

# Nelspoort

Nelspoort is a tiny settlement in the midst of the Central Karoo. The Bushmen and Khoi who lived amongst the surrounding koppies, left their mark on the landscape with a multitude of rock engravings. Later European farmers established their homes here and for a time the Sanatorium, built in 1920, brought peace and healing to many TB sufferers. Today the community of Nelspoort welcomes visitors to come to experience the ancient relics of its historic inhabitants, spectacular Karoo fauna and flora, and to enjoy the clean air and brilliant night skies. (Guided tours of the historic rock engravings by prior arrangement! Contact Laurence Rathenam (023 416 1648/ 074 114 0911)



# Three Sisters

Three Sisters is named after the three significant hills, seen when you drive along the N1 between Beaufort West and Richmond. Beautiful guest farms will enthrall you with Karoo tranquillity and unsurpassed hospitality. A multitude of game species and a fascinating farm stall await the curious traveller.



# Murraysburg

Nestled in a little-known valley of the Karoo, lies the small village of Murraysburg. Framed by the striking Sneeuwberg mountains, the Buffalo River and stunning Karoo scenery, Murraysburg is a town lost in time. A town for all seasons, for all reasons, which captures the essence of the pristine Karoo and it's wonderful people. Someone described it's special appeal as being more about what it is not, than what it is. We like to think of it as our beautiful secret and would like to share our secret with you.



# Merweville

Merweville lies in a picturesque area of plains often likened to the arid regions of USA. Known as Koup. The word means "caul fat" as early indigenous inhabitants felt the patches of golden veld grass interspersed by dark brown ground resembled the thin membrane of fat surrounding a sheep's intestines. Merweville is an ideal place to relax, unwind and reset from the pressures of modern day city life. There is excellent accommodation, both in town as well as the surrounding farms, offering superb food and eco-tourism experiences. The village is a mere 40 km scenic drive from Prince Albert Road, along the N1, or one can access it along a gravel road, halfway along the tar road from Leeu Gamka to Fraserburg.





Grootfontein Farm House is an isolated Victorian self-catering farmhouse only 7,6km from the N1, 12km south of Beaufort-West and bordering the Karoo National Park.



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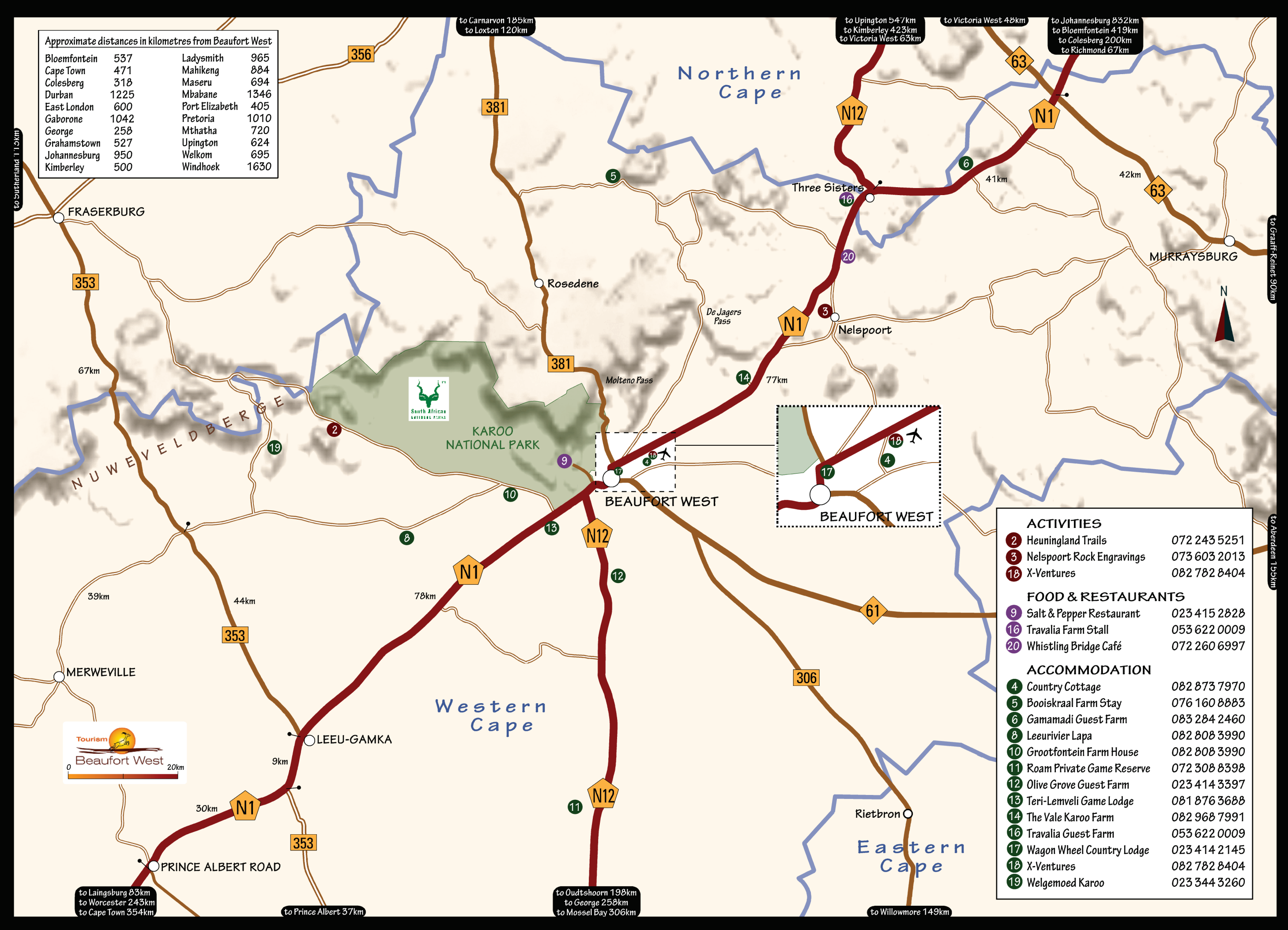
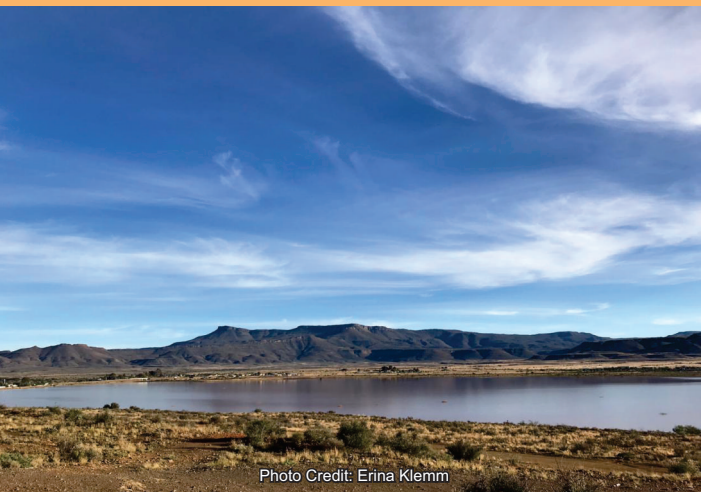
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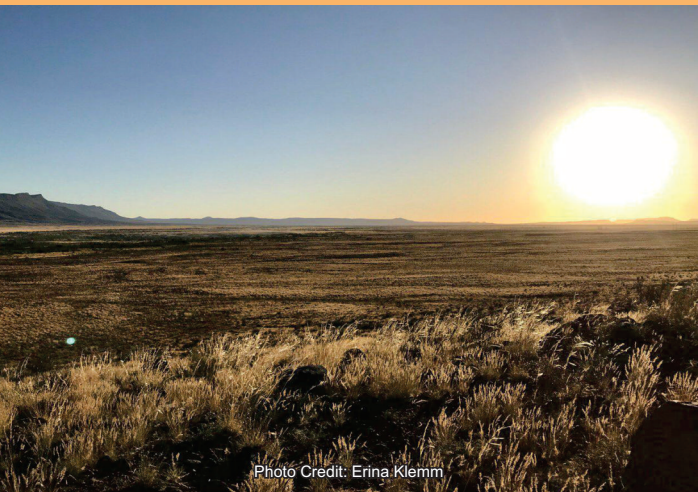


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## Beaufort West,

the largest town in the Central Karoo District, is situated on the N1 route between Johannesburg and Cape Town, making it the ideal stopover! However, this interesting town, brimming with history, deserves so much more than just an overnight stop! Spend a few days here and discover all the wonderful experiences Beaufort West and its surrounds have to offer....

Some interesting facts about Beaufort West.....

- Establishment in 1818, Beaufort West had the first Municipality and Town Hall (1837) in South Africa.
- Professor Christian Barnard, heart pioneer hails from Beaufort West. A comprehensive display depicting his life's work and achievements, can be viewed at the Beaufort West Museum.
- The Courier newspaper started printing in 1869 and is still going strong.
- The Ellis Cycle Shop opened its doors in 1899, 3 generations later they are still doing business.
- 5 out of the 12 species of tortoise in the country, can be found here.
- Fossil remains found indicate that the Karoo basin was once a giant wetland.
- Our collection of succulents is so huge that put together it can cover an area larger than Great Britain.
- Nieuveveldberge was first known as Boesmansberg and later Nuweberg.
- We are the only town with a prison in its main street.
- We were once known as the "Bride of the Karoo" due to the flowering pear trees (first planted 1853) in the main road.
- Gamka River means "River of Lions", due to the large number of lions that once lived along its banks.
- The Karoo National Park which boundaries on the town, was established in 1979.
- 50km north east of Beaufort West Lies the town of Nelspoort, which boasts with a unique collection of Rock Engravings and Ancient Rock-gongs.
- Karoo Lamb is considered to be the most succulent and flavoursome in the world!

