

Tsitsikamma National Park



Further Links

- Indigenous coastal forest.
- Scenically beautiful rocky coastline
- The area protects a wide range of plant species including **fynbos**.

Situation

Tsitsikamma National Park is west of Port Elizabeth, not far from Plettenberg Bay.

Activities

Walking; hiking; birdwatching.

Tsitsikamma National Park is situated at the heart of the Garden Route. **Tsitsikamma** is a Khoisan word meaning, "place of much water." It is a coastal reserve, well known for indigenous forests, dramatic coastline, and the Otter Trail.

Tsitsikamma includes about 80 km of rocky coastline, spectacular sea and landscapes, valleys with mountain fynbos, temperate high forests and deep river gorges. The park's position on the Garden Route makes Tsitsikamma the third most frequently visited out of the twenty national parks in South Africa.

The primary vegetation biomes of Tsitsikamma are Mountain Fynbos, Coastal Fynbos, Afromontane Forest and the Marine herbland-, inter-tidal-, and sub-tidal zones. It also protects a large area of marinelife.

In addition, Tsitsikamma incorporates various cultural heritage sites ranging from Khoisan sites such as caves, shell middens and rock art to more recent cultural historic sites such as the ruins of small fisher settlements, remnants of the past forestry industries and grave sites.