

HERMANUS CLIFF PATH WALK | East to West 12 km

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POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG THE PATH

1. **New Harbour** Working fishing harbour since the 1920s with restaurants and scenic views. The starting point for boat-based whale watching and the western end of the Cliff Path.
2. **Fick's Pool Historic** Wall-enclosed tidal pool built in 1933, perfect for a sheltered swim. Tucked below the cliffs, it's a favourite local spot for sunbathing and spotting dassies.
3. **Gearing's Point - Best Whale View.** A premier elevated viewpoint offering world-class **land-based whale watching**. Features open-air art sculptures and panoramic views of the Old Harbour and bay.
4. **Roman Rock** A scenic stretch named after the Red Roman fish often caught from the rocks here. Surrounded by lush coastal fynbos, it offers a peaceful, well-maintained walking trail.
5. **Old Harbour** National Monument and open-air museum at the historic heart of Hermanus. See old fishing boats and brine tanks where the town's fishing industry began.
6. **The Marine Tidal Pool** in Central Hermanus is a popular natural, rock-walled ocean pool located directly below The Marine Hotel.
7. **Bay View** Rugged Elevated scenery featuring metal walkways built directly into the rocks. An intimate section of the path providing dramatic, close-up views of the crashing sea.

8. **Kraal Rock Natural stone lookout** offering a 360-degree panorama of the entire Walker Bay. Perfect for reading the town's history through its views of hotels and tidal pools.
9. **Kwaaiwater "Angry Water"** for the dramatic waves that thunder against the rocks. **Best Whale View.** A stunning section with perfectly placed benches to sit and watch the powerful surf.
10. **Mosselrivier** Where the river meets the sea, this quiet trail is shaded by ancient Milkwood trees. A green, lush segment of the path known for its diverse birdlife and coastal fynbos.
11. **Langbaai Known as the "Secret Beach"**, this secluded cove is hidden between rocky outcrops. A tranquil escape ideal for swimming and sunset picnics away from the crowds.
12. **Kammabaai Family-friendly "Nanny's Beach"** featuring shallow channels and surfing waves. Protected from the wind by rocky arms, it is best explored during low tide.
13. **Voëlklip - Best Whale View.** Popular beach famous for its green grassy lawns and safe, rocky swimming coves. An iconic summer hangout that offers excellent facilities and views of the bay.
14. **Grotto Beach - Best Whale View.** Blue Flag beach stretching for kilometers toward the lagoon mouth. Famed for its vast white sands, it is perfect for long, soul-reviving coastal walks.



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

SAFETY FIRST

Please inform the Front Desk when you step out and share your estimated return time. We also advise that you don't take any valuables with you.

BE MINDFUL

Some sections can be busy - remain alert and look out for other walkers.

HYDRATE & PROTECT

Carry water on warmer days, and consider sunscreen or a hat.

RESPECT THE TRAIL

Stay on marked paths and help keep Hermanus beautiful.

PLEASE NOTE

This walk or run is undertaken at your own risk.