

Hiking Notes for Haven Hotel to Kob Inn Trail

Day 1 : Haven Hotel to Nqabara Lodge

- **Total Distance = 24,8 km**
- **Total Time (with stops) = 7hr 11m**
- **Ave Speed = 3,44 km/h**
- **Max Elev = 193 m**
- **Elev Gain = 1776m**

Route : After crossing Mbashe river (by canoe ferry from hotel) walk for about 5km along beach to Mendu Point. Continue over sand dunes to actual point to see the Whale Bones and Koi San midden (Heritage Site). Take short break here before continuing along wide sandy beach towards Dwesa Point. Shortly before reaching this take grassy footpath which will lead through some bush crossing the point and through 2-3 stream valleys with thick bush (need your guide to show you the best way through) before a short climb brings you onto the main grass covered Dwesa Bluff and cliffs with its panoramic sea views and excellent whale watching (in season).. You then descend steeply to the main Dwesa Reserve beaches and closed Kobola river mouth. This is a good place to stop for a lunch break as it will have taken you about 3-4 hrs walk time from Haven Hotel. You then come off beach and cut towards the Main Dwesa Reserve entry gate where you are required to register and pay (R10) for a day permit. After that you must go round the Nqabara Point following the jeep and cattle tracks and within clear site of the beach. After passing the Nqabara cottages you will round the point at the boat houses where your river guide from Nqabara lodge should be waiting with the sea kayak to ferry you across the river mouth channels. The lodge is situated in coastal bush on the south side overlooking the estuary.



NQABARA LODGE (accommodation for Day 1)

Day 2 Nqabara Lodge to Kob Inn

- **Total Distance = 21,5 km**
- **Total Time (with stops) = 5hr 34m**
- **Ave Speed = 3,86 km/h**
- **Max Elev = 67m**
- **Elevation Gain = 1114m**

Route : This is a much easier day than Day 1 being shorter with less climbing. The first half can easily be done without a guide as your guide from the first day will be returning to Haven Hotel. The route first involves a long beach walk of about 6 km to Beecham Wood which has a few cottages and road access point. From here the path takes you off the beach and follows just above the rocks around Shixini Point. This is easy walking on grass following the fisherman's jeep tracks to the point and around the other side to Shixini River cliffs and estuary. This is approached along a short stretch of beach from where you should see your guide who will have walked up from Kob Inn. He will show you the best place to cross the river mouth which can be waist deep and swiftly flowing if the tide is full and running. After crossing the river suggest you take a lunch break in the Milkwood trees above the beach before following the coastline south to Kob Inn. You will cross several streams and contour around small rocky bays on your way down to Kob Inn which should take you no more than about an hour and half's walking.



Dwesa Reserve from Dwesa Bluff (Day 1).