

WELCOME TO Keurbooms River Nature Reserve

YOU ARE WELCOME TO

- Visit the area north of the N2 bridge between 08:00 and 18:00.
- Waterski and use speeds of more than 10km/h (5,5 knots) between the N2 bridge and the first picnic site between 10:00 and 16:00.

REGULATIONS (also refer to map overleaf)

Age limit and carrying capacity

- You must be 16 years and older to operate a power craft and be in possession of a valid skippers' license.
- Overloading is dangerous and illegal. Your boat has been built and licensed for a restricted number of people and you may not exceed this limit.

Alcohol

- Do not drink and drive. The legal limit applies to boat drivers as well as to water skiers.

Safety on the river

- Vessels may only be launched and moored at designated points.
- Do not behave recklessly on the boat or operate it irresponsibly. Drivers must ensure they have full control over their boat while they are under way.
- Power boats under way and boats towing skiers must normally remain 100m away from any place where people are swimming and 15m away from other boats and the edge of the water – except when approaching or leaving a mooring or launching stage. **WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THESE DISTANCES, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SLOW DOWN TO LESS THAN 10 KNOTS (20KM/HR).**
- You may only sit in the bow of a boat under way if the boat is SUPPLIED WITH PROPER GUARD RAILS.
- You may not dive off a moving vessel except in an emergency.
- The rule of the water is to drive on the right.
- Make sure that it is safe to do so before you overtake – and then do so on the left side. When passing, you are required to ensure that your wake does not endanger the slower vessel.
- To avoid collisions, the driver of a powerboat **MUST** give way to all other vessels. Rowing boats and canoes must give way to sailing boats. Remember that driving with common sense and courtesy will prevent most problems.

Water skiing

- Please stay at least 100m behind a skier.
- Skiers must wear suitable flotation devices or life vests.
- You may not tow skiers using steel or metal cables.
- Know the skiers' distress signal – drawing a hand across the throat.
- Display a red flag (nothing else that is red!) with minimum size 50cm x 50cm while a skier is in the water.
- Boats towing skiers must have a pilot as well as an OBSERVER on board. Observers must be more than 12 years of age.
- You are required to pull in the tow rope as soon as the skier has dropped it. If the rope has been dropped accidentally, you must immediately turn around to tow again or take the skier on board.

- Where two or more boats are towing skiers, everyone should move in an anti-clockwise direction.
- The marker buoys indicate the deepest channel south of the N2 Bridge.
- Crafts such as jet skis and water bikes, which are propelled by water jet, are not allowed on the river and estuary.

General

- You may not hinder or obstruct a CapeNature officer in the course of his/her duties or any person who is authorised to ensure compliance with the regulations. It is also illegal to refuse to comply with any request or prohibition made by such a person.
- It is illegal to use indecent or improper language, to behave in an offensive or improper manner, to swim or sunbathe in the nude, to wilfully or negligently inconvenience any other water user or to disturb the peace in the Keurbooms River Nature Reserve.

Protect our environment

- People and pets are NOT allowed in the kelp gull's breeding colony bordering the Keurbooms River mouth.
- NO pets are allowed inside the reserve, irrespective of whether they are inside a boat or a vehicle.
- Vehicles are not permitted on the beach.
- Fires are only allowed at designated braai areas.
- Bring your own firewood. Wood for sale at the Keurbooms River Gatehouse.
- Spear fishing and the transportation of spear fishing equipment is not allowed in any inland waters.

Courtesy and common sense







- Remember that **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BOAT'S WAKE.**
- Please observe the speed limits of the different zones.
- Please give way to passenger ferries – they carry tourists who are all VIPs in Plettenberg Bay.

HANDY CONTACT NUMBERS

Contact BEACH CONTROL on 044-533 3125 for information about the use of jet skis and access to the sea via the river mouth.

POLICE:	10111 / 044 501 1900
AMBULANCE:	Government – 10177 Private – 072 054 9110 / 044 5336444
ER 24 hrs:	083 320 1199
TOWN CLINIC:	044 501 3700
MEDI CLINIC:	044 501 5100
FIRE/RESCUE	
EMERGENCY:	044 533 5000 (24 hrs) / 044 501 3230 (office hrs)
SEA RESCUE:	044 533 2744 / 082 990 5975
ANIMAL WELFARE:	083 287 9917



-  **Nature area: only canoeists with reservations for overnight hut**
-  **Speed limit: 10km/h, 5,5 knots; no skiing or aquaplaning**
-  **Waterskiing and speeding allowed between 10:00 and 16:00, otherwise a 10km/h speeding limit applies**
-  **Marker buoys indicate the deepest channel south of the N2 bridge**
-  **Picnic areas and toilets**
-  **Roads**

