

## A simple guide for Eco Travellers through the Western Cape

Cape Town and the Western Cape prides itself in catering for Eco Travellers that makes it their life long goal to protect the environment and travel in a responsible manner. The Western Cape has a bountiful of eco-friendly experiences, organic wine farms and eco-friendly lodges making travelling less harsh on the environment and still having fun discovering!

**Reserves and National Parks / Cape Town / Cape Karoo / Cape West Coast / Cape Winelands / Cape Overberg / Garden Route & Klein Karoo**

### Cape Nature Reserves

Cape Nature is responsible for biodiversity conservation in the Western Cape, believing in Conserve, Explore and Experience.  
[www.capenature.co.za](http://www.capenature.co.za)

### South African National Parks

SANParks allow you to explore the best of the Western Cape responsibly. National Parks to discover includes the West Coast, Bontebok, Table Mountain, Agulhas and Karoo.  
[www.sanparks.org](http://www.sanparks.org)

### Hop on board the Eco Friendly City Sightseeing Bus

Discover Cape Town responsibly by hopping on board the City Sightseeing bus the ideal way to explore all Cape Town has to offer. Not many people know that these red, double-decker buses is South Africa's first carbon-neutral bus company.  
[www.citysightseeing.co.za](http://www.citysightseeing.co.za)

### Cycle through Cape Town

We encourage visitors to cycle through Cape Town, with many cycling tour operators specialising in bespoke tours or simply rent a bike and travel through cobbled streets and safe cycling designated cycling lanes, what better way to explore the city than to traverse on two wheels.

### Karoo Donkey Cart Rides

The donkey cart is still a common mode of transport in the Cape Karoo. While this may be an affordable choice of transport for locals, we consider it as a chance to explore the unique landscape and environment of the Cape Karoo in an eco-friendly way.  
[www.africankombitours.com](http://www.africankombitours.com)

### Pick n Piece – Prince Albert

In Prince Albert about 150 primary school children bring recyclable waste from their homes including cardboard, tin cans, glass bottles, plastic, paper to the POP centre. Pick n Piece encourages visitors to join and do their part for the community and environment.  
[www.princealbert.org.za/pick-a-piece/](http://www.princealbert.org.za/pick-a-piece/)

### Indie Ale

Visit the Indie Ale tasting room for tasting and a short tour of the brewery. Enjoy light meals including pizza and other homemade dishes. Unique craft beers to taste made from local ingredients. Indie Ale has implemented Permaculture which is finding solutions to the problems in our personal environment through natural systems.  
[www.indieale.co.za](http://www.indieale.co.za)

### Rocherpan Eco Cabins

Rocherpan Nature Reserve has eight eco-cabins, boasting solar-powered cabins and eco-friendly waterless toilets. The reserve, with its array of wildflowers and beautiful birds located perfectly for bird watching, fishing, braaing and swimming along a private beach.  
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### Horse Riding

Take in the exquisite wine valleys through dramatic Cape Mountains and orchards, tastings on exclusive wine estates. Horse riding is a environmentally friendly way of discovering the destination, highly skilled guides will safely escort you on various.

### Organic Wine Farms

Some wine farms have devoted themselves to practicing organically, instead of spraying weeds with poison, they carefully select and grow companion plants amongst their vines to outcompete the weeds. Some wine farm even utilising ducks to fight off those pesky insects.

### Platbos Forest

Platbos is an ancient indigenous forest situated at the foot of Africa near Gansbaai, this historical has trees that's over a 100 years of age. The Trees for Tomorrow Reforestation Project was created in the wake of the devastating fires of 2006. Plant a tree and leave your carbon footprint.  
[www.platbos.co.za](http://www.platbos.co.za)

### Kogelberg Nature Reserve

Considered by many to be the most beautiful of CapeNature's protected areas, Kogelberg Nature Reserve, boasting exceptional diversity and quality of fynbos means it is considered the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom. Activities which do not adversely affect natural processes and wildlife are allowed.  
[www.capenature.co.za](http://www.capenature.co.za)

### The Phantom Forest Eco Reserve

The Phantom Forest Eco Reserve prides themselves on drawing inspiration directly from nature. They have found a harmonious balance between ragged thatch rising into the forest canopy, to wood shingle and a 'freshwater' nature pool.  
[www.phantomforest.com](http://www.phantomforest.com)

### Numbi Valley Permaculture Farm

Numbi Valley Permaculture Farm is situated in a secluded Klein Karoo valley near De Rust surrounded by natural vegetation with views of the magnificent Swartberg Mountains.  
[www.numbivalley.webs.com](http://www.numbivalley.webs.com)