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Introduction

Please note:

- View information specific to the December 2014 / January 2015 festive season.
- The Wild Card office will be closed on 3 December 2014 from 12:30 - 16:00 for staff training. We apologise for any inconveniece caused.
- The TMNP Wild Card office will close on the 24th of December 2014 at 14:00 and reopen on the 5th of January 2015 at 08:00. All enquiries for activity permits and green cards can be processed through The Main office for Cape Town Tourism, 021 487 6800 or you can email them on central@capetown.travel. Wild Card enquiries can be processed via www.sanparks.org/wild_new/tourism/contact.php or via their helpline on 0861 46 9453.
- We are experiencing problems with one of our main telephone lines: 021 712 2337, which is currently not working. As an alternative please use: 021 7120527. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope to get sorted soon. The following extensions are also not working (including our fax line):
    - Finance Office
    - Tokai Field Office
    - Fax line: 021 713 1542
- Please note that due to bookings for film and photography within TMNP being made well in advance, requests relating to World Design Capital for the months of September - mid December 2014 have unfortunately already reached maximum capacity, including Signal Hill. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.
- Wild Card, Activity Permit and Green Card sales are now at the Tokai Plantation Office, also in Tokai Road. Tel: 021 712 7471. Please note we recommend you retain your proof of purchase or renewal letter for your Wild Card membership in your car, to facilitate entry at TMNP gates when the power is down. The Wild Card office does not have a wheelchair ramp; please call in advance to make arrangements for access on 021 712 7471. Open Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 12:30 and 13:00 to 16:00.
- For directions to the new office herewith a map to Tokai Manor House and Wild Card Sales.

This natural world heritage site, and Natural New 7 Wonder of the World, is a haven of magnificent mountains plunging into crystal seas fringed with bleached white sands of the Cape Peninsula. The mountain chain stretches from Signal Hill in the north, to Cape Point in the South and is also home to the world's smallest, yet most diverse floral kingdom, The Cape Floristic Region.

Table Mountain National Park is a must-visit for anyone in Cape Town, local or international. From open access hikes and beautiful forest walks to pristine picnic and day-visit spots to secluded picturesque accommodation facilities throughout the park, there is plenty to do, see and experience.

Conservation fees are payable at only three access-controlled sections of the park, Cape of Good Hope, Boulders Penguin Colony and Silvermine.

Must sees for this park include:

- Cape Point, Cape of Good Hope
- Boulders Penguin Colony
- Silvermine
- Table Mountain
- Signal Hill and Lions Head

Accommodation

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Prohibited Activities

There are various activities that are not allowed in the TMNP for various environmental reasons:

- No quad-biking anywhere
- No two-wheel motorcycles allowed.
- No personal water craft (jet skis) within the TMNP MPA – with the exception of an exemption issued to members of Tow Surf South Africa. The exemption allows for the use of jet skis to tow-surf on the exceptionally large waves found within the MPA during the winter months. The strict conditions are stipulated in their exemption.
- No dune boarding anywhere
- No jet skis – with the exception of tow-in/safety reasons at Dungeon's and Sunset's under conditions stipulated in the permit.
- No kite-surfing on inland park waters.
- Permits are required for events and commercial activities.

Important Notice:

- Due to technical (data line inadequacies) and logistical/design (availability of parking and office/admin space) constraints coupled with the large numbers of visitors at the COGH entrance to the Table Mountain National Park we have never been able to sell WILD Cards at this entrance point.

The old practice of paying the normal conservation fee at the COGH entrance and then obtaining a credit/refund on purchasing a WILD Card at the Buffelsfontein Visitor Centre within the Park has been stopped as our auditors have indicated that this practice is not in compliance with the Public Finances management Act.

Books of Interest

It is recommended that you purchase Mountains in the Sea – an Interpretive Guide to Table Mountain National Park by award winning environmental journalist John Yeld. The book comprehensively covers all aspects of the Park from biodiversity issues to popular hikes and history. It is available from TMNP outlets at:

- Tokai Tourism Office, Tel.: +27(0) 21 712 7471,
- Boulders Penguin Colony, Tel: +27(0) 21 786 2392 and
- Buffelsfontein Visitor Centre, Tel: +27(0) 21 780 9204

Two Oceans: A Guide to the Marine Life of Southern Africa by Professor George Branch

Essential Information

What to bring

Although the Table Mountain National Park is primarily a day-visit park there are several items that no-one should be without whether for a casual stroll or a more serious hike:

It is highly recommended that you purchase Mountains in the Sea – an Interpretive Guide to Table Mountain National Park by award winning environmental journalist John Yeld. The book comprehensively covers all aspects of the Park from biodiversity issues to popular hikes and history and will enrich any visitor's enjoyment and appreciation of the Park.

It is available from TMNP outlets at Tokai Tourism Office, Tel. 021 712 7471, Boulders Penguin Colony, Tel. 021 786 2329 and Buffelsfontein Visitor Centre, Tel. 021 780 9204.

Also essential are:

- A good map – Peter Slingsby's maps are endorsed by the Park. Visit The Maps for more information.
- Sun hat and sun block
- As outdoor lighting in camps is limited, a torch/headlamp is required when walking outside at night
- Sufficient water
- Energy snacks
- Sturdy hiking boots
- Wet weather gear/ wind breakers
- Punch emergency number into your mobile: 0861 106 417

Visitor Safety

Table Mountain National Park is a Park within a City and its urban context presents Park staff with some unique management challenges. Two of these are these are mountain safety and security issues.

Many people think that because Table Mountain is in the middle of a City that it is simply an easy walk to the top – a serious misconception. The reality is that it is a serious mountain standing 1000 meters above sea level and offers challenging, sometimes dangerous, hikes and is characterised by inconsistent weather. These factors result in people getting lost and injured.

Also as the TMNP is primarily an open access Park from time to time there is criminal activity in some of the urban edge areas of the Park.

In answer to both these challenges the TMNP recruited and deployed Visitor Safety Officers (VSO's) to patrol popular use zones in the Park. The VSO's give advice to hikers as well as act as a deterrent to criminals.

For some hints and tips for a hassle free visit to the TMNP please download the Visitor Safety Brochure.

Climate

When hiking in or visiting the Table Mountain National Park, it is advisable to ensure that you are equipped for all weather types. TMNP and Cape Town have a Mediterranean climate – characterised by typically hot, dry summers and short, wet, yet mild winters.

Cape Town is also known for the South Easter winds that often rip through the city in Summer. With the mountain topography of the Park – this means that weather patterns can change quickly, often creating a hot, clear day in one area, and rainy, misty conditions in another.

Be advised to bring all weather-gear when hiking visiting TMNP as you can never quite predict the weather patterns.

View the seven day Cape Town weather forecast.

People with Disabilities

Information about the facilities offered by Table Mountain National Park in the interests of universal access can be found here.

Tourism Partners

When in doubt about where to go and what to do please be sure to contact our official tourism organisations:

- Cape Town Tourism:
  Cnr. Burg and Castle Street Cape Town, Western Cape South Africa Tel: +27 (0) 21 487 6800 Fax: +27 (0) 21 487 6899 Email: capetown@tourismcapetown.co.za www.tourismcapetown.co.za

If you want to travel further a-field in the Western Cape contact:

- Cape Town Routes Unlimited Private Bag X9108 Cape Town 8000 South Africa Tel: +27 (0) 21 487 4800 Fax: +27 (0) 21 487 4801 Email: info@tourismcapetown.co.za www.tourismcapetown.co.za

Brochures

Please note you will require Adobe PDF viewer to view the brochures.

Attractions	**Download**
Cape of Good Hope	Front Back
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Main Attractions

- Cape of Good Hope
- Boulders
- Table Mountain
- Silvermine
- Signal Hill and Lions Head
- Beaches

Please note that Peter Slingsby publishes the only maps endorsed by the TMNP. Where can I find these maps?

The Cape of Good Hope

So named by Portugal's King John II this area has captured the imagination of European sailors such as Dias who first named it the Cape of Storms in 1488 and later in 1580 Sir Francis Drake who called it the "The Fairest Cape in all the World".

Rich in cultural and natural heritage this is one of the top tourist destinations in South Africa. Due to the variety of wildlife that occurs here it is the only section of the TMNP that is fenced and visitors should look out for Eland, Red Hartebeest, Bontebok and Zebra.

Be sure to visit the Buffelsfontein Visitor Centre that showcases all the plants and animals to look out for in a particular season and is full of informative signage. At the point, visitors are treated to excellent viewing opportunities from both lighthouses that adorn the most south western point in Africa, one still fully functional. The lighthouse is accessible by foot or one can catch the Flying Dutchman funicular to the top.

Cape of Good Hope is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and offers hiking, surfing, angling, picnicking, beaching and cycling opportunities against the spectacular backdrop of the mountains and coastline of the Cape Peninsula. Free guided walks *are offered at Cape Point on selected Sunday mornings throughout the year.* Click here for a schedule of these walks.

Several of the activities are regulated and require permits. Please visit the activities section for more information.

For those who wish to grab a bite to eat or do some souvenir shopping, Cape Point Partnership runs the stunning Two Oceans Restaurant and the Tigers Eye Curio Shop.

Contact Details:

TMNP - Buffelsfontein Visitor Centre: +27(0) 21 780 9204, 09:30 – 17:30, Monday- Sunday Restaurant, Shops and funicular: +27(0) 21 780 9010 / 021 780 9200

Important Notes:

- Cape of Good Hope is one of TMNP's pay points where a daily conservation fee is payable.

- How to get there
- The Cape of Good Hope entry and exit times

Take a virtual tour of Cape Point

Boulders Penguin Colony

Boulders Penguin Colony in Simons Town is home to a unique and endangered land-based colony of African Penguins. This colony is one of only a few in the world, and the site has become famous and a popular international tourist destination.

The Boulders section of TMNP consists of 3 pristine beaches, 1 penguin viewing area and 3 boardwalks. The boardwalks were built as a measure to allow for viewing of these wonderful birds, whilst keeping them safe from poking fingers, so please be sure to stay on the boardwalks at all times within the viewing area.

This beach is ideal for children as immense boulders shelter the cove from currents, wind and large waves - but please always take care. Don't touch or feed the penguins – they may look cute and cuddly but their beaks are as sharp as razors and if they feel threatened they have no qualms about nipping the odd finger or nose.

Boulders Visitor Centre: +27(0) 21 786 2329.

A bit more about African Penguins:

African Penguins were reclassified on 26 May 2010 from a Vulnerable to now Endangered status. In 1956 when the first full census was conducted on the African Penguin, there were approximately 150 000 breeding pairs counted. In 2009 there were only 26 000 breeding pairs left in the world. These numbers indicate a loss of more than 80% of breeding pairs in just over 50 years.

The Boulders Penguin Colony was established in 1983 and numbers increased from surrounding island colonies to bring breeding numbers to 3 900 birds in 2005. Since then there has been a decrease. The 2011 figures sit at around 2100 birds at Boulders Penguin Colony. The decline at Boulders and the global decline is the suspected result of:

- habitat destruction
- effects of oil spills and other marine pollution
- impacts of global warming on fish stocks and fish movement
- over fishing
- irresponsible tourism activities
- domestic pets/animals

What can I do to help?

For more information on how to help the plight of the African Penguin, contact SANCCOB on +27(0 21 557 6155

What can I do there?

- Restaurants and B&B’s are found all in close proximity.
- Swimming

- Picnics on the beach

Important Notices:

- Boulders is a safe beach with rangers on patrol every day
- Limited parking is available so arrive early during peak Summer months
- Alcohol and smoking prohibited
- Beach space depends on the tides – so make sure to come at low tide
- Boulders is closed to all vessels including canoes and kayaks.
- Boulders falls within a No-take Zone in the Marine Protected Area of the TMNP. No marine life may be removed.
- Boulders is one of TMNP's pay points where a daily conservation fee is payable. Please visit tariffs to see the current fee.
- **Boulders entry and exit times**
- How to get there

Table Mountain

Arguably one of the most well-known mountains in Africa, Table Mountain provides a magnificent backdrop to cosmopolitan Cape Town and now boasts the accolade of New 7 Wonders of Nature.

Famous for the tablecloth of clouds that pours endlessly down its slopes when the south-easter blows, this is a mountain of many moods and offers walkers and hikers a range of routes that vary from light strolls to rigorous hikes.

You decide whether you want to reach the summit and revel in spectacular views of the city or simply stroll along in the cool shade of indigenous forest – which ever you choose you won't be disappointed. The ancient Afromontane forest has a fairy charm as vines and canopies create a magical atmosphere.

However please remember that even though it is in an urban setting it is still a wild mountain that offers challenging climbs and sheer cliffs so be aware of where you intend to walk and always ensure that you stick to the path and are kitted out for cold weather.

If it’s the views you’re after and not the exercise, catch a state-of-the-art revolving cable car to the top. For more information call the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway Company (TMACC): +27(0) 21 424 8181

- To spend a night on Table Mountain book now for the Hoerikwaggo Trail Tented Camps!
- Table Mountain Cableway Tariffs and Operating Times

Silvermine

Please note:

Due to operational constraints, the Silvermine Gate 2 parking area will now be open for entry at 08:00 throughout the year. The closing times for this access point remain unchanged (19:00 from October to end of March and 18:00 from April to end of September). Gate opening times for Gate 1 will remain unchanged. For the other open access points to these Silvermine trails (6 access points), entry is still permitted from sunrise, exit by sunset. Enquiries: 021 789 2460 / 021 789 2457

Located in the central section of the Table Mountain National Park (TMNP) Silvermine offers some of the best hikes in the Park with beautiful fynbos landscapes. There is plenty to take in, in and around Silvermine

– a short and wheelchair-friendly boardwalk around the dam, a beautifully therapeutic river walk, a light walk to the Silvermine waterfall, bird spotting, picnics, dog walking and mountain biking, to name but a few.

There are two sections with formal parking:

Gate One: Turn right off Ou Kaapse Weg coming from Cape Town. This area offers mountain biking tracks and a selection of hikes ranging from easy to challenging. Hikers can walk to the top of the Constantaiburg Mountain for perfect views of Hout Bay or simply stroll around the reservoir's wheelchair friendly boardwalk. There are also picturesque braai/ picnic sites available.

Gate Two: A few hundred metres past Gate One, turn left into the car park. From here you can hike over to Kalk Bay or simply do a circuit route. This section of the Park includes Afromontane Forests, waterfalls and very interesting geology.

- Silvermine entry and exit times
- Tel: +27 (0)21 780 9002 (Gate) Tel: +27 (0)21 789 2457 (Office)

Signal Hill and Lion's Head

Signal Hill is the Northern-most tip of the terrestrial area of the TMNP and offers excellent views of the City and harbour. It is from here that the noon day gun marks 12:00 in Cape Town.

Lion's Head is the peak to the right of Table Mountain when facing it head on and offers a short but popular hike with 360 degree views of the Atlantic seaboard, the City and Table Mountain. A popular and new tradition in Cape Town is to hike to the top on full moon. But, while this is a memorable experience, it should only be done in groups, and led by someone with experience.

Beaches

TMNP has a beach for all preferences. If you like to mingle with bronzed beach goers and enjoy a bit of a beach culture, try Llandudno on the Atlantic seaboard. However, if you are more of a laidback beach user head south and try out Noordhoek, Kommetjie or Scarborough - all of which are spacious enough to accommodate crowds and are also good for watching the sun set. The Cape of Good Hope section offers more wild and secluded beaches with the benefit of beaches on both the Atlantic and False Bay sides.

Be aware that strong rip tides characterise some of our beaches and for the most part life guards are only on duty during high season on the most popular beaches. Swimmers should ensure that they are familiar with the area and should exercise caution at all times.

Alcohol is not allowed on Cape Town beaches. **A level 1 My Activity Permit is required for dog walking.

For more information on available beaches please call our marine team: +27(0) 21 786 5656.

Climate

Winter:

From May to August, cold fronts sweep across the Atlantic and bombard the Peninsula with rain and the northwest gales - an apt reminder of why the early explorers referred to it as the Cape of Storms. The winters are cool with an average minimum temperature of about 7° C. Most of the rainfall occurs in winter, but due to the topography the rainfall varies quite dramatically. In the valleys and coastal plains it averages

500 mm per year, while in the mountainous areas it can average as much as 1500 mm a year.

Winter is a particularly beautiful time in the Cape as the vegetation regains its verdure and water pours from the mountain chain's waterfalls, rivulets and ravines.

Summer:

From November to February the weather is warm and dry. During these months the Peninsula is exposed to the strong (sometimes gale-force), relentless Southeast wind known locally as the Cape Doctor because it blows away pollution and cleans the air. Summer temperatures are relatively comfortable with the average maximum around 26° C.

The days in between are hot and compliment the awesome beaches

Please note: The months we have listed here are merely guidelines. Always cater for all weather when visiting due to its unpredictability.

How to get there

Note to Travellers

- The TMNP's Admin Head Office (formerly the Westlake Office) has moved to the Tokai Manor House, Tokai Road. Tel: 021 712 2337 / 0527.
- Wild Card sales are now at the Tokai Plantation Office, also in Tokai Road. Tel: 021 712 7471.
- For directions to the new office herewith a map to Tokai Manor House.

GPS Coordinates

Name	Latitude	Longitude
Cape Point	S 34° 21' 22"	E 18° 29' 48"
Tokai Forest	S 34° 3' 42"	E 18° 24' 51"
Newlands Forest	S 33° 58' 26"	E 18° 26' 40"
Ouderkraal	S 33° 59' 12"	E 18° 20' 56"
Perdekloof	S 34° 12' 20"	E 18° 24' 20"
Silvermine	S 34° 5' 53"	E 18° 25' 16"
Boulders	S 34° 7' 55"	E 18° 26' 53"
Platteklip Wash House	S 33° 56' 46 "	E 18° 25' 03"

Routes to various destinations

Boulders Beach

Situated in Simon's Town, which can be reached via the M4 (Main Road) from the city centre, although getting to Muizenberg via the M3 or the M5 are both quicker in road time. From Muizenberg, the M4

continues via Fish Hoek to Simon's Town.

Cape Point

One can go via the M4, Simon's Town and Miller's Point, on the M64 and 65 via Ou Kaapse Weg, Sun Valley, Kommetjie and Scarborough.

The M6 via Chapman's Peak is currently open but it is sometimes temporarily closed for repairs after heavy rains. There is signage on the road some distance before Chapman's Peak, which tells you whether it is open or closed.

Kirstenbosch

De Waal Drive and then left onto Rhodes Drive in the Direction of Hout Bay

Oudekraal

Situated on the M6 between Camp's Bay and Llandudno

Tokai

Situated on the Tokai Road off the M3.

Silvermine

Opposite the Silvermine Road turn-off.

Table Mountain, Signal Hill and Lion's Head

Kloof Nek Road towards Camp's Bay

Internal Road Network

Only a few areas of the TMNP allow private vehicle access – Cape of Good Hope section and Signal Hill. Vehicles are subject to strict speed limits and a required to keep to the designated roads. Other areas such as Silvermine, Newlands and Oudekraal offer secure parking within the gates.

Gate Hours

*****Please take note of exit times when entering a gate*****

Areas	Seasons	Entry and Exit Time
Cape Point	Winter: April - September	07:00 - 17:00
	Summer: October - March	06:00 - 18:00
Boulders	Winter: April - September	08:00 - 17:00
	Summer: December - January	07:00 - 19:30
		08:00 - 18:30

	February - March	
		08:00 - 18:30
	October - November	
Silvermine	Winter : May - September	08:00 - 17:00
	Summer : October - April	07:00 - 18:00
Oudekraal	Winter : June - September (Only on weekends and public holidays)	08:00 - 18:00
	Summer: October - April	08:00 - 18:00
Perdekloof	Winter: June - September	Closed
	Summer: October - March	09:00 - 17:00
	Holidays and weekends	09:00 - 17:00
Tokai Forest	Winter : April - September	08:00 - 17:00
	Summer : October - March	07:00 - 18:00
Newlands Forest	Winter: June - September	Closed
	Summer : October - April (open everyday - weekdays and weekends)	08:00 - 18:00

- There are daily national and international flights into Cape Town International Airport.
- Car hire facilities are located at the airport and in the city of Cape Town and other nearby commercial centres.
- Tour operators and travel agents offer luxury coach tours.
- A railway service runs from Cape Town along the False Bay coastline to Simon's Town.

Park Maps

Recreational Map

This page displays various maps of the Table Mountain National Park (TMNP). For an overview of our recreational areas please view our recreational map.

To see the various sections which comprise the TMNP please view our management map.

Management map

Please note that Peter Slingsby publishes the only maps endorsed by the TMNP. To expand the following thumbnails, please click on them directly. To download the original maps, click on the map name.

Table Mountain National Park | Olifantsbos | Steenberg Ridge | Vlakkenberg | Western Table

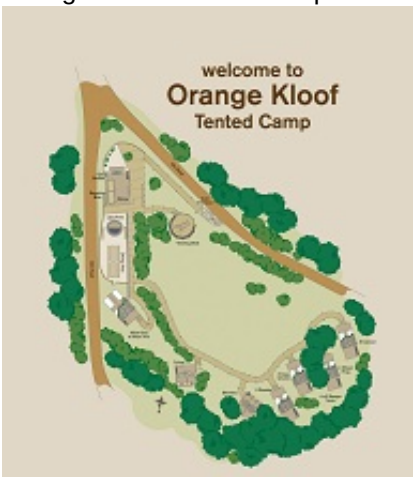
Activities

Approved Mountain Bike tracks

Accommodation

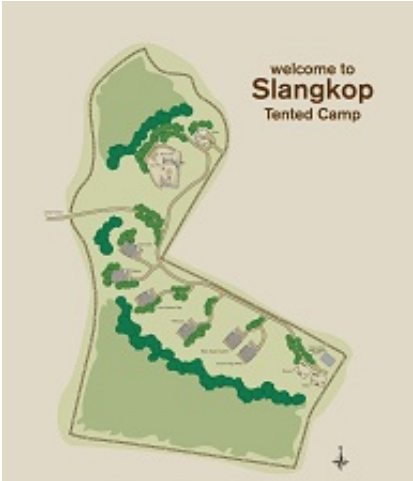
Map to the Platteklip Wash House

Orange Kloof Tented Camp



Silvermine Tented Camp

Slangkop Tented Camp



Smitswinkel Tented Camp

Day visitors:

As it is situated within the City of Cape Town with its area fragmented by urban development and privately owned land, this is primarily a day visit Park.

Emergencies:

In case of emergencies please call: 021 957 4700

Contact Information

For enquiries e-mail Table Mountain National Park or phone us on the following numbers:

Tel: 021 701 8692 Fax: 021 701 8773

Office Hours:

Head Office – Westlake: 08:00 - 17:00

Gate Times

Cape of Good Hope section (Cape Point):

Winter: April - September 07:00 - 17:00 Summer: October - March 06:00 - 18:00

Boulders

Winter: April - September 08:00 - 17:00 Summer: October - March 07:00 - 19:00

Silvermine

Winter: May - August 08:00 - 17:00 Summer: September - April 07:00 - 18:00

Oudekraal

Winter: April - September 08:00 - 18:00 Summer: October - March 08:00 - 18:00

Check in/out times:

For the three cottages in the Cape of Good Hope section, Elands, Duiker and Olifantsbos check in time is 14:00 and check out is 10:00.

Hints & Tips

- Always bring both warm and cold weather clothes – the weather on the Peninsula is unpredictable.
- Never hike alone and always inform a friend of your intended route
- What visitors need to take (preparation for the trip)
    - Bring along binoculars, camera, walking shoes, sun block, a hat and wildlife reference books.
    - As outdoor lighting in camps is limited, a torch/headlamp is required when walking outside at night.
- Road maps of tourist routes.
- No immunisations are needed for travel to this park. The park is situated in a malaria-free area.

Internal Road Network

Only a few areas of the TMNP allow private vehicle access – Cape of Good Hope section and Signal Hill. Vehicles are subject to strict speed limits and a required to keep to the designated roads. Other areas such as Silvermine, Newlands and Oudekraal offer secure parking within the gates.

Natural and Cultural History

Please visit www.tmnp.co.za for some fascinating insight into this unique park.

Scientific Services

Table Mountain National Park has excellent ties with the SANParks service, other conservation agencies as well as academic institutions like the University of Cape Town. Facts and Figures:

- Visitor numbers around 4.2 million annually
- Land use type: Conservation
- Local Population: Only personnel live within Park borders. However, because the Park is situated within the City of Cape Town both rich and poor suburbs and townships surround it.

Personnel

There are about 133 permanent positions (operational and administrative) within the Park. The number of contracted staff varies according to the types of projects at any one time.

Concessions:

There are currently two concessionaires:

- CONCOR manage the commercial operations at Cape Point
- Table Mountain Aerial Cableway operates the cable car on Table Mountain.

People with disabilities

Wheelchair Access

- View the accessibily features overview for the Northern and Central Sections of Table Mountain National Park, as featured in the Rolling Inspiration magazine.
- View the accessibily features overview for the Southern and Marine Sectionsof Table Mountain National Park, as featured in the Rolling Inspiration magazine.
- Please see additional information on Wheelchair Accessibility

Accommodation

The park accommodation is geared towards hikers and while the camps themselves are equipped with boardwalks that enable mobility, the ablutions are not adapted for wheelchair users, but there are many accessible accommodation options around the park in the city of Cape Town.

Accessible Activities & Facilities

There are several tourist destinations within the confines of the TMNP. The major visitor destinations are listed here. These have varying accessibility levels for the mobility impaired.

- **Table Mountain**
  The cable way can be assessed by use of a lift which takes one to the ground floor level for departure/arrival of the cable car. Parking can be arranged for people with mobility impairment at the entrance by prior arrangement with the aerial cable way company. On the mountaintop the

shop, restaurant and toilets all have ramped access. A series of circular routes in the concession area takes visitors around a portion of the top of the mountain. These routes have a chip stone and concrete surface .

- **Cape Point**
  There are parking bays for the mobility impaired at Cape Point. Access can be gained into the curio shop, the information centre and to the public toilets, which are on the western side of the car park. The ramp descending to these ablution facilities may be too steep for some. The restaurant at Cape Point has a staggered access ramp that permits wheelchairs to move down the steep slope. There is another accessible toilet in the restaurant. The restaurant's lower deck overlooking False Bay has a particularly steep ramp and assistance may be required. The Point's highlight is the funicular that takes people up the steep slope to a lookout point. This allows easy access to a wheelchair user. It does not go all the way to the summit, and to reach this beacon, visitors are required to climb stairs. The toilets at the lookout point have no specific accessibility adaptations, but they are wide enough for a wheelchair to get to the toilet, although the door cannot be closed behind. The lower section of a second curio shop is down a small flight of stairs. There are several other lookout points in this section of the park. Many of these are accessible by vehicle, but the area's walks are not wheelchair compatible. The Buffelsfontein Visitors Centre has disabled parking bays, a disabled toilet and is accessible to guests in wheel chairs.
- **Boulders Beach & Penguin Colony**
  A well-designed wooden boardwalk allows people with mobility impairment the opportunity to get right down to the penguin colony beach (Foxy Beach). There is also ramped access into the new information centre built on the site of the old degaussing station. Ablutions for wheelchair users are also present here. A boardwalk ("Willis Walk") provides a firm surface for movement between the Visitor Centre and Boulder's Bathing Beach. This pathway is quite steep in places. A concrete ramp can be used to access the beach itself, although many will require assistance, as it is very steep.
- **Silvermine**
  The Silvermine Dam has a 650 m walkway (part wooden boardwalk and part finely gravelled walkway, and concrete over the dam wall). The boardwalk ramp from the car park to the walkway has been revamped to make this slope less steep and easier for wheelchair access. Ablution facilities have been added at the start of the walkway which include a wheelchair-accessible toilet. There are two specially demarcated parking bays for people with disabilities at the start of the boardwalk.