

We firmly believe that, after physically visiting us and experiencing our unique routes, their proud owners, the extraordinary scenery and the many other activities and sights our region has to offer, you will return again and again.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

To ensure that not only we, but our children and our children's children can enjoy the landscapes and countryside that we have the pleasure to experience.



Fine examples of succulent Karoo vegetation in full bloom



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One of the Pioneer Tracks in Fynbos

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Experience OUDTSHOORN'S 4 X 4 ROUTES personally



**One of the Succulent Karoo
Routes**

Oudtshoorn nestles in one of the world's few ecological hotspots where three plant biomes converge. It is here that we have an abundance of succulent Karoo, Cape thicket and "fynbos" all in one glorious area, for the adventurous driver and camper to experience and enjoy. This region is also the place where some of the most spectacular 4 X 4 routes are to be found. We offer a varied and wide range of extraordinary landscapes ranging from magnificent mountain ranges to almost semi-desert areas.

The region is filled with many different adventure routes on which owners encourage an environmentally sensitive awareness amongst off-road drivers, mountain bikers and hikers. There are also several options and differently graded routes suitable for all types of off-road vehicles and drivers with different levels of experience. In this region a combination of 4 X 4 vehicles and mountain bikes is possible, where you use your 4 X 4 vehicle as a backup for the rest of the family or friends on mountain bikes.

Visitors are able to plan their own scenic and adventure routes using the "travel on gravel" map or may use the owner of a route as guide for a self-drive along one of the routes. Other options are hiring 4 X 4 vehicles, having a guided tour in a hired 4 X 4 vehicle or doing a group 4 X 4 self-drive in the area. There are even ecological tours and guided plant identification tours available to those interested.

Many different types of accommodation are also available and 4 X 4 adventurers can choose whether they would like to be accommodated in tents, at camping sites or in nearby guest houses of the highest quality.

The Travel on Gravel map as well as a pamphlet on 21 camps in the region is available from the Oudtshoorn Tourism Bureau information office.

Experience Several Pioneers' Routes

It is also possible to retrace routes followed by early pioneers in this region. One can follow the routes taken by Thurnberg (1772 - 1775), Swellengrebel (1776 - 1777), Van Plettenberg (1778) or Burchell (1811 - 1814) in your modern 4 X 4 version of the sturdy ox wagons used by the intrepid travelers of old. If you arrange well in advance Katot Meyer, legendary local off-road enthusiast and fundi, will explain exactly why ox wagons were constructed the way they were using a perfect scale model of the wagon once used by the brave pioneers. It is also possible for families, groups and 4 X 4 clubs who are staying in or around Oudtshoorn to arrange for a speaker on the plant biomes found here or on the Gouritz Initiative.



The following off-road and scenic routes are available in the region:

Attakwaskloof (Reserve Pioneer)

Attaquas Bonniedale (Fynbos)

Bakenskraal (Short Scenic)

Bay to Bay View (Best Scenic)

Canca Fynbos (Fynbos)

Chandelier (Klein Karoo - Game)

Louvain (Ox Wagon Pass)

Gamkaberg (Reserve)

Glenmore (Great Karoo)

Kouma (Fynbos)

Minwater (Private Reserve)

Roorivier (Karoo Succulent)

Swartberg Reserve (Reserve Fynbos)

Vleesbaai (Sand Dunes Coastal)

Burchell (Private Reserve Pioneer)

Then there are all the other added attractions, making it very difficult for the off-road enthusiast not to visit this beautiful region.



Minwater

