

History and Location

The Grysbok Trail was established in 1995 and is designed to act as an environmental education and recreation resource for Nelson Mandela University and the broader community. The hiking trail meanders through the secure Reserve, providing opportunities for observing the exciting fauna, including various mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and flora of the area.

The Nelson Mandela University campus was declared a Private Nature Reserve in 1983. The campus covers 830 ha and is dominated by the highly threatened St Francis Dune Thicket vegetation community, characterised by thicket clumps occurring within a matrix of Dune Fynbos.



Located on an old marine platform cut by wave action around 15 million years ago, the Reserve is characterised by three rock types, the oldest of which is a hard grey-white quartzite.

Calcrete, old beach rock, and dune sand layers overlay the quartzite. The dune field is about 6 000 years old and forms part of a headland bypass dune field, which once replenished Algoa Bay beaches with sand by overland wind transport. Following the artificial stabilisation of the dune field in 1870, the headland bypass system was fixed by plant growth and is now largely inactive.

Important Information

Please remember that this is a Nature Reserve:

- All plant and animal life is protected and must not be disturbed or harmed. Please keep on the roads and paths at all times. Mountain bikes allowed.
- Please do not smoke or light fires while on the trail.
- Do not litter. Please take your litter with you.
- Carry at least two litres of drinking water per person. No toilets or water points available.
- For safety purposes, you must sign the Visitors' Book at the fence stile at the start of the trail. Trained guides are available to lead visitors on the trail but must be booked in advance. No dogs are allowed.

For guided trail bookings, please contact: Centre for African Conservation Ecology (ACE): at +27 (0) 41 504 2316.



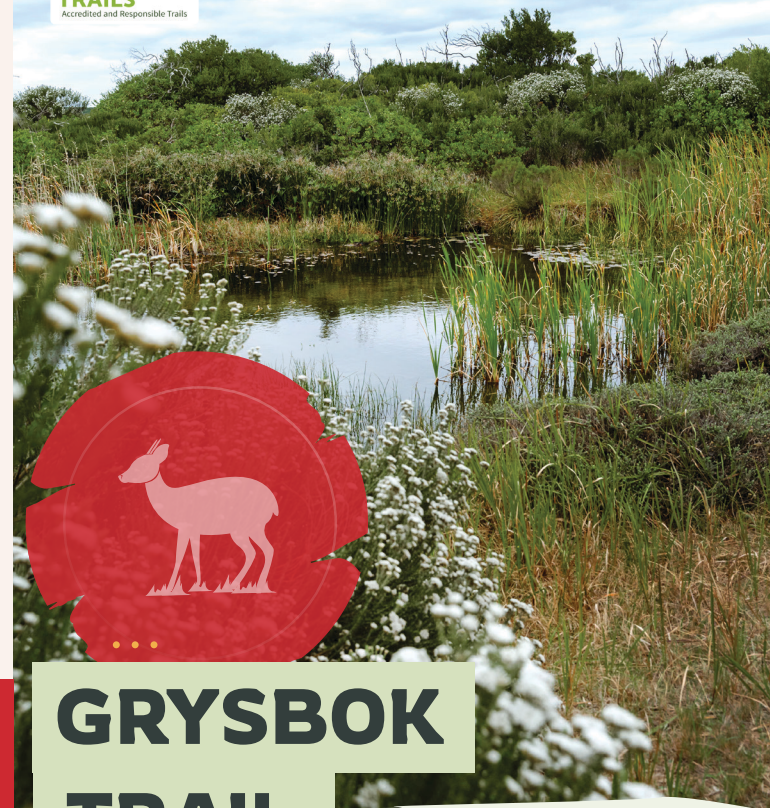
For emergencies on the trail and general enquiries, please contact the NMU Protection Services on +27 (0) 41 504 2482 or the Ranger, Craig Breedt on +27 (0) 82 536 8192 or Elana Storm on +27 (0) 83 446 8564.



open
daily

08h00
to
16h30

General Enquiries	Tourism Office: +27 (0) 41 585 8884
Trail Permits	No permit required/Free entrance



GRYSBOK TRAIL

Circular Route

Embark on a truly **unique wildlife adventure** with the Grysbok Trail. Immerse yourself in the **delightful aroma of the diverse fynbos vegetation** while encountering an array of African mammals, such as the **striking Plains Zebra**, the **elegant Red Hartebeest**, and the adorable **endemic Grysbok** in the Reserve.



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3.3km

Hiking Times:
08h00 - 16h30

Duration:
1/2 Hours

Difficulty:
Easy

Explore and Experience

With 24 mammal species to spot, you're in for a treat! Keep an eye out for the grysbok, a beautiful antelope species that call this place home, along with other magnificent mammals such as bushbuck, plains zebra, red hartebeest, and common duiker.



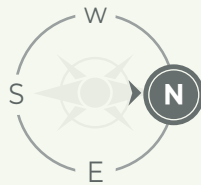
Don't forget to look for smaller mammals, like the honey badger, scrub hare, rooiat, and three species of mongoose.

Reptiles and Amphibians: The Reserve has plenty to offer if you're a reptile and amphibian enthusiast. Listen for the clicking stream frogs and painted reed frogs at the water bodies, and keep an eye out for the angulate tortoise in the summer. While the puff adder, one of the few venomous snakes, is common, spotting the widespread spotted gecko can be just as exciting.



To book game drives, contact Alan Tours on +27 (0) 41 378 1486 (our recognised tour guide provider)

Bird viewing: Birdwatchers will love the Birdhide overlooking the pond along the trail, where 128 bird species have been sighted, with 18 breeding in the Reserve. Bring your binoculars and check out the complete bird list at the Birdhide.



1 **Grysbok Trail** **3.3km**
(Circular route: easy)
Start: 34° 00' 25.6" S | 25° 39' 56.4" E
End: 34° 00' 25.6" S | 25° 39' 56.4" E

Sub-Trails Available:
a. Alternative Route: 707m

Top Fauna:

- Cape Grysbok
- Red Hartebeest
- Plain's Zebra
- Caracal
- Grey's Stream Frog
- Jackal & Common Buzzard



Top Flora:

- Garlic Buchu
- White Milkwood
- Dwarf Cape Beech
- Poison Bulb
- Endangered Pig's Ear

