

Elandspad One (EP1) (830 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:

Pass through the pedestrian gate at the parking area (Figure 2) 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 3). Follow the path 375 m in an upstream direction, traversing the Smalblaar, to the confluence of two rivers. The Elandspad River flows into the Smalblaar from the left if facing upstream.

The beat starts at the end of the Elandspad River at its confluence with the Smalblaar. The pool at the confluence (Junction Pool) is NOT part of the beat. [GPS: S33 43.913 E19 06.843]

From here, the beat continues up the Elandspad River. The river flowing into junction pool on the right (if facing upstream) is also NOT part of the beat.

The beat passes under the N1 and continues through a small artificial weir, and then a much larger weir. The pool at the larger weir (Figure 4) is not wadable and most choose to bypass the pool by heading up on the hiking trail on the left side of the river (facing upstream). Above the weir is another large deep pool that must be bypassed on the left hand side by taking the hiking trail.

From here the beat is mostly pocket water for the next 240 m before getting to a level, but shallow pool approximately 70 m long (GPS: S33 44.276 E19 06.788) (Figure 5).

End of the beat and exiting:

Ends 830 m from the start, at the head of a long pool with a sheer cliff on the left (facing up stream) (Figure 6) [GPS: S33 44.319 E19 06.788]

Climb out on the left hand bank (facing upstream) as soon as one is able after the cliff and pool and proceed upstream through fairly thick bush. After approximately 40 m the bush clears and one can use one of the paths that lead up the hillside to the hiking trail [GPS: S33 44.349 E19 06.800].

From here the hiking trail climbs steeply above the cliff that marks the end of the beat. Be very careful when above the cliff [GPS: S33 44.325 E19 06.804] and when climbing down the ladder (Figure 7) to traverse the rock face [GPS: S33 44.324 E19 06.801].

The path then continues back (downstream) towards the weir before climbing away from the river and up another ladder (Figure 7). From here the path has a steep fall on the left, and one must take care especially at the end of a long day on the water.

Follow the path back to car park via the start of the beat and the concrete low water-bridge. The total hike back is approximately 1.6 km.

Many choose to end the beat at the downstream end of the final pool as the hike out is a simple scramble up the left bank (facing upstream) to the hiking path.

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. 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 into 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. 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 3. Sign showing the start of the Elandspad hiking trail. Follow the trail to the confluence of the Elandspad river and Smalblaar river.

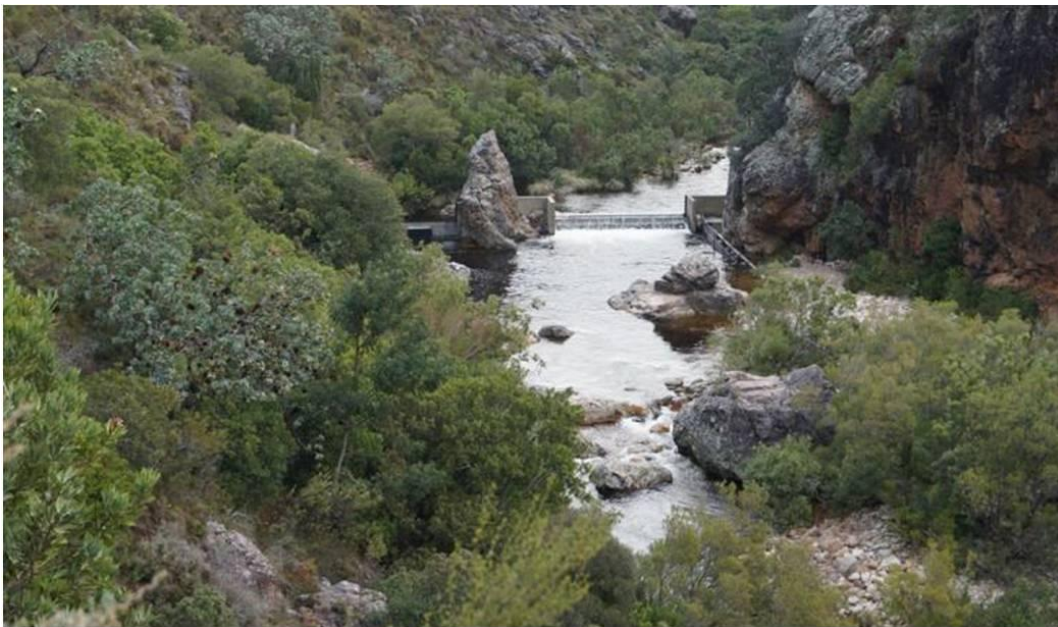


Figure 4. Weir Pool at the large weir. Most choose to bypass the weir by crossing to the left hand bank at the tail of the pool and walking up the hillside to the hiking path. The path then descends back to the water on the far side of the weir.



Figure 5. Long pool (70m) before the end of the beat (facing upstream). Many choose to end the beat at the downstream end of the pool as the hike out is a simple scramble up the left bank (facing upstream) to the hiking path.



Figure 6. Looking DOWNSTREAM from the end of Elandspad One Beat.



Figure 7. Two ladders on the Elandspad hiking trail. (left) The ladder closer to the N1, climb *up* the ladder to continue towards the N1. (right) The ladder further from the N1, above the start of Elandspad beat 2. Climb *down* the ladder to continue towards N1.



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)