



WELCOME TO THE BOUNTIFUL PONDOLAND

The Wild Coast is not called the Wild Coast for nothing. The journey to Msikaba is not an easy one but once you are there you will find it well worth it. The location of the camp is pristine

Access

The drive to Msikaba can sometimes be a breeze but other times it can be extremely wet and slippery with the last 200 m of the trip down to Msikaba is extremely rocky. We therefore suggest that one is always prepared with a high clearance 4x4 vehicle.

Self catering

When visiting Msikaba you will need to be completely self sufficient and take everything you need for your stay. From your food, to your drinks and your linen, bedding and towels. Full inclusions and exclusions to follow.

Camp surroundings

The camp is built unobtrusively inside indigenous coastal dune forest where one has immediate access to the Msikaba River and of course the beach. The units themselves, as well as the communal area, are protected by vegetation and are somewhat protected from the elements.

THINGS TO DO.

- Beach (note there are no shark nets)
- Day walks - going north you can enjoy the beauty of the Mkambathi Nature Reserve, you can obtain a permit from our camp manager. There is also a beautiful walk south to the Mbaxeni River where one can enjoy a day picnic and a wonderful swimming spot. (8 kms round trip)• The tide changes do influence the estuary mouth, please take note of the tide times
- Fishing – bring your own rods and bait (please note that you may not store bait in our freezers/coolers). There is no fishing allowed north of the lagoon or in the Msikaba estuary - fishing permits are required)
- Canoeing – You are welcome to take the canoes onto the Msikaba river – please don't take them out to sea, they are not designed for use on the ocean.
- The life jackets are there for your own safety – please use them.
- No quad bikes allowed!

WHAT IS PROVIDED

- Fridge and freezer space
- No bait allowed in freezers – you are more than welcome to bring your own gas / battery operated cooler box / freezer for your bait.
- Cutlery and crockery (for 24 people)
- 4 piece gas stove with gas (Note there is no oven!)
- 2 deep basins with hot and cold running water
- Tables & chairs (both wooden and camping)
- 1 x large Braai grid
- Nature guide books & tide charts
- Braai area outside the communal area. (Beach fires not allowed!)
- There are lights in the kitchen, storeroom and inside and just outside the communal area.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- Food
- Drinks (note that the tap water at the camp is drinkable. Please try to bring cans rather than glass down to the camp when there is an option as this makes it easier for us to remove).
- Charcoal (wood is not to be removed from the forest but may be collected from the beach – please ask the camp manager for assistance)
- Torches
- **[Click here to view the full packing list](#)**

ACCOMMODATION

- There are twelve units at Maikaba. They are numbered 1 - 12.
- Each unit has two single beds, therefore there are 24 beds in total at the camp.
- There is a small table and chair in each room.
- Each tent is raised off the ground and has a thatched roof as well as a wooden balcony.
- The rooms are en-suite and have a hot & cold shower, toilet and basin.
- There are 3 lights in each room – one for the room, bathroom and balcony. Please switch off when not in use.
- Power supply may be limited at times.
- You will need to bring all your own linen!!

IMPORTANT CAMP INFO.

- There is a Camp manager who lives on the premises. Each night a watchman is also present at the camp.
- Please ensure that each member of your party has signed an indemnity form prior to your departure - send filled out indemnity forms to bookings@pondobeachcamps.co.za. **[Click here to download the indemnity](#)**
- The camp boma is powered by Eskom and the units lights are solar powered. There are only plug points in the central boma area that can be used. Hot water is heated by means of gas geysers. Please use water and electricity sparingly.
- The closest cell phone reception is next to the light house or alternatively drive up the way you came until you pick up signal.
- Please be considerate to other camp users (e.g. kitchen facilities and noise).
- If you have locked your tent door, please leave your key with the camp manager, as from past experience keys have been lost.
- If you would like your units to be serviced please let us know when making your booking so we can pre-arrange. Alternatively you can let the manager know when you arrive. The extra cost will be R150 per day, and this charge can be settled directly in cash with the manager at the camp.
- Please note that under no circumstances will we allow any more than 24 people to occupy the camp – this includes children. We have found through experience that our wind generated electricity and water systems simply cannot handle the overload.
- Please take precautions against insect bites. Unfortunately there are ticks in the area.

Msikaba Camp Map



FROM FLAGSTAFF

Pass the Sasol fuel station on your left. Turn right at traffic circle and pass another Sasol fuel station on your left. Pass Total fuel station on your left. 300m past Total fuel station turn left on to CONCRETE ROAD. Continue on concrete road for 6km until it ends.

Once you reach the end of the concrete road continue straight onto the dirt road. Do not turn right to Mbotyi! Zero your odometer as you leave the concrete road.

The road you are now on ends at Msikaba, 36km from the end of the concrete road.

1km from end of the concrete road there will be a fork in the road. Go right. Do not go left to Mateku.

You will pass many roads leading off this main road..... Don't take any of them!!! They will only get you lost. Stay on this road until you reach Msikaba.

As you arrive in Msikaba you will pass the lighthouse on your right.

Pass two cottages on the right and then turn right down a small track at the green water tank and a pole with solar panels on it. This track passes through several cottages and ends at the Msikaba gate.

FROM PORT ST JOHNS

As you arrive in Lusikisiki turn right onto CONCRETE ROAD. If you reach the Total fuel station you have missed the turnoff... Turn around and Turn left 300m past the Total fuel station onto the CONCRETE ROAD. Continue on concrete road for 6km until it ends.

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