

Directions to Platbos Forest

Primary Route

- On the R43 road from Stanford to Gansbaai, look out for the Grootbos turnoff on your left hand side, approximately 12km after passing Stanford.
- Turn left here (or carry on straight to follow alternate route) and travel for exactly 6km along this tar, and then gravel, road (do not turn into the actual Grootbos Estate).
- After 6km you will see a turnoff over a cattle grid on your right hand side, signed 'Platbos Forest'. Turn right onto this road.



Alternate Route

~ via Gansbaai; longer but less gravel roads ~

- On the R43 road from Stanford to Gansbaai, look out for the Grootbos turnoff on your left hand side, approximately 12km after passing Stanford. (Turning left here takes you on the primary route). Carry on straight to Gansbaai.
- Make your way straight through Gansbaai, carrying on straight towards Franskraal and Uilenkraalsmond.
- Roughly 5km outside of Gansbaai you will reach Uilenkraalsmond intersection. Turn LEFT here and follow the tar road.
- After approximately 6.5km you will come to a gravel road to your left. Turn left here.
- After about 1.6km you will see a turnoff over a cattle grid on your left hand side, signed 'Platbos Forest'. Turn left onto this road.



- Travel along it until this road forks again. Take the left hand fork – also marked with a 'Platbos' sign.
- The road then twists and turns for about 700 metres, where upon you will come to a small parking area and a white signboard on your left hand side bidding you welcome. This is where the Forest Trail starts and there is also a little Info Centre with maps and general info about the forest on your right. There is an honesty box inside for you to place your walking fee (R50/Adult & R20/Child).
- For guests staying at the Forest Accommodation, please follow the sign boards directing you to your respective accommodation. Overnighing Platbos guests can walk the forest free of charge.

PLEASE NOTE – ROAD CONDITION: Shortly after turning off the R43 at the Grootbos turnoff, the tar road becomes gravel. It is gravel all the way to the Platbos turnoff, thereafter it becomes a track. This track has water bars across it at regular intervals. These bars are there to divert storm water and prevent water erosion of the road. Low-slung cars may scrape on them, but in general, most normal cars are fine.

Camper vans / vehicles higher than 2 metres in height will need to access the Camp via an alternate route: please contact management ahead of time in this regard: info@platbos.co.za.

Please always drive very slowly along forest roads, looking out for oncoming traffic and wildlife.

Have a safe journey!