUTHERN CAPE BIKE PACKING ADVENTURE

Join us for a 5-day, 400km bike-packing adventure hugging the South Coast of South Africa into the Garden Route.

WHEN?

27 April - 1 May 2023

We will meet at Swellendam on Wednesday 26 April to start our ride the next day, 27 April. The adventure ends in Knysna on 1 May. We will arrange a shuttle to get you back to your vehicle in Swellendam on the 2nd of May.

Remember that both Thursday 27 April and 1 May are public holidays so you won't be missing too much work.

COST?

R6000 per person



ROUTE:



DAY 1 : 79kms / 941m

On our way to Witsand we will stop at Malgas for a snack before crossing the Breede River with the famous Malgas Ferry.

Witsand is a small town situated at the mouth of the Breede River and is widely considered to be the whale nursery of South Africa.



DAY 2 : 77km / 663m

Witsand to Stilbaai. This is mostly an easy day, except the section through Vermaaklikheid. After riding a long stretch of gravel you come around a corner to find a short piece of tar through this quaint village. A nice steep climb takes you out of town. We finish our day in Stilbaai,



DAY 3 : 89km / 761m

Stilbaai to Mossel Bay.

We will be hugging the coast as much as we can and our route will take us through the Gouriqua Kernkor Nature Reserve over the Gouritz River past Vleesbaai and Boggoms Baai, to pop us onto the N2 close to Petro SA from where we will cruise downhill into Mossel Bay.

DAY 4 : 75km / 892m

On the 4th day of our adventure we head for Wilderness.

Our route takes us through Hartenbos, Klein Brak, Groot Brak and through George past Saasveld on the Seven Passes Rd.

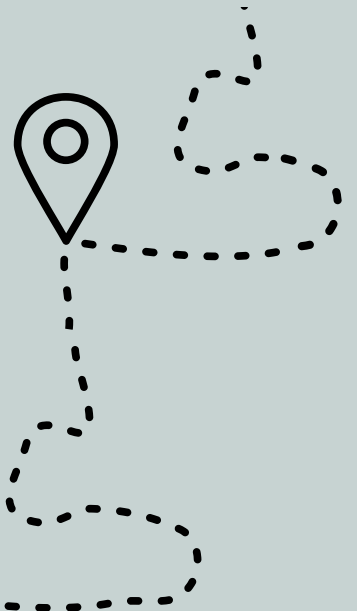
The plunge down into Wilderness is steep and a great reward for an epic day of riding. The famous "Map of Africa" viewpoint at Wilderness Heights gives a breath-taking view of the Kaaимans River valley.



DAY 5 : 74km / 1131m

On the last day of our trip, we start by riding through the Wilderness Lakes area before taking the Hoekwil Rd back to the Seven Passes Rd.

The Seven Passes Rd is arguably the most scenic way to get between George and Knysna. It goes through lush forest and crosses many small rivers. We will cycle past the Garden Route Trail Park, whereafter we will drop down Phantom Pass to join the N2 going into Knysna.



HOW IT WORKS:

- This is a bike packing adventure, which means there is no back-up vehicle. You will have to carry all your clothes on your bike.
(We do offer bike packing equipment you can rent should you not have your own.)
- We will sleep in B&B's so, no tents needed ... and will eat in restaurants.
- All accommodation, 6 nights, will be arranged by us and included in the price, but all meals will be for your own account.
- To make this as social and manageable as possible the maximum groups size is 10. Allegra and myself included. (8 spots available)
- Distances each day are such that an e-bike should easily make it as well.
- Riding together is a great way to enjoy the adventure, but if some of our friends feel the need for speed, they will be able to follow the GPS track and meet us at the end of each day. No problem at all.
- More than 60% of the route is on gravel. The best bike will be either a gravel bike or mountain bike



If want to join us, let us know!

The team at Absolute Motion is looking forward to spending a very special couple of days with you.

Please reach out to me should you have any questions.

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