

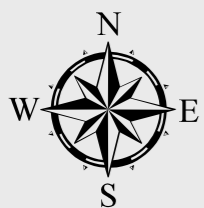
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Hiking trail

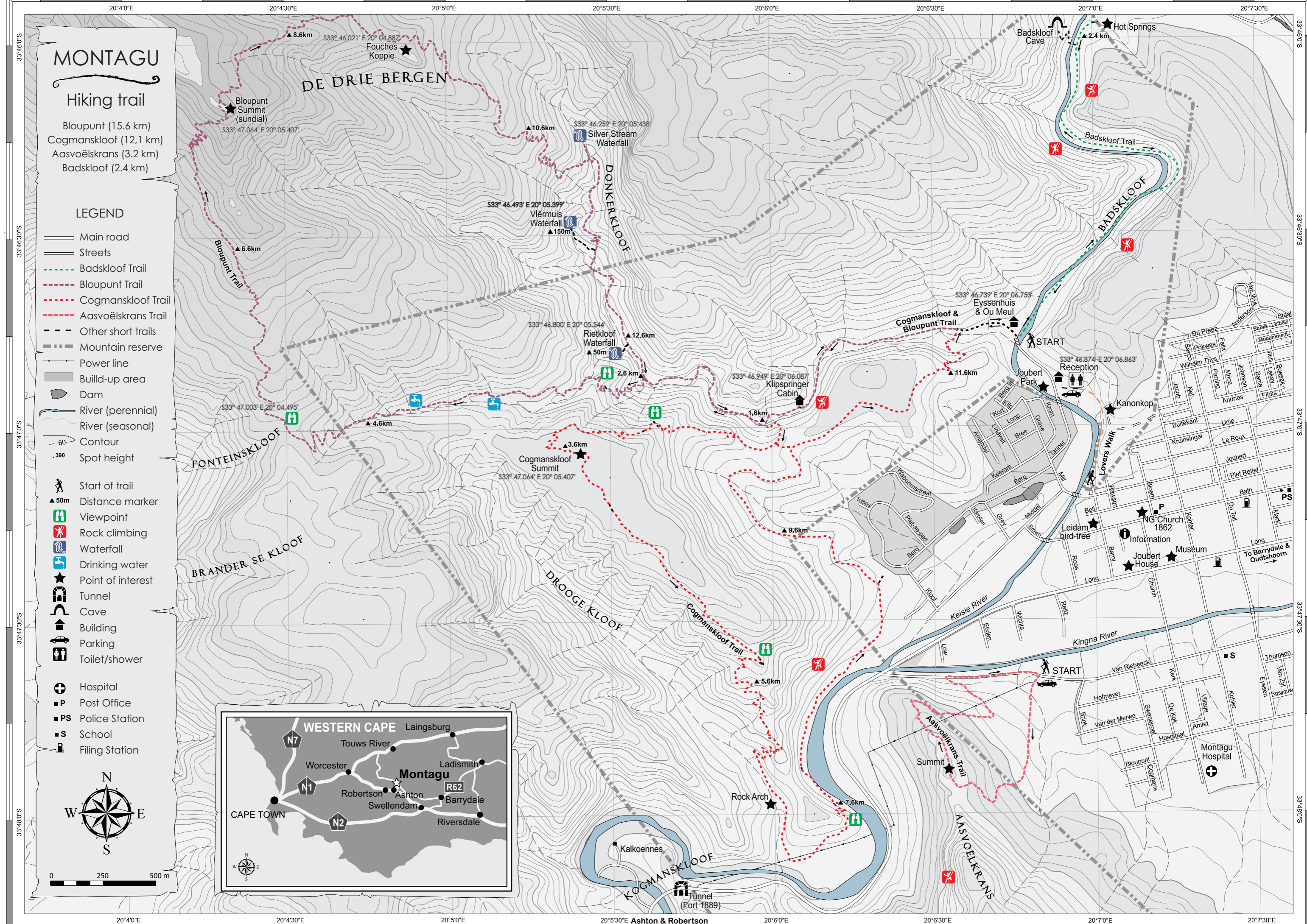
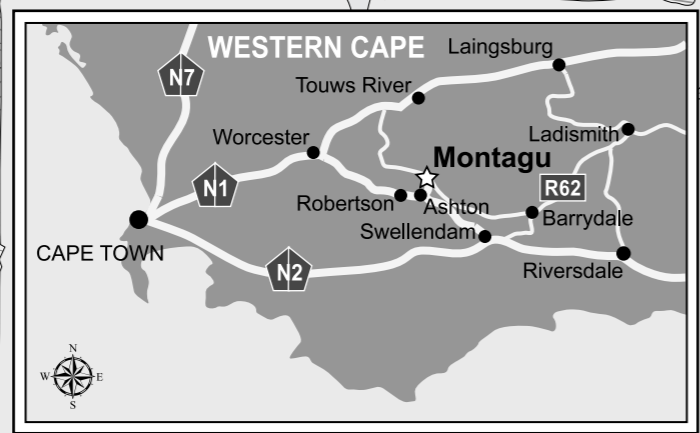
- Bloupunt (15.6 km)
- Cogmanskloof (12.1 km)
- Aasvoëlskrans (3.2 km)
- Badskloof (2.4 km)

LEGEND

- Main road
- Streets
- Badskloof Trail
- Bloupunt Trail
- Cogmanskloof Trail
- Aasvoëlskrans Trail
- Other short trails
- Mountain reserve
- Power line
- Built-up area
- Dam
- River (perennial)
- River (seasonal)
- Contour
- Spot height
- Start of trail
- Distance marker
- Viewpoint
- Rock climbing
- Waterfall
- Drinking water
- Point of interest
- Tunnel
- Cave
- Building
- Parking
- Toilet/shower
- Hospital
- Post Office
- Police Station
- School
- Filing Station



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33°46'0"S
33°46'30"S
33°47'0"S
33°47'30"S
33°48'0"S

20°40'E
20°43'0"E
20°50'E
20°53'0"E
20°60'E
20°63'0"E
20°70'E
20°73'0"E

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WELCOME TO MONTAGU -

the hiking and rock climbing paradise of the Langeberg. Four hiking trails and a couple of scenic short walks are just waiting for you...

HIKING TRAILS

BLOUPUNT TRAIL

Bloupunt Hiking Trail is 15.6 km long, with an elevation rise of more than 1000 m from the start at Joubertpark to the summit, and can be completed in 5 - 9 hours.

This trail offers a wide variety of interesting features to hikers with a constantly changing panorama of ravines with mountain streams and craggy cliffs with awe-inspiring rock formations. From the 1266 m high summit of Bloupunt one is confronted by a breathtaking view in all directions and can clearly see the towns of Ashton, Bonnievale, McGregor, Montagu and Robertson.

About halfway up there are two fresh water points where you may pause for refreshments. It is advisable to fill water bottles at this point as there is no water at the top. There are also three small waterfalls on the route down from the summit, which can be reached by means of short deviations from the main trail - these are well worth seeing and invite one for a cooling swim! Permit required.



COGMANSKLOOF TRAIL

Cogmanskloof Hiking Trail is 12.1 km long and can be completed in 4 - 6 hours. Only the first 2 km from the overnight cabin is steep - from then on the route is easy. Cogmans "summit" at 690m is half the height of Bloupunt but nevertheless offers a beautiful view of Montagu, the ravines and mountains. There are beautiful rock formations and wild flowers on top. Aloes, proteas, "sewejaartjies" and ericas are plentiful. Permit required.

BADSKLOOF TRAIL

Badskloof Trail is 2.4 km long and connects the hot springs with Eyssenhuis / Ou Meul at Joubertpark. This trail offers a pleasant 1 hour walk through Badskloof with its many rock formations, rich bird life and sport climbing routes. The trail as shown on the map is only a rough indication since occasional floods cause deviations to the trail. Permit required, payable at either end of the trail.

LOVERS WALK

Lovers Walk, also some times referred as Mayor's walk, is a short 500 m walk along the banks of the Keisie River and below Kanonkop, through to Joubertpark (starting at the upper end of Barry Street), an ideal extension to the Badskloof trail. No entry fee / permit needed.

AASVOËLKRANS

Aasvoëlkrans Hiking Trail is 3.2 km long and will take some 1½ hours to complete. The trail starts on Riebeeck Street opposite the Aasvoëlkrans B&B. It's a nice short hike to a 430 m viewpoint overlooking the Cogmanskloof with Fort Sydney and the tunnel in the distance. No entry fee / permit.

NO drinking water on Cogmanskloof, Badskloof and Aasvoëlkrans trails, Please fill up at the start or bring your own!

FONA

Along the trail many species of bird life, including the black eagle, can be spotted and one also encounters many dassies and klipspringers, after which the overnight cabin is named. The reserve is also home to many baboon, duiker, rhebuck, otter, caracal and leopard.

FLORA

A very large selection of wild flowers can be seen at all times of the year due to perennial streams flowing through the area - more so along the Bloupunt route than on the drier Cogmanskloof trail. Here, within a few meters of water-loving plants beside the gurgling streams, a large variety of proteas, ericas, aloes, red-hot pokers, lilies, watsonias, gladioli (Gladiolus stephaniae being endemic to the reserve), nerines, orchids and many others. Various species of indigenous trees will be encountered and some of these have been identified by means of name plates.



GEOLOGY



A striking feature of the Montagu Mountain Reserve are the many vertical rock faces - a prime example of the Cape Fold Mountains. In Donkerkloof and on the ridge of the Cogmanskloof trail where the past is sliced open you will see back as far as 450 million years when this ground was under the glaciers of Gondwanaland. 200 million years later the "party" started and the crust of the earth was pushed up, creating these striking rock formations we see today. The lower area of the trails around the Ou Meul and the cabin is on quartzitic sandstone of the Nardouw Subgroup, while the upper area of Bloupunt is of quartzitic sandstone, siltstone and shale conglomerate of the Peninsula Formation.

WEATHER

The Langeberg mountain range is generally a winter rainfall area and hot and dry in summer. HOWEVER let this not deter you from visiting us all year round, some of the best hikes are made in the spring and autumn, and even winter offers mostly sunny and clear days when Cape Town is battered by the winter rains!

ROCK CLIMBING

Montagu is one of the ten sports climbing hotspots in the world. It offers over 400 sports climbing routes and many trad-lines right on its doorstep. Most of them are clustered along the Keisie and Cogmanskloof rivers. The routes range from an easy 13/4+ all the way to the tough 35/8c+ rated "Mazawattee" near the hot springs. For more info contact the tourism info office. Permit required.

Although every effort has been made to assure that the information in this publication is correct, the Langeberg Municipality can not be held responsible for any errors of omission or commission.

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Happy hiking! Relax and enjoy the wonders of the clean air and the breathtaking views while on these rugged mountains of the Langeberg.

In case of an emergency contact the police on 10111 or the 24 hour call centre on 0860 88 11 11

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- The reserve is open to the public from 08:00 to 16:30.
- A valid permit is required to enter the mountain reserve and hike the trails. This can be obtained at either one of the entrances to the reserve (Joubertpark or the hot springs).
- Overnight accommodation is available at Klipspringer Cabin, 1,5km from the parking area. This is a stone cabin with dormitory-type sleeping quarters for 12 hikers in total - 6 in each room. Wood-fired stoves, braai facilities, hot water, ablution and toilet facilities are available. Camping is not permitted anywhere else.
- No unaccompanied children under the age of 10 are allowed entry.
- No vehicles are allowed beyond the parking area at Joubert park.
- No pets or fire arms are allowed - you are in a nature reserve.
- No removing of fauna and flora is permitted.
- Strong shoes, warm clothes, water & food are essential!
- For your own safety remain on the clearly demarcated and signposted trails at all times.
- Hikers enter at their own risk.

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HIKING MAP



MAP GUIDE