

Elandspad Two (EP2) (680 m) - Detailed Instructions

Parking:

Traveling east from Cape Town, 250 m from the exit of the Huguenot Tunnel, pass under a large bridge over the N1 then turn right into the small side road as the N1 splits to two lanes (Figure 1). The side road terminates at the parking area near the weigh-bridge [GPS: **S33 43.979 E19 07.262**]

Accessing the start of the beat:

The hike to the start of the beat from the parking is approximately 1.6 km. You will need to get to the Elandspad hiking trail that runs parallel to all the Elandspad beats (Figure 2).

From the parking pass through the pedestrian gate (Figure 3) and walk 350 m down the dirt road. Turn left onto the Elandspad hiking trail at the near side of the concrete low-bridge (Figure 4). Follow the path 375 m in an upstream direction, traversing the Smalblaar, to the confluence of two rivers. The path then continues up to the left along the Elandspad river (river always on your right) passing under two road bridges. At the tunnel bridge the path climbs high above the river and has a steep and dangerous drop to the right. Be careful here, especially when returning at the end of the day.

Follow the path high above the river and down the first ladder (Figure 5) [GPS: S33 44.056 E19 06.917], then down to the river. The path then undulates before climbing steeply back up above the river and up the second ladder 500 m along the path from the first (Figure 5) [GPS: S33 44.324 E19 06.801]. Shortly after the second ladder there is a steep cliff. Be careful not to fall off the edge!

You are now above the start of the beat, but need to continue on the path. Do not attempt to climb down to the water at or before the cliff!

Continue **on the path** down a steep decline, you will then find a clear path leading diagonally back down (downstream) towards the river [GPS: S33 44.353 E19 06.807].

The beat starts at the end of Elandspad One, at the head of a long pool on the upstream side of a shear cliff on the left bank (facing upstream)(Figure 6). The pool below the cliff is NOT part of the beat. [GPS: S33 44.319 E19 06.788]

From here, the beat continues up the Elandspad River for 680 m, and is mostly shallow pocket water with a few deeper pools.

End of the beat and exiting:

Ends approximately 680 m from the start, where there is a small green fish painted on a large rock on the left of the river (facing upstream) (Figure 7). The water above the painted fish is not part of the beat. [GPS: S33 44.659 E19 06.921]

Climb out on the left hand bank (facing upstream) and follow the clearing for 40m downstream. One can now see the path leading diagonally away from the river in a downstream direction [GPS: S33 44.632 E19 06.922], up a steep incline. Follow the path 130 m up the hill back to the Elandspad hiking trail.

From here it is roughly a 45 minute hike back to the parking area. The path continues 280 m along the contour of the hillside until descending toward river level down 23 artificial steps [GPS: S33 44.436 E19 06.817]. Shortly after this you arrive back at the start of the beat and follow the path back to the parking lot the way you came.

Exiting the parking:

To exit the parking heading towards Cape Town simply use the exit on the east end of the parking area and turn right towards Cape Town. **Do not drive back up the small side road as this is one way only.**

To exit the parking and head away from Cape Town one must use the exit from the parking and cross the N1 towards the weigh-bridge over the painted island. Turn an immediate left and stop at the yield sign. Turn right, crossing in front of the weigh-bridge and finally turn left onto the old pass road, which leads to the N1. Use Figure 8 for directions as this manoeuvre is not intuitive and potentially dangerous.

Beat marker rules

GPS:

The GPS co-ordinates are only approximate. The physical description of the start and end points of beats take precedence.

Where to fish and walk:

One may fish and walk freely between the start and end points of the booked beat. One may not fish outside of this range, even if one is standing within one's beat. Walking in or close to the river outside of the range is prohibited except when accessing a designated footpath into, or away from one's booked beat.

Photographs and Descriptions

The photographs and descriptions in the document can be readily changed. Please email improved photos or descriptions to the CPS office for consideration in the next update.



Figure 1. Turn off to the parking area for upper Smalblaar and Elandspad beats. The small side road starts as the N1 splits to two lanes soon after exiting the tunnel and passing under a large bridge. Keep to the right and slow down after exiting the tunnel.



Figure 2. Green dashed line shows path between the parking area and the Elandspad hiking trail. The path passes under all the road bridges and continues up the river, beyond this image, always staying on the East bank



Figure 3. Path from the parking area down to the start of the beat. The solid line shows the pedestrian access on the left and the dashed line shows the dirt road one joins and follows to the river at the concrete bridge.



Figure 4. Sign showing the start of the Elandspad hiking trail. Follow the trail to the confluence of the Elandspad river and Smalblaar river.



Figure 5. Two ladders on the Elandspad hiking trail. (left) The ladder closer to the N1, climb *down* the ladder to continue up the river. (right) The ladder further from the N1, above the start of Elandspad beat 2. Climb *up* the ladder to continue up the river.



Figure 6. Looking DOWNSTREAM from the start of Elandspad Two Beat.



Figure 7. Painted rock on the left of the river (facing upstream) marking the start of Beat Three and the end of Beat Two.



Figure 8. Directions to exit the parking (P) and head away from Cape Town on the N1. Exit the parking and cross the N1 onto the painted Island. Stay left but to the right of the island stopping at the yield sign on the road (dashed arrow). Carefully cross in front of the weigh-bridge and stop at the stop street (solid arrow). Turn left onto the old pass road and follow the road back to the N1 (dot-dashed arrow)