Wine and Cuisine

**Old Jail/ Ou Tronk. (18)**

One of the oldest historical buildings in town. The original part was built in 1838 and used as a trading store. In 1860 the state purchased the building and turned it into a jail. Today you can enjoy delicious carrot cake here as well as light meals, and browse the extensive range of antiques, gifts and plants in the old jail cells. Mon- Fri 08h00-17h00, Sat 08h00 – 13h00. Tel 028 713 4300

**Paddavlei Kunsgoete /Koffieshop (23)**

South African food: AFVAL, oxtail, roosterkoek, vetkoek, pannekoek and many more. Lovely tea garden at the back with fireplace and Kids play area. The street cafe offers the ideal place to relax and a route map of other attractions are also available for visitors wishing to Explore Riversdale and surrounds. Sel 0740340352 / 0619187602

**Enya’s Coffee House (8)**

Great coffee and their home baked milk tart and ies are not to be missed. 14 Dickson Street. Tel. 028 713 1324

**Kasselhoop Cheese**

Even if you just remotely like cheese, you can’t miss this gem en route to Stilbaai. On the farm Klein Sebattersvlakte, four generations of Kasselman’s have been breeding Jersey’s known for the rich and creamy milk they produce. The cheeses are mouth-watering, and it’s a plus that they are doing great sustainable work to empower the local community. Off the R305 towards Still Bay. Tel 028 754 2430.

**Nibbling Squirrel (50)**

Located at the Shell garage on the N2, Nibbling Squirrel is a great spot to stop off for some good old pub grub and a beer... or a cocktail. That’s right! They’re the only spot in town serving cocktails and definitely worth a try!

Riversdale

valley of the Sleeping Beauty

The beautiful town of **Riversdale** offers

**Quality of life... a truly special experience**

History, Art, creativity

Nature, fynbos

Adventures

**Uniquely South African...**

**Uniquely Beautiful**
Wine and Cuisine

Baleia Wines (N2)
Stop for a tasting. Find out how they produce their famous white wines: pinot noir, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. Next to the N2 just outside town.
Tel. 028 713 1367

De Doornkraal (19)
At De Wingerdt Restaurant housed in the De Doornkraal homestead on Long Street, you'll find fresh local fare with a touch of flavors from around the globe. Chef de Cuisine, Christopher Peppas, will dazzle you and this will be a mouth watering experience you'll be back for. This is fancy affair, bookings are essential.
Tel 028 3838

La Bella Deli & Restaurant (N2)
One of the newer additions just outside of town. They have an extensive menu choose from with delicious platters, burgers, pizzas and a whole lot more. Next to the N2 outside of town.
Tel 028 713 1178

Rooi Aalwyn Padstal & koffiepot (N2)
Between the décor shops this homely coffee shop offers a break from all your shopping. Also check out their blik broedt and mouthwatering jams. East of town next to the N2.
Tel. 028 713 2337

Muiskraal Olives (36)
Situated at the end of Garcia Pass as you cross over to the Klein Karoo, these guys are the biggest producers of olives in the region. R323 towards Ladismith.
Tel 028 713 2148

Die Kwekery Coffee shop. (28)
Along with your coffee you can also browse the nursery, beautifully maintained by Reinette and Jaco. Just off the R323 as you head to Ladismith.
Tel 028 713 3061.

Riversdal is n lekker plek om niks te doen nie maar ook n plek waar jy alles kan doen wat na aan die natuur is – hier ervaar jy nog God se nabyheid.

Onthou jou vêrkyker en voëlgids
Wanneer jy teen sononder agter op n oop bakkie in die veld ry, met jou hare gekoek en jou oe op skrefies.
Staan op n berg. Verf n blom. Sit in n grot. Slaap bo-op die berg, Sit voor n kaggel, swem in n dam, stort onder n waterval, vang n vis. Klim n boom.Huur n fiets. Bestel n piekniekmandjie, of n rug-sak vol lekker dinge vir n lekker stappie of fietsry-uitstappie!!
Dit is Riversdal waar ons n KLALITEIT LEEF!!!.
 Ry n plaaspad Kom kyk voëls, kom proe wyn, 4x4 roetes, fiets-ryroetes, staproetes in ons pragtige natuur, klim bo-op Sleeping Beauty en skryf jou naam in die boekie. Ry die 4x4 roete en be-sigtig ons eie fynbos-WORLD HERITAGE SITE.
The Spirit of Riversdale

In the valleys of the Sleeping Beauty Mountain Peak of the Langeberg Mountain Range, lies Riversdale, the ‘floral paradise of the Explorers-Garden Route. The town is rich in Cape fynbos variety such as the Erica Bienna. Riversdale has a rich cultural and natural heritage. Riversdale, with the assistance of a few convicts, constructed a bri-dle-path through the mountains following the deep gorge of the Kafferkuils (nou Gou-kou) River.

Garcia Pass - This pass (10 km long) provided a sort link through the fine scenery between Riversdale and Ladismith in the Little Karoo.

Between 1874 -1878 Thomas Bain, the son of Andrew Geddis Bain, constructed a proper road through the pass. This route provides travellers with a most spectacular gateway into the little Karoo. It replaces the older road.

Artists and authors of Riversdale have enriched its culture and Riversdale is proud to be associated with well-known South African greats like, J.A.E.Volschenk, S.V.Petersen, Alia Bouwer, Dalene Matthee, Aactie Visser, Renee Burger, Dollie Lambrecht, Janes Stanley, Chris Jansen, Compton Saayman and Marilise Lombard.

Riversdale is a town full of surprises and contrast. Experience the serenity of true country life, feel the caress of a fresh breeze, smell the fragrance of fynbos in the sweet country air, cherish the memories of sincere country hospitality, where tradition and diversity blend to form rich character, charm and culture.

With farming being the main industry, activities include wheat and grain, fruit and olives, cattle and dairy farming, sheep, ostriches, export flower farms and honey bush tea production.

Riversdale has earned its name of the Floral Paradise of the Garden Route because of the abundance of indigenous flora - referred to as Fynbos - which covers the mountains and surrounding areas. This floral rainbow is in full bloom throughout the winter months.

Riversdale has something for everybody and visitors are warmly welcomed to this flourishing country town located along the National Road (N2) linking Cape Town – 300 Km to the west and Port Elizabeth – 470 Km to the east. George airport is 120 km away. Riversdale has its own airfield. The town has an all year round moderate climate, situated in the winter rainfall area which is from May to August.

Situated between the Langeberg mountain range and the sea, and within easy reach of surrounding towns like Heidelberg and Albertinia, Riversdale makes an ideal stop over or base for exploring the Hessequa area. Riversdale's ideal location excellent base for one-day trips to explore the variety of natural beauty, interesting places, charming 19th Century restored houses, breath taking hiking trails and exquisite mountain scenery with activities such as 4x4 routes.

More about Riversdale

www.riversdale.co.za

Facebook : Riversdale Tourism/ Toerisme
FB: Sleeping Beauty Hiking Trail, 2015
FB: Kwekery Riversdale
FB: Die Ou Tronk Riversdale
FB: Paddavlei Kunsgoete/Art Riversdal
FB: Riversdal fotografieklub
FB: Hessequa - The Explorer's Garden Route
FB: Langstraat, Riversdal se eie distrik ses…. n trippie down memory lyn..

www.countrylife.co.za/riversdale-rising/

GR&KK Garden Route & Klein Ka-roo APP
http:/
abseiling alongside waterfalls, horseback safaris, paragliding, mountain biking, fishing and water sports gives it the advantage of being within a few kilometres of seaside towns such as Still Bay, Gouritsmond and Wit-sand.

**What to do in Riversdale**

1. **Admire Sleeping Beauty Mountain**

Did you know Riversdale is home to the fairest mountain of them all? One of the peaks forming a backdrop to the village, sports the perfect side profile silhouette of a beautiful woman in repose and has accordingly been dubbed Sleeping Beauty. Once you know to look out for her, you won’t be able to miss her... Especially when approaching from Mossel Bay’s side or while exploring the town itself.

And while it looks like she doesn’t have much personality, being a passive sleeping princess and all, you will find that she’s actually a whole bunch of fun! Apart from admiring her from afar, you can also explore Sleeping Beauty on foot!

Sleeping Beauty paintings, fridge magnets, bookmarks ext. available at

**PADDAVLEI KUNSGOETE/KOFFIESHOP, 7 CHURCH STREET**

**Visit a Nursery and buy an indigenous plant to take home**

**Pot en Plant nursery (N2)**

Angelika will assist you for special succulents and aloes.
Next to the N2 just outside of town.
Tel 0746067343

**Die Dam Kwekery (28)**

Located just outside of town, between a number of horse paddocks, the nursery itself offers a wide array of indigenous and exotic plants as well as roses. The coffee shop is open every weekday between 07:30 and 17:00 and on Saturdays between 08:00 and 13:00 and offers a wide variety of meals and sweet treats. On Sundays, the Dam Theatre Restaurant (also part of the complex) offers an amazing Semi Buffet. Tel 028 7133061

Blombos Kwekery (27)
tel 0733797349
Riversdale the “floral Paradise” of the ‘Garden Route’

At the foot of the Sleeping Beauty Mountain Peak, a well-loved landmark Riversdale has earned its name as the Floral Paradise of the Garden Route, due to the abundance of indigenous Cape fynbos – which covers the mountains and surrounding region.

This includes Erica Blenna, a species unique to the Riversdale area. Fynbos tours are available on the various flowers farms where thousands of different fynbos species can be identified. A variety of Proteas and Ericas create a spectacular display of nature, which is apparent all year round and in full bloom during the winter months.

2. Hiking Sleeping Beauty Mountain

The Sleeping Beauty hiking trail (33) covers a distance of 13 km from its start at the Toll House to the crest of Sleeping Beauty and back. Views from the top are magnificent.

The trail starts gentle as it passes through massive thickets of proteas. There is plenty of water at the base of the mountain and you can fill your water bottle up at any of the streams you must cross.

The trail covers a distance of 13 km from the old Toll House to the crest of Sleeping Beauty and back. It is an easy walk through the lovely fynbos with an abundance of birdlife. The last stretch is 1.5 km to the summit.

At the summit you are rewarded with views of Riversdale, Korentepoort dam and on a clear day the ocean in the distance.

The fynbos is spectacular. Loads of proteas, heather and many more.

The Kristalkloof trail (34) measures 20.9 km and is an easy to moderate 2-day hike. The trail starts in Kristalkloof (Garcia Pass) and will fascinate the Fynbos lover.

There are plenty of opportunities for walking and hiking from gentle strolls to longer day-hikes around Riversdale. The hikes all provide 1 - 2 day routes within the Langeberg mountains and are within easy reach of the town centre.

For those who prefer an informative walk, a qualified field guide will be available to accompany you any trail. They will be able to identifying rare species and even show you the endangered Erica Blenna, no where else to be found but here in the Langeberge at Riversdale.

There is several scenic routes around town to hike. Farm Loops: Easy, non-technical dirt roads to walk, cycle, drive or on horse back, that the whole family can enjoy together (and explore in a safe environment.)
3. Cycling

Farmloops: Easy, non-technical dirt roads.
Option 1: 17.3 km, 185m max elevation, minimum time 1 hour.
Option 2: 27.8 km, 273 max elevation, minimum time 2 hours. View maps at Paddavlei Kunsgoete, 7 Church Street, or at the visitor centre on 19 Main Road.

Oudebosch Guest Farm: There are several stunning routes starting from Oudebosch Guest Farm range from 5km to 80km. Riders can explore the beautiful nature of the Langeberg ranges or even cross these Southern Cape mountains to explore the Little Karoo lying beyond the craggy peaks.

All three routes take you through the beautiful valley and mountain landscapes between Heidelberg and Riversdale. You will experience the tranquility of this rich farming area, while having the peace of mind of a secure environment. None of the routes are very intimidating to cyclists, although the 80km route will be more suited to experienced mountain bikers.

20km, 40 km, and a 80 km route. Oudebosch is situated past the Korentepoort Dam. Tel 082 923 1469/082 551 1327.

Off your bike at Oudebosch:
Horse riding, canoeing on the dam, swimming, hiking, bird watching, black bass fishing, your children can collect chicken eggs or you can just sit back, relax and enjoy the fresh air and wide open spaces.

HalQua Youth Centre (1)
A registered NPO that focuses on giving life skills to mostly abandoned children in the Hessequa Area. The name HalQua originates from the name of the eldest son of Chief Goukou, the leader of the Hessequa tribe. Visit to see local art and find out how you can support them.
Varkevisser Street, Morestond, Riversdale.
Tel 083 298 3349

Essie se tee (6)
Famous tea h/v Mitchell Street and CR Swart Street.
Tel 028 713 3892

Bali Trading (2)
Shopping and wide range of décor and gifts. Next to the N2 just outside of town.
Tel. 028 713 2080

Sleeping Beauty Traders (N2)
Established in 2006 as a French style décor, interior and furniture outlet. Next to the N2 just outside of town.
Tel 028 713 2055
4. More Exploring in and around Riversdale

**Horse riding:** Oudebosch Guest Farm. Tel 082 923 1469

**Horse riding:** (In town) Tielman Roos sel 083 261 6630

**Horses (not riding):** Gratitude horse Farm. Tel 028 713 3476

**Golf – Riversdale Golf Club.** The town sports a lovely 9-hole, 18-tee golf course, situated on the banks of the Vette Rivier. Probably one of the most scenic courses in the Southern Cape. It’s an exceptionally well-manicured and maintained. Hessequa, more specific Albertinia, is the birthplace and home of 2010 British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen. Tom Stander Drive. Tel. 028 713 3056

**Waterskiing, windsurfing, parasailing, canoeing and bass-fishing – at Korentepoort Dam**

People are always pleasantly surprised when they find this relatively unknown gem 16 km outside of Riversdale. The massive dam is popular among water sport enthusiasts. There are also hiking trails that can be enquired about at the reception, as well as mountain biking that can be enjoyed through the Cape Pine Plantations. Day picnics are very popular, with braai facilities available for visitors. Of the R323 towards Ladysmith, turn of opposite Oakdale Agricultural School. Tel 028 713 3316.

**Canoeing by appointment:** Tielman Roos sel 083 261 6630

**Hiking with a guide:** Yvonne van der Berg. Please make an appointment. tel. 028 723 2907 or sel 081 497 7617.

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**Goukam Health (11)**
The rehabilitation centre for survivors of physical trauma design and produce beach chairs, leisure bags and other items. Disabled workshop doing lovely artwork and fabric painting. Tel 028 713 4130

**James Stanley (26)**
Artist in residence. Pauwstr 16. Appointment Tel 028 7131645

Lovely paintings to view at Julius Gordon Africana Centrum

**Departed Artists**
Johannes Meintjes, Vera Volschenk, Jan Volschenk, and many more

Work of Compion Saayman can be seen at the Royal Hotel.

**Cat’s Paw Pottery Studio (22)**
The Cat’s Paw at start of historic Long Street is where Robyn Learmonth lovingly decorates a huge variety of her handmade pottery with funny cats, guinea fowls and other designs. Long Street 1, Riversdale. Tel 028 713 3076

**Trio Coffee Shop (16)**
Laser cutting art. Locally art and gifts, as well as coffee and a play area for the kids. Corner of Robertson and Durban Street. Tel 028 713 4115

**Thiart Woodwork Studio (48)**
They design and manufacture beautiful, one-off furniture pieces. It is pure magic to watch master craftsman Fritz at work, while Maritha has a range of gifts for your home, handmade from off cuts of wood ranging from cutting boards to salt and pepper shakers and everything in between. 1 Fritz Grub Crescent. Tel 083 80 8120

Visit our local fabric shop LEKKERLAP, Warden Street. (tel 028 713 1500)

**Prettily Boutique and Studio (7)**
Wilmari design beautiful clothes and wedding dresses. Proudly South African made.
Heritage and culture

Julius Gordon African Centre (17)
(Versveld House), built in 1880, houses the largest collection of Thomas Bowler paintings in South Africa.

Included in the permanent exhibition are works by Jan Volschenk and Johannes Meintjies (both natives of Riversdal), Irma Stern, Pierneef, Maggie Loubser, Gregoire Boonzaaier and many more.

The Africana Centre also features Khoisan rock paintings and stone implements, Africana furniture of the region and the history of Riversdale.

Artefacts and ancient stone implements of the Blombos Cave can be seen at the Africana Centre.

Louise will meet you here. Open daily from 10h00 to 15h00 and Saturdays from 10h00 to 12h00.

Long Street Tel 028 713 7939

Groot Trek Monument (N2)
Memorial erected on 7 September 1988 to commemorate the Boers that passed here on the Great Trek during the 1830s and 1840s.

Situated in Jurisch Park at the entrance of Riversdale on the N2.

The Royal Hotel (13)
The Hotel was built in 1881. It is another historic building of Long Street dating from the latter part of the nineteenth century. Stables were located at the back of the Royal Hotel for 60 horses. Over the years the hotel's Victorian façade was replaced with a concrete structure. Fortunately the Victorian arches of the old hotel's dining room are still unscathed.

Locomotive #970 (Makedas) (9)
Standing in the centre of town opposite the civic. This steam train used to carry passengers to the Klein Karoo town of Ladysmith and was a favourite amongst the local community.

Dutch Reformed Church (14)
Designed by architects Hermann Kallenback and A.M. Reynolds. Reverend Johannes Rudolph Albertyn laid the cornerstone on 4 March 1908 and the church was completed in 1909. View the 100 year old organ.

1 Dickson Street. Tel 028 713n 2042

Lifestyle – art – artists

Paddavlei Kunsgoete/Koffieshop, Kerkstraat 7

Gallery and studio of Marilise Lombard, Church Street 7, Riversdale (23)

Here you'll find artist Marilise Lombard with her eye-catching naïve acrylic/oil on canvas works. A celebration of life!!!

Every painting tells a story and through my paintings I can express my passion for sunny bright lively colours and music. My art is a way of expressing feelings of joy and happiness—we all want to live, love and laugh. Living in the countryside is a wonderful privilege—to see people go to church on a donkey car, playing guitar and singing!!! The way people live and the way they are—in spite of facing difficult circumstances. Very little is needed to make one really happy and we must hold life in both hands.

Trots Suid-Afrikanas/Proudly South African products – Riversdal – onse mense se goeters – n kussing gestop met donsvere, pragtige houtwerk en handgemaakte produkte uit ons eie omgewing ons dorp se eie kunsgoete – n mooi skildery van Marilise Lombard by Paddavlei Kunsgoete. Hier kry ons alles uit ons kontrei wat met liefde en trots gemaak is– Aalwynprodukte, olywe, biltong, vleis, heerlike etgoed, en pragtige skilderie wat eie is aan ons omgewing se mense.

Die mure van Paddavlei Kunsgoete is vol kunswerke uit die omgewing –met n lekker hoekie om in te ontspan of kom sit buite op die stoep en ervar Riversdal se mense!!! Kinders wat in die strate speel, fietsryers wat verby ry, drawwers, stappers en selfs perde wat verby kom!!! en moenie nee se vir die heerlike etgoed op die spyskaart nie.

Garden at the back – fireplace, food, and kids playground.

South-African food: AFVAL (tripe), beesstert (oxtail), roosterkoeke, vetkoekes, pannenkoekes

NIGHT MARKET AT PADDAVLEI ....October, December, April and June
Enjoy a walk down historic Long Street—Riversdale WC.

Start at the Julius Gordon Africana Centre in Long Street. Spend some time in this lovely old house originally owned by the Versfeld family. It is filled with antiques and artefacts from yesteryear and houses a large collection of paintings. A book collection holds fascinating historical facts about Riversdale and early life in the area.

From the museum walk back to Main/Heidelberg Rd and turn right. The Old Jail is just across the road and is a fascinating part of Riversdales history. A range of goods is on display in the old cells. The coffee shop serves food and beverages from 8am to 5 pm. You can sit inside or outside under the shade of the huge avocado tree in the courtyard.

Turn right as you exit the gaol and walk back to Long Street. Turn right. Ahead of you on the left is the Royal Hotel. Built as a single story family home, the upper floor was added when it was converted into the hotel. This is the Royal Hotel from David Kramers song. Further along on the right is the Edwardian/

Walk on to the corner of Robertson Street and look to your left. The church is right ahead. Built to replace the smaller church on the same site this graceful building dominates the Riversdale skyline. It was designed by H Kallenbach and A Reynolds. The church was completed in 1909 and houses the beautiful organ imported from Scotland. Tel 028 713 2042. Include a visit on your walk.

The Victorian house on your right (no15) was built at the turn of the 19th century. It was later bought by the Dutch Reformed church and became the home of Ds Koornhof the father of Piet Koornhof a minister in the Nationalist government.

The Edwardian house at no 11 was designed and built by William van As. It is the home of the current generation of the Steyn family. The property at no 9 next door was part of the original lot and remained in the Steyn family from 1838 till 1950. During the 1920s and 30s it was operated as a boarding house.
Opposite no 11 is the Dutch Reformed Church hall which was designed by van As and built in 1906. This building as well as the Nainkin building at 20 Long street were used for services during the building of the new ’Moederkerk’ in Church street. The Nainkin building was next to the Royal hotel and was later destroyed by fire.

Next to the church hall is the old Masonic Hall built towards the end of the 19th century. Lodge Frere was the 13th Masonic Lodge established in South Africa. It was established by William Hansell in 1879 and inaugurated in 1888. The masonic symbols can still be seen at the peak of the gable. It is

The beautiful old thatched building at no 8 was the homestead of the original farm and was built between 1746 and 1770. Together with the Cape Dutch house at no 6 (built in 1845) it forms part of the boutique hotel.

The gracious Victorian house at 3 Long street was built in 1880 as the 3rd pastorie of the DRC and was the home of Ds de Vos, his Scottish wife and her sister. It remained church property until 1961. Currently a guest house. The present owners have established a labyrinth planted with indigenous flora which may be viewed by arrangement.

Number 2 Long street was built as the 2nd pastorie for the DRC. It was the home of Ds PB Borcherds. The property was sold by the church and later became the Hoerjongensskool. This was where CJ Langenhoven finished his schooling, matriculating in 1892. Now known as Langenhoven Huis it has been divided up into apartments.

The elegant Cape longhouse house at no 1 was built by JH de Villiers in 1859. CJ Langenhoven boarded here for two years while completing his schooling across the road at the Hoerjongensskool. At this time the house was owned by Bland the mayor of Riversdale. Currently a self catering establishment. You are welcome to view the house.

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Short en half-day drives

KORENTEPOORT DAM (30)

RIVERSDALE’S OWN LITTLE SWITZERLAND

Located just a few km outside of town, the Korentepoort Dam is a dreamy waterside spot, where you can spend long, lazy afternoons enjoying sunny picnics on the grass or head out into the water for boating, skiing and canoeing.

Getting there: take the R323 North from Riversdale, pass the Oakdale Landbou School, turn left onto the sign-posted dirt road, and drive 12km to dam.

GPS Coordinates: -34.00649, 21.15989

PUNTJIE – A HIDEAWAY LOST IN TIME (40 KM) (5)

Where the Duiwenhoks River meets the sea is a cliffside hideaway known as Puntjie. It stands to the east of the river mouth atop eroded sandstone cliffs, known only to those who stay here.

It takes little to imagine the wind-driven rain that must whip these exposed cliffs during winter. At Puntjie three ocean currents meet – the Agulhas, the Mozambique and Benguela. As a result, winters produce sodden wet, grey days, and often the Duiwenhoks floods...

The cottages stand on a portion of the farm Kleinfontein. People who farmed and lived in Vermaaklikheid were initially allowed to put up tents.

Each of them built a kapstylhuis and an accompanying cookhouse. Kapstylvhuisies (truss-style houses) have no walls (their walls are called aakklikheid and Brakfontein) and the roof is built at ground level. Indigenous wild olive or thorn tree saplings form the A-frame, thatched with reed to ground level (Vermaaklikheid is home to many skilled thatchers.)

VERMAAKLIKHEID (35 KM) (4)

The fairytale hamlet of Vermaaklikheid lies on the lower reaches of the Duiwenhoks River, south of RiversdaleVermaaklikheid (meaning ‘entertainment’ or ‘amusement’ – which may or may not allude to the town’s original subsistence on sweet potatoes and ‘witblits’) is a smattering of thatched, white-walled Cape-style cottages (a couple of which are for sale), a shop (which always seems to be closed), newly planted olive groves, and a not-recently-in-use trading post.
THE GARCIA PASS BETWEEN RIVERSDALE AND LADISMITHTaking the road less travelled makes a holiday that much more of an adventure, and with time on our hands (we didn’t have to be back in Cape Town much before early evening and it was now mid-morning) the R323 out of Riversdale suddenly looked like an attractive option to the N2. The Garcia Pass is fairly unknown. Ask your average person about the passes in the area (and there are numerous in and around the Langeberg that include the Tradouws and Cogmanskloof) and they won’t even realise that this one was also built by Thomas Bain, who improved on the initial bridal path of 1868 by AH Garcia, the then civil commissioner of Riversdale who realised that a pass through this section of the mountain was important for his town.

I was rather grateful for the lack of publicity of the pass. Whilst it really deserves more recognition, being able to drive through such beauty at one’s own pace emphasised the striking views and the incredible slopes of Mosambiekkop, also known as the Sleeping Beauty. Views out over the valley and the deep canyon of the Goukou river are effortless and immense. They bring home our vulnerability in the face of nature.

Nood dienste / Emergencies

Polisie/Police (028 713 8500)
Dokters/Doctors (028 713 2500)
Hospitaal/Hospital (028 713 2445/6/7)
Riversdalse Apteek (028 713 1089)
Medidal Apteek (028 713 2652)
Joubert Oogkundige (028 713 3800)
Veearts /Vet (028 713 1123)
Hi-way Bande (028 713 2211)
W&J Motors (028 713 1712)

Taxi
De Jager taxi 0722250051

Tourist Information at Paddavlei Kungs-goete,