

Directions to the Matjiesrivier campsite, Cederberg

The Cape Leopard Trust environmental camp is located at the Matjiesrivier Nature Reserve in the central Cederberg, 250km from Cape Town. There are two possible routes to the Cederberg, one along the N7 and in via Algeria, the other via Ceres. It is the route via Ceres that we recommend because the gravel road is better. It takes about four hours from Cape Town, the last hour being on gravel road. It is accessible by car or minibus.

Cederberg via Ceres:

From Cape Town, it is easiest to take the N1 through the Du Toit's Kloof tunnel and turn left at the sign to Ceres just before Worcester. Follow the signs until you reach Ceres (basically, you follow the road, turn right at the T-junction, turn right at the next T-junction, go through the pass and you're in Ceres). **In Ceres, fill up with petrol.** Then follow the main road, cross the bridge then turn left at the next traffic lights (signposted to Prince Alfred's Hamlet). Follow that road out of Ceres, through Prince Alfred's Hamlet, up the Gydo Pass, along the valley until you reach Op-die-Berg (about 45km from Ceres). At Op-die-Berg take the right turn to the Cederberg. *(This is your last place with cell phone reception; I would appreciate a call from here so I know when to expect you.)* After about 10 minutes the road will become gravel. Keep going straight (don't turn right there). From there it is about 60km to the campsite, all on gravel road. Stay on that road – you will pass Mount Ceder, go over a steep pass, pass Nuwerust (follow the sign left to Clanwilliam at this junction) and pass the Oasis backpackers, cross the double river, then come to a fork in the road at Matjiesrivier (where we live), take the left fork signposted Clanwilliam, follow the road past the little houses and as you come down you will see a turn-off on the right just past the graveyard. This is the campsite turnoff. (If you cross the river you have gone too far.) The campsite is in the poplar trees about 100m down the track.

It is essential to fill up in Ceres as there is no petrol/diesel available in the Cederberg.

Cederberg via the N7:

Take the N7 north towards Clanwilliam. When you pass the turn-off to Citrusdal, there is a garage on the right - fill up with petrol here. *(It would be great if you could call me from here so I know when to expect you.)* Continue on the N7 and look out for the turn-off to Algeria, Cederberg, on the right. It is about 26km past the Citrusdal turnoff. Turn off here and follow the road. This is the main road into the Cederberg and it eventually leads you to Matjiesrivier where the campsite is. You will cross a mountain pass and go past Algeria (about 17km from the N7 turnoff). Carry on and you will go up another pass and into a long open valley. Follow the road past the turn-off to Driehoek, through the vineyards of Dwarsrivier (about 30 kms from Algeria), past the turn-off to Sanddrif, past the turnoff to Kromrivier (the road splits, stay left), past the turnoff to Stadsaal and wind down the hill into the valley where we are based at Matjiesrivier (about 10km from Dwarsrivier). At the base of the hill, follow the road past the little house and across the bridge and you will see a turn-off on the left just before the graveyard. This is the campsite turnoff. The campsite is in the poplar trees about 100m down the track.

It is essential to fill up on the N7 just after the Citrusdal turn-off as there is no petrol/diesel available in the Cederberg.

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