



HIKING TRAILS & SCENIC DRIVES



Garden Route, South Africa

GEORGE
WILDERNESS
UNIONDALE

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Pressed for Time?

Top 3 must-visit hiking trails

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and sunscreen and bring along some water and a camera to capture the beauty of the area.

1

Half Collared Kingfisher Trail



The **Half-Collared Kingfisher Trail** is a beautiful and popular hike located in the Garden Route National Park in Wilderness. This 7 km trail (round trip) winds through lush indigenous forest along the banks of the Touw River, offering an immersive experience in nature. Named after the Half-Collared Kingfisher, a rare bird species that can sometimes be spotted along the trail, this hike is a haven for birdwatchers and nature lovers alike. The trail is relatively easy and family-friendly, with sections of wooden boardwalks, occasional steps, and river crossings on footbridges, making it

accessible for hikers of varying fitness levels. As you venture deeper into the forest, you'll be surrounded by ancient yellowwood trees, ferns, and a rich variety of flora and fauna. The end of the trail reveals a stunning waterfall with a small rock pool, an ideal spot for a break or a quick swim. This scenic and tranquil trail offers a refreshing way to connect with the beauty of the Garden Route, combining gentle exercise with breathtaking scenery.

2

Pepsi Pools



Pepsi Pools is a hidden gem for hikers in George. This scenic trail takes you through lush indigenous forests, past towering trees, and along the crystal-clear rivers fed by mountain streams. The hike is moderately challenging, suitable for those with a reasonable fitness level, and offers the reward of pristine rock pools - perfect for a refreshing dip on warm days.

These natural pools have a mesmerizing, slightly cola colour, lending them the name "Pepsi." Along the way, hikers can enjoy stunning views, birdwatching, and the sounds of nature in this serene environment. The trail is well-loved by locals and visitors alike and is a wonderful way to experience the natural beauty of the Garden Route.



3

Cape Nature Outeniqua Reserve

The trails in **Cape Nature's Outeniqua Nature Reserve** offer an exhilarating mountain hiking experience, set against the dramatic backdrop of the mountains.

Ranging from 2.7 km to 25 km, these trails provide something for everyone, from casual walkers to seasoned adventurers.

Each trail offers breathtaking panoramic views across the Outeniqua Mountain range, with opportunities to see the surrounding valleys and the distant ocean on clear days.

Steeper climbs reward hikers with stunning vistas and a profound sense of remoteness, making the trails a photographer's paradise. Hikers can experience the reserve's unique blend of environments, from thick forest canopies alive with bird calls to open fynbos-covered ridges where delicate wildflowers bloom. The trails also lead to cascading mountain streams and hidden waterfalls, creating ideal spots for rest and reflection amid nature's tranquillity.

Scenic drives



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View point



George

- Cradock Pass
- George to Grootbrak via R102
- Herold
- Kerk Street
- 9 Loop
- Outeniqua Pass
- Paardepoort



Wilderness

- Hoekwil Hoopla Route
- Hoekwil Pass
- Kaaimans River Pass
- Lakes Loop
- Waterside Road
- Whites Road

View points

- Dolphin's Point
- Map of Africa
- The Boardwalk on 6th Ave



Uniondale

- Baviaanskloof
- De Hoop Road
- Kam Dam
- Kammanassie
- Prince Alfreds Pass
- Route 62
- Uniondale to De Vlugt
- Uniondale to Avontuur
- Warmbad / Barandas Ride

View points

- Jonckrus / De Vlugt