Visit our other Western Cape South African National Parks

- Agulhas - at the iconic southwestern tip of Africa
- Bontebok - a conservation success story just outside the town of Skilpadnes off the N7
- Garden Route - comprising Wilderness, Knysna andTsitsikamma
- Table Mountain - one of the Nine "W" Windows of Nature
- Tsitsikama - incredible tree-kissed skies and wide open spaces
- Kgalagadi - offers great game viewing (including lions) just outside Bredasdorp-West off the N7!

Be a responsible Visitor

- Speed limit 80km/hr
- No pets allowed
- Please dispose of litter in marked refuse bins
- No fires allowed on beaches
- Please remain in your vehicle, for your own safety
- Please do not touch up tortoises or disturb any wildlife.

- Please do not pick any plants or flowers
- Walking and cycling are restricted to the hiking and cycling trails respectively
- Photo notes that were in the Park, shooting is only allowed during park opening times
- Please ensure that your vehicle is locked at all times. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle while unattended.

Gate Times / Office Hours

September to March: 07:00am - 19:00pm
Last vehicle entry at 18:30pm
April to August: 07:00am - 18:00pm
Last vehicle entry at 17:30pm
Postberg opens during August & September生肖season: 08:00am - 17:00pm
Last entry to Postberg: 16:00pm

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Welcome!

The magical Langebaan Lagoon, rare fynbos, white sandy dunes and unspoiled wetlands are all some of the delights West Coast National Park has to offer. With so much to see and do it is hard to decide where to begin, so we have decided to share some of our favourite experiences with you...’

- Park your car at the Langebaan gate and walk the short Afikop trail to the Grootbos viewpoint, which offers the best views of the Park
- Visit one of the bird hides and spend some time enjoying the quiet, as you look out at our resident storks and their natural habitat.
- Make a stop at the Goudbek Restaurant and have a look at the replica of a Downpatrick houseboat, a once belonging to a young woman who lived in the Park some 177 years ago.
- Have a meal at Goudbek Restaurant, which specializes in traditional foods.

Some interesting facts

- In 1844 the first Khoi dictionary was documented (400 words) by Dr T Bancourt (Director General of the French East India Company) at Kraaihoek.
- In 1986 the VOC placed a beacon at Goudbek, which served to demarcate their most northernly boundary.
- In 1908 Norwegian whalers started a whaling station at Donkerlag which remained operational until 1990.
- In 1920 Goudbek had the largest wine cellar in the country. This was not due to wine production, but because the Governor General (Hendrik de Villiers Stuyt) used Goudbek to store his vast quantities of wine.
- Langebaan Lagoon was classified as a wetland of international importance according to the Ramsar Convention criteria in 1978.
- The bird species Surfing Sandpiper, Sandregen and Knob-joint 10 000km each year from Russia to their breeding grounds in the West Coast National Park.
- Langebaan hosts a total of over two hundred and fifty bird species - over a quarter of South Africa’s total.
- The Park was established in 1985 and comprises some 52 000ha.

Animals and Birds commonly seen in the Park

African Darter 
Bee Eater
Bush Shrike
Cape Cobia
Caracal
Ganets
Grey Parrot
Hamerkop
Ostrich
Porcupine
Puttecker
Red Hartebeest
Shelduck
Tortoise
Zebra

Tick off the ones you have spotted!