

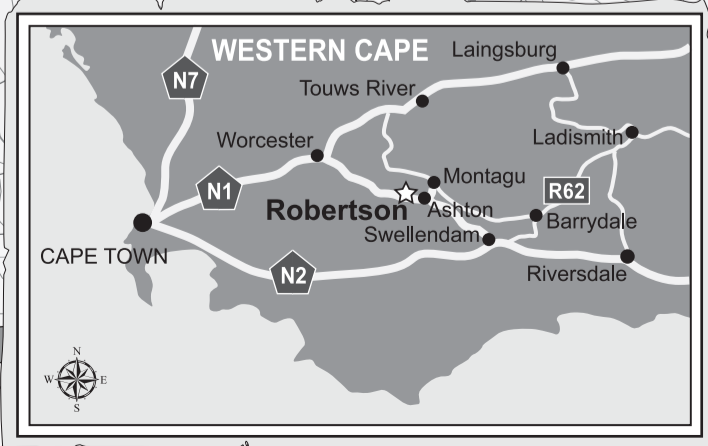
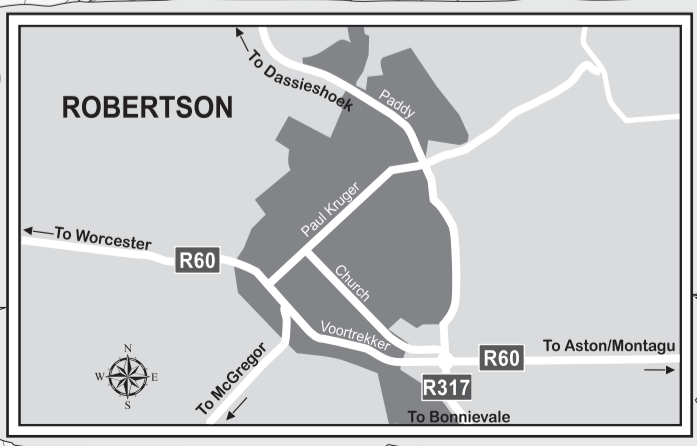
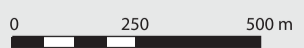
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Arangieskop Hiking trail

(20 km)

LEGEND

- Gravel road (main)
- Gravel road (secondary)
- Hiking trail
- Tracks
- Dassieshoek Private Nature Reserve
- Dam
- River (perennial)
- River (seasonal)
- Contour
- Spot height
- Start of trail
- Distance marker
- View point
- Picnic site
- Swimming
- Drinking water
- Point of interest
- Building
- Parking



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WELCOME TO ROBERTSON IN THE LANGEBERG -

Home of the Arangieskop Hiking Trail, the mother of all trails in the Western Cape, so it is said...

ARANGIESKOP TRAIL

The Arangieskop Hiking Trail is situated in the Dassieshoek Nature Reserve north of the town of Robertson. This circular trail covers 20km over two days with comfortable huts at either end. Daily distance and duration:

- Day 1: 9.5km, up 1260m, down 120m - 7 hours
- Day 2: 10.5km, up 320m, down 1460m - 6 hours



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The trail starts at the Dassieshoek overnight hut, an original old cosy farmhouse right at the reserve entrance at 360m above sea level. A trail not for sissies, it shows its true colours already after the first 500m when it heads straight for higher ground in the direction of the summit. After ~4km the trail dips into Water- valkloof, a ferny gorge with crystal clear streams and rock pools, welcoming swimming spots and shady resting places from the heat of the day. Steel ladders and chains protect tricky passages. Then it rises again into protea covered slopes, before it reaches back into Watervalkloof once again, this time at 1300m near picturesque rock pools - a perfect place to fill your water bottles or to have a last swim for the day. At 1500m the trail flattens out and crosses the Langeberg to the Northern side, with a view onto the Koo and Keisie valleys. Shortly after a spider web of tractor tracks left by the famous Montagu Tractor Ride; you'll reach the Arangieskop overnight hut.



On day two you'll start with a steep 200m push for the 1700m high Arangieskop summit also sometimes referred to as Dassieshoek Peak. Don't forget to sign the summit book at the beacon. The trail then descends steeply with a couple of ladders into Hoepuntskloof - In winter this section of the trail can often be iced up and very slippery, please be extra cautious. After ~ 3km the kloof turns South and you'll enter the Butter- spoon Forest (rooiels), with several rock pools ideal for a cooling splash and for refilling your bottles. A little further down the trail climbs out of this kloof and traverses below the mighty Venster- bank into Vensterbankkloof, for a last time of crystal clear waters and ferns. A last short ascent and it's all downhill from there, back to Dassieshoek - with a little bonus hill once you reached the jeep track - overlooking Koos Kok's dam to the South.

DRINKING WATER

There are several water points along the trail, where you are able to fill your bottle from the clear mountain streams - the water is suitable for drinking



OVERNIGHT HUTS

Dassieshoek features 2 overnight huts. Blaauwhoogte hut (No.1) a 60's style farmhouse right next to Dassieshoek dam, and the Dassieshoek hut (No.2) at the starting point of the trail. Both contain 25 beds each. Facilities include: Electricity, fridge, stove, toilets and hot water showers. Blaauwhoogte has an indoor braai and Dassieshoek a wood stove additionally.



- No bedding is provided, also bring your own crockery, cutlery cooking utensils, torch, firelighters and braaiwood.
- Arangieskop hut near the summit contains 23 beds. Facilities include: Electric lights, flush toilets, hot water shower by courtesy of a classic "Donkey-Boiler", braai grids and fire wood are provided too.
- No keys are needed to any of the huts - access codes are provided with permit.
- After completion of the trail hikers may use the ablution at the Dassieshoek hut.

FLORA AND FAUNA

Large variety of protea, ericas and disas grow along the trail
Abundant wildlife: Dassies, klipspringer, rhebok, baboon, duiker you might even spot a mountain leopard... Black eagles, black shouldered kites and cape sugar birds are just for starters when it comes to the ample bird life in the reserve.



DIRECTIONS

When entering Robertson on the R60/Voortrekker road, take Paul Kruger street (between Spar and KFC) all the way up on the T-junction, here at the Dassieshoek sign turn left, it's another 7km from here to the reserve. Continue on this road, it changes to gravel and crosses a low water bridge, pass the quarry on the left and a short winding mountain pass, until you get to the dam and Blaauwhoogte hut (Overnight hut No.1) on the left. Dassieshoek hut (Overnight hut No.2) and the main gate to the reserve are 500m further down the road on the right.

PLEASE NOTE

On Saturday and Wednesday the Montagu Tractor Ride stops at the Arangieskop hut at 11:00 and 15:00 for a short while and the tourists on board pop into the cabin. We trust that you will not be inconvenienced and thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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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.
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Enquiries & Reservation of Arangieskop Hiking trail and overnight huts:

- A maximum of 20 hikers per day are allowed.
- No camping is allowed along the route.
- No unaccompanied children under the age of 12 are allowed.
- No vehicles are allowed beyond the gate at Dassieshoek hut.
- No pets nor fire arms are allowed - you are in a nature reserve.
- No removing of fauna and flora is permitted.
- Firm shoes, warm clothes, water & food essential!
- For your own safety remain on the clearly demarcated and signposted trails at all times.
- Hikers enter the hiking trails at their own risk.
- The full fee is payable in advance.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Robertson

HIKING MAP



MAP GUIDE

