



COGA COTTAGE

2676 Hartbees Rd

Martloth Park

Coga Cottage



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DIRECTIONS TO MARLOTH

There are two options to access Marloth Park from the N4 (time wise they are about the same – the difference is road quality):

- A. **The recommended route**. Go passed the first Marloth sign. About 14km's past Hectorspruit there is the second turnoff to the left to "**Marloth Park**". Although the longer way round by distance, this is the better option as the road is tared all the way.

On entering the gate to Marloth (now Olifant Rd) the speed limit is 50km/h. (Follow signs for Kruger Lodge). Two options:

- Drive down Olifant for approximately 3km to turn off right into waterbock. At the "T" junction left into Swartwitpens and then 2nd left into Hartbees. The Coga Cottage, No.2676 is about 200m on the left.
- Drive down Olifant for approximately 4km to turn off right into Butterfly Rd. 1st right into Poffadder and then 2nd left into Hartbees. The Coga Cottage, No.2676 is on the right about 100m after the Kruger Lodge.

- B. **Alternative route**, on the N4 National Highway to Mozambique from Nelspruit, about 10km's past Hectorspruit take the first sign to "**Marloth Park**". Almost immediately turn to the left. This is an unpaved road to Marloth Park.

Follow the dirt road to the main gate – although the first part of the road is tarred the road becomes a dirt road very quickly so be careful.

On entering the gate to Marloth (now Olifant Rd) the speed limit is 50km/h. Drive down Olifant for approximately 6.5km, just passed the shopping centre turn off left into Butterfly Rd. (Follow signs for Kruger Lodge) 1st right into Poffadder and then 2nd left into Hartbees. The Coga Cottage, No.2676 is on the right about 100m after the Kruger Lodge.

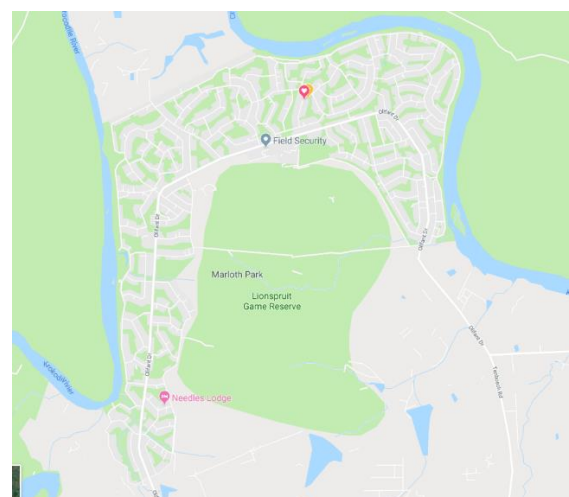
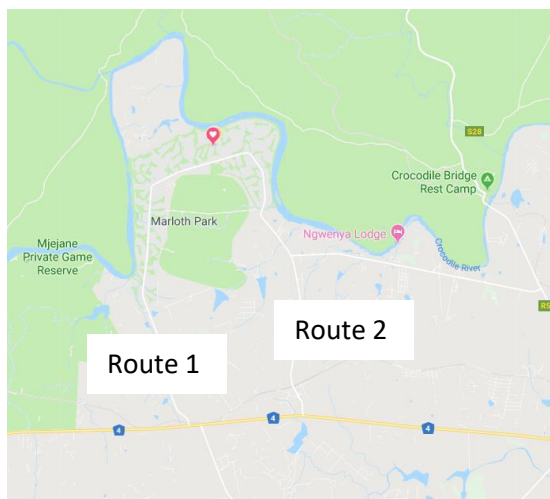
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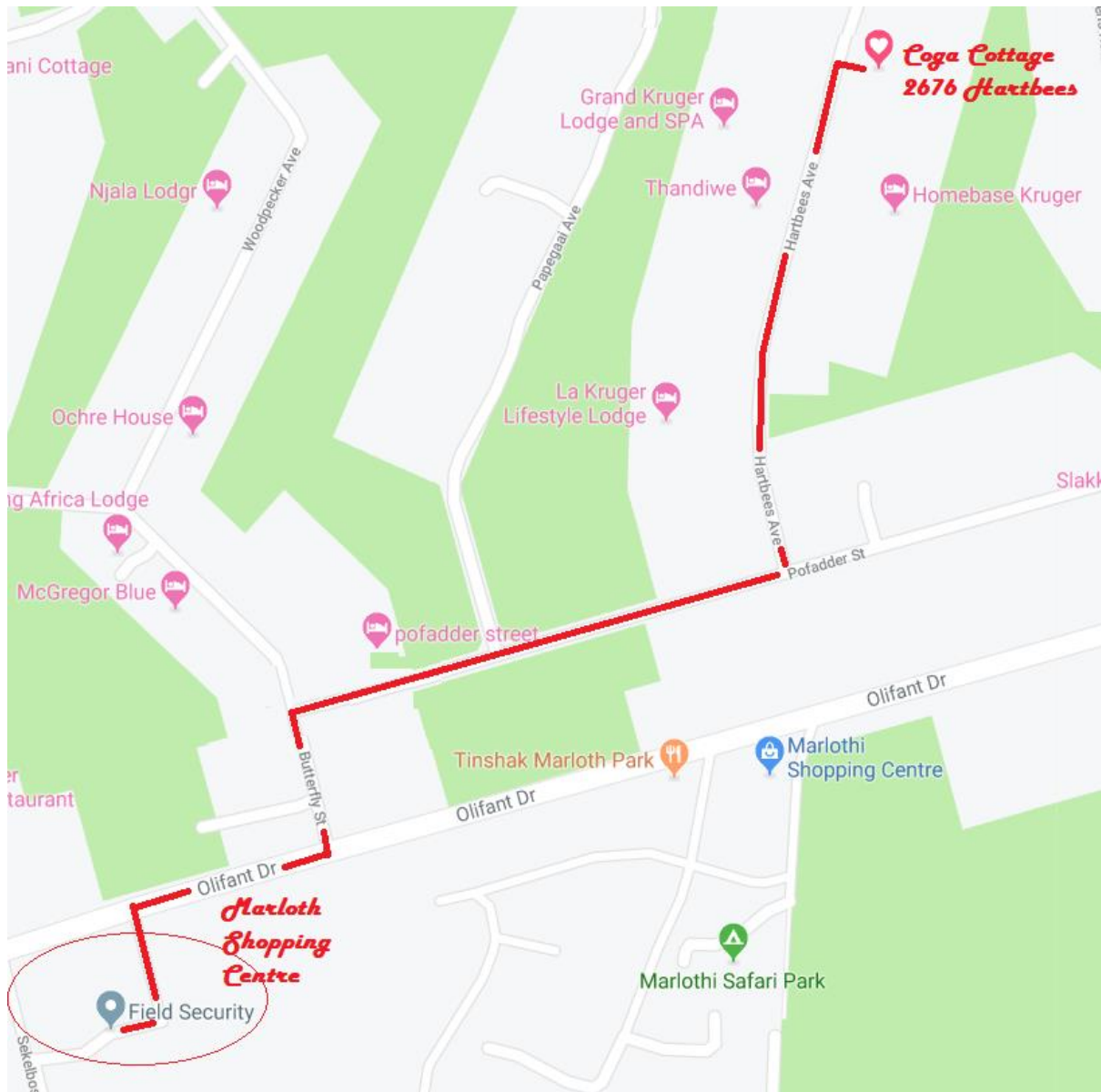
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Google Maps reference

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COLLECTING THE KEYS FOR THE HOUSE

We will have arranged with the Field Security at Marloth Park Marloth for you to collect the keys.

Field Security is located at Marloth shopping. The shopping centre is about 150m Nelspruit site of Butterfly Rd. (Before if you came on route A and after if you came on route B)

Turn in at the shopping centre, turn right into the parking area. The security office is on the right at the end of the parking area.

Ask for the keys to [2676 Hartbees](#).

ENTERING THE HOUSE

There is an alarm on the cottage, and it will be armed. The alarm control fob is on the house keys & there are two buttons on the alarm fob.

Grey/Yellow Button This is the arming and un-arming button for the alarm.
Press this Grey/yellow button (depends which key set you have).
You will hear beeps.

2 beeps to de-activate (switch off) / 1 beep to activate (switch on).

Red Button This is a panic button if pressed the security company will come to the house at the earliest opportunity to assist (usually within 5 minutes) – ONLY USE THIS IN AN EMERGENCY.

Open the security gate, and the back/kitchen door.

IN & AROUND THE HOUSE

The cottage is 2-story house with 4 on suite bedrooms. 2 on the ground floor and 2 on the upper floor.

Each ground floor room has a double bed with an en-suite. The ground floor bedroom on the right is a family room with a double bed and a set of double bunks for kids. The ground floor bedroom on the left has a double bed and full bathroom.

Upstairs the room on the roadside has a double bed and a full bathroom with a bath. The room at the right, at the top of the stairs, can be configured as a room for 3 singles or a double bed and a single bed. It has a small bathroom with a shower.

The kitchen is fully supplied with pots, pans, plates, etc. and there are two fridges.

Extra blankets etc. are inside the upstairs storeroom and swimming towels are inside the kist (chest for those not SA or Scottish) on the top floor.

If an accident should occur, there is some first aid bits and pieces on the top of the fridge in the kitchen (you are requested to bring your own first-aid equipment).

House Keys

All other keys are inside the house on the key rack in the scullery (behind the door) or hanging next to the relevant door.

Electrics

Once inside the house, you may need to turn on the Hot Water Cylinders & Air-conditioning circuit breaker. The Distribution Board is under the stairs, on the right-hand side of the door of the bedroom on the left.

Air conditioners

The air-conditioner for the right-side bottom bedroom is on a separate circuit. The isolator switch is behind the bedside table to the right of the bed.

Gas Cylinders

Kitchen hob gas You will find the gas cylinder for the oven in the cupboard under the prep sink in the kitchen. You may need to turn it on when you arrive.

There is a spare gas cylinder in the store outside should you need to change it - remember gas cylinders have a left-hand thread.

Outside Store

The key for the storeroom is on the key-rack in the scullery, behind the scullery door. It has a blue plastic key tag. The store is at the back of the cottage under the rear bathroom balcony. There is a Braai frame and grid (BBQ for non-locals) for the concrete braai stand in the store. There are also other odds and end you may need – wood, charcoal, animal food, tables & chairs, etc...

Always keep the store locked – the Monkeys or Baboons will open it and turn the contents upside down if they can open the door.

Refuse

Please pick up all litter and keep refuse in the bin in the kitchen. When a refuse bag is full, please store it in the locked storeroom outside. (Remember those baboons and monkeys).

Justice will put the litter and garbage in the bin at the main entrance to the house on Hartbees Ave.

WHEN LEAVING AFTER YOUR VISIT.

When packing to leave, please ensure that:

1. Gas cylinders are closed.
2. All the doors and windows are closed and locked,
3. Lights, air-conditioners, etc. are turned off.
4. The hot water cylinder/geyser main/circuit breaker switch is turned off.
5. The store is locked.
6. The Alarm is turned on and armed

BASIC RULES OF MARLOTH

- Always ensure all windows and door are closed if you leave the house. Baboons and Monkeys create havoc if they get inside the building.
- Please ensure the alarm is armed when you are away from the house.
- Walking is permitted in the park during the day. There is a curfew from sundown to sunrise, so please plan carefully to make sure you are back at the house before sundown if you do decide to take a stroll. Also be warned we often have lion and other predators in the town.
- Driving around the park at night is permitted but please drive carefully. Do not attempt to drive on the river road at night. The roads are in poor condition. Stay on Seekooi Rd when driving along the river.
- Do not throw live coals or stompies/cigarette butts into the bush.
- Please ensure fires are extinguished properly after each use and especially when you go to bed at night.
- **No loud noise or music ever!!!!.**
- Do not frighten or chase the animals.

VISITING ANIMALS.

Please treat all animals that visit the cottage with the utmost respect, they can all do serious bodily harm, no matter how cute they look.

When feeding animals always use a flat open palm – as you would feed a horse.

Please only feed the animals pellets or apples and fruit. (There is a bucket with some pellets in the store behind the house). Pellets and animal food can be purchased at the Hardware shop and some other places in Marloth.

- The Kudu, zebbies and pumbas (warthog) love apples – (cut the apples in quarters or smaller pieces).
- The bushbabies love bananas, and fruit yogurt – you can break them in to pieces and put pieces on the plank on the tree trunk in front of the bench swing.

STUFF AROUND MARLOTH

a) The main shopping centre

- Has a convenience store where groceries, meat, vegies wood and charcoal etc. can be purchased.
- A local bottle-store for most of your alcohol and refreshments.
- A restaurant and bar with a swimming pool in the yard behind. It is open at night and is reasonably priced. Good for watching sport on Saturday Afternoon
- A butcher shop with reasonable quality meat.
- A hardware store.
- A purified water shop – water is filtered and sold in various size bottles.

b) Petrol Station & Shops

Is located ½ km Mozambique side from the main shopping centre on Olifant. Petrol and Diesel are available and there are also a few local shops here such as;

- a convenience store,
- bottle store
- PostNet and a gift/curio shop
- cake shop
- Tin Shak restaurant – also reasonably priced and good for watching sport on Saturday Afternoon.

c) ATM & Banks

- There are ATM's located at both shopping centres.
 - ABSA outside at the main centre
 - Standard bank in the convenience store at both centres
 - Barclays at the convenience store at the main centre and at Phumula Lodge.
- There is representation of all the major banks in Komatiepoot

d) Local Post Office & Internet cafe

Located at the petrol station shopping centre.

e) Game viewing points

- Along Seekooi there are two game viewing points:
 - At the intersection of Wielewaal Ave – This point has a nice pavilion and you often see various game in the river or on the far bank.

GPS Reference: 25°20'8.56"S / 31°46'54.08"E



- Along Seekooi between Naboom St & Berghaan St, there is a game viewing point. GPS Reference: 25°19'56.50"S / 31°48'23.20"E

- Drive along the Seekooi fence road – there are 3 looks of Seekooi all are one ways heading west. It is very common to see Hippo, Crocodiles, Elephant, Lion, Buffalo, Giraffe, Waterbuck and many other animals resident in the KNP. Start at the east side of Marloth Park.



Please note a 4x4 or raised vehicle is recommended as the roads are poor - it can be a big challenge for a normal car.

- There is also a great viewpoint at the Community centre at the local restaurant. A great place for sundowners.



Please note – sadly the service here is not great and the owner is a grouch.

GPS Reference: 25°22'0.74"S / 31°45'26.17"E

f) Community Centre – Henk Van Rooyen



The Community centre is on Crocodile Rd at the intersection with Maroela Rd.

Maroela Rd can be accessed from Olifant. About 3.3km west of the Shopping Centre turn into Maroela heading towards the Kruger Park. Maroela ends at the gate of the Community Centre.

The Community centre has a public swimming pool as well as Restaurant (see Serene Oasis below) and a tuck-shop selling some snacks and cool drinks.

There is a charge to enter the community area, unless you have something at the restaurant or have a community card.

NB – Don't forget to bring the keys with the community club card attached to get free entrance to the community centre and its swimming pool.

g) Lionspruit



Lionspruit is Marloth Parks' private game reserve where the big cats, buffalo and Rhino are kept. You can enter from Wild Goose St off Olifant (away from the river). Drive about 1km and the gate is on your left. If you are lucky you could see the lions, rhino or buffalo.

NB – Don't forget to bring the keys with the community club card attached to get free entrance to Lionspruit.

h) Some places for Eating Out & Restaurants

- **Phumula Kruger** on Rinkhals Ave. Great pub and restaurant. Local African cuisine is the order of the day. Friendly service and a good place to watch sport. GPS Reference: 25°20'52.79"S / 31°46'44.58"E.
- **Die Bos Restaurant & Bar** at the main shopping centre – Decent grub and as good a sports bar as you can expect in Marloth.
- **The Amazing View Restaurant** is a local restaurant at the Community centre. Service is appalling but an awesome place for sundowners.
- **The Tin Shak** is located at the shopping centre behind the petrol station. Great for pizzas and snacky food.

- **Ngwenya Lodge** – situated on the banks of the Crocodile river, outside Marloth on the way to the Crocodile Bridge gate of Kruger park. Home-cooked food is the order of the day on Thursday evenings and for Sunday lunch they offer a full 3 course buffet. Their wood burning pizza oven produces the best pizza for miles!
- **The Stoep** – A coffee shop in Komatipoort great for breakfast.
- **The Komatipoort Golf Club** – a great view of the river and good food and beer. Closed Mondays.



i) Komatipoort

Spar shopping centre and a nice butchery about 15-20min drive from Marloth.

j) Kwa Madwala Game Reserve – 013-790-4214 or 082-779-2153

Elephant Back Safari – They have two tame elephants for a elephant experience.

Horseback safaris – Take an outback ride on their 3000 Ha game farm

Microlight safaris – A flight over their game form and other awesome views



k) Komatie Tiger Fishing Tours – (066) 491-7710

Tiger Fishing from a boat as well as sunset cruises. This is our recommended operator.

Please contact for bookings – they can get very booked up
reception@riverhilllodge.co.za



l) Taurus Tiger Fishing Charters – Deseré (082) 220-9602

Tiger Fishing from a barge as well as sunset cruises.

Please contact for bookings – they can get very booked up.
taurusfishing@gmail.com

m) Marloth Eco Quad biking – (082) 335-5642

At the western entrance gate to Marloth Park. A really enjoyable adventure with a ride along the border of KNP and around a game reserve.



n) Full Day Panoramic Tour

This is a day of magnificent scenery, stunning views, breath-taking waterfalls and natural wonders. Pack your camera and prepare to be spellbound by the incredible beauty of Africa. You will also pass through Sabie and Graskop, both of which have their beginnings from the gold rush of the 1800's. Some of the highlights in the area are God's Window, The Pinnacle, Bourkes Luck Potholes, Lone Creek Falls, Blyde River Canyon and the Three Rondavels.



o) Full Day Mozambique Tour - A valid passport is required



Home to some of the most magnificent Portuguese-style colonial buildings, a number of which house museums, Maputo is a must for those interested in the history and architecture of the region. Add to this the world renowned Maputo beachfront, the Tunduru Botanical gardens and a stop to sample the local cuisine at the famous Costa Do Sol Restaurant and this becomes a day not to be missed.

p) Full Day Swaziland Tour - A valid passport is required

Experience the rich cultural history of Swaziland at a traditional cultural village. Then enter the land-locked Kingdom itself, renowned for its friendly people, strong traditions and beautiful scenery. Visits to Ngwenya Glass and Swazi Candles showcase true craftsmen at work and provide the opportunity to buy exquisite glassware and candles that grace collections around the world. A day of beauty, folklore and craftsmanship that is unequalled!

q) Kruger National Park - Crocodile Bridge Gate

Sunset & night drives – 013-735-6012 / (082) 801-9898

Kruger Morning Walk (3 - 4 hours)

r) Kruger National Park – Self Drive

A recommended self-drive day visit to Kruger National Park could be.

- Enter at Crocodile Bridge, drive to Lower Sabie (01:15 – 01:45)
- After breakfast drive to Skukuza (1:30 – 2:30)
- After lunch drive to Berg-en-Dal (2:30 – 3:30)
- After tea drive to Malelane Gate (0:30)

Remember there is a lot more time to travel in Summer than winter. The tables below provide distances between the rest camps and gates as well as distances between points. If you are planning a self-drive safari into Kruger National Park, it is important to take note of the gate opening and closing times and also consider an average speed of about 20km/h on sand roads and 40km/h on tared roads.

Gates and Camps Distances	Berg-en-dal	Crocodile Bridge	Letaba	Lower Sabie	Malelane	Mopani	Numbi Gate	N'wanetsi	Olifants	Orpen	Pafuri Gate	Paul Kruger Gate	Phalaborwa Gate	Pretoriuskop	Punda Maria	Satara	Shingwedsi	Skukuza
Berg-en-dal	-	149	234	113	12	281	97	180	219	213	453	83	285	92	415	165	344	172
Crocodile Bridge	149	-	196	34	141	243	130	142	181	175	415	88	246	125	377	127	306	77
Letaba	234	196	-	162	226	47	216	94	32	117	218	173	51	211	176	69	109	162
Lower Sabie	113	34	162	-	105	209	95	108	147	141	380	53	213	90	342	93	271	43
Malelane	12	141	226	105	-	272	94	170	210	204	444	74	277	85	408	156	333	64
Mopani	281	234	47	209	272	-	263	141	86	164	172	220	74	258	130	116	63	209
Numbi Gate	97	130	216	95	94	263	-	162	201	195	434	65	267	9	396	147	325	54
N'wanetsi	180	142	94	108	170	141	162	-	79	63	312	119	145	156	274	25	203	108
Olifants	219	181	32	147	210	86	201	79	-	102	250	158	83	195	212	54	141	147
Orpen	213	175	117	141	204	164	195	63	102	-	335	152	167	184	297	48	226	137
Pafuri Gate	453	415	218	380	444	172	434	312	250	335	-	392	246	438	76	287	109	380
Paul Kruger Gate	83	88	173	53	74	220	65	119	158	152	392	-	224	60	354	104	283	12
Phalaborwa Gate	285	246	51	213	277	74	267	145	83	167	246	224	-	261	201	119	137	213
Pretoriuskop	92	125	21	90	85	258	9	156	195	184	438	60	261	-	389	140	318	49
Punda Maria	415	377	176	342	408	130	396	274	212	297	76	354	201	389	-	254	71	342
Satara	165	127	69	93	156	116	147	25	54	48	287	104	119	140	245	-	178	93
Shingwedsi	344	306	109	27	333	63	325	203	141	226	109	283	137	318	71	178	-	271
Skukuza	72	77	162	43	64	209	54	108	147	137	380	12	213	49	342	93	271	-

Gate Times	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Entrance Gates Open	05.30	05.30	05.30	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	05.30	05.30	05.30
Camp Gates Open	04.30	05.30	05.30	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	05.30	04.30	04.30
All Gates Close	18.30	18.30	06.00	06.00	17.30	17.30	17.30	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.30	18.30

SUNDRY HOUSE INFO

Justice, the housekeeper, looks after the house. He will visit the cottage Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to check up on the garden and give the house a clean.

He is available to help in the house at an additional charge (subject to his availability).

The telephone numbers for the Plumber & Electrician, etc. are on the fridge should you need them.

If in doubt or if you need anything please phone:

Garth: +27-79-635-8824

Janet: +27-82-881-7430

Emergency Numbers

Animal & Game Issues	082 802 5894 (Rangers Standby)
Field Security (Any Emergency)	Cell 086-248 9912 Or Red button on the Alarm Fob (ONLY AT THE HOUSE)
Snake removal (Snake bites)	060 665 5000 (Juan DeBeer)
Fire	082 806 1611
Law Enforcement	072 667 7231 (Enoch Sifunda) 076 141 0458 (LEO's for MP By-Laws)
Burst municipal water pipes -	076 856 1253 (Sam)

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Securicon Ambulance Service -	079 883 3350 / 0861 111 728 / 082 567 2350
Field Security	086-248 9912 or <u>push red panic button</u> if you are at the house.
Netcare Ambulance -	082 911
Doctor	
ToerBroers Day Clinic	013 591 2580 73 Kudu Rd, Marloth Park
Mel Stronkhorst -	013 793 7306 / 083 459 4870

Contact Numbers that may be handy:

Justice (Housekeeper) Cell 076-474 2288

Field Security Cell 086-248 9912

Maintenance Issues

Air-Conditioners (Lesley Jansen) Cell 079-925 9988

Electrician (Jan Strydom) Cell 079-690 4950 or 076-811-1317

Plumber / Handyman (Ashley) Cell 066-191-2360

Appliances (Renier) Cell 084-880 9620

Handyman (Chris) Cell 076-834 6143

RATES

Contact cogacottage@gmail.com or info@cogacottage.com for details

BANK DETAILS

Bank	First National Bank (FNB) (For international Transfers may be listed as First Rand Bank)
Account Name	Geret Family Trust
Account No.	620-3598-5053
SWIFT Code	FIRN ZAJJ - (SA National Clearing Code)
Branch	Karaglen Branch
Branch Code	252 552
Branch Address	Unit 2 Karaglen Court Corner Baker and Harris Streets Edenglen 1609 South Africa.
IBN No.	Not used in South Africa

Please email proof of deposit to info@cogacottage.com or
cogacottage@gmail.com

We really hope you enjoy your time in our home Koga Cottage at Marloth Park. Remember this is a place to relax, unwind, kick back and enjoy!! But it is not a party music venue – keep the volume down!!! **Please always be considerate of others!!!**



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE. NOMINATE OR GET A DESIGNATED DRIVER, OUR WILDLIFE DEPEND ON YOU!

Enjoy your Stay