



# THE RHINO RUN



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 A 3,050KM & 30,000VM UNSUPPORTED  
 GRAVEL BIKEPACKING RACE  
 NAMIBIA TO SOUTH AFRICA



START  
WINDHOEK

Botswana

Zimbabwe

Namibia

South Africa

Lesotho

FINISH  
GRAAFF-REINET

## RHINO RUN 2026 - LOGISTICS

## R H I N O R U N L O G I S T I C S

	L O C A T I O N		L E G	T O T A L	S E R V I C E S
	Windhoek	Chausib	165	165	Lodging available with restaurant
	Chausib	Solitaire	103	268	McGregor's Bakery (daily 600-1600), Cafe Van Der Lee (daily 100-1500 and 1900-2200), lodging available
	Solitaire	Sesriem	83	351	Petrol Station,(daily 600-1800), Lodging and cheaper campsites available, Restaurant at Sossusvlei Lodge
	Sesriem	Betta / At Kronenhof L	137	488	Betta Camp on course. Kronenhof Lodge off course - add 11kms to their reception, and 11kms back.. nice lodge though.
	Betta / At Kronenhof L	Spes Bona		511	This is the turn to the infamous D707. It's sandy and a challenge. More so than any other stretch on the course. Please ensure you have what you need to make it, it wont be easy. Good luck. Many have come before you, don't be the one that ends up on the news.
	Spes Bona	Aus	206	694	Puma Servo (24 hrs - might be only the gas pumps), Campsite and Lodging available. This will be a hard leg. Please plan and prepare when leaving Betta. Carry as much water as you can.
	Aus	Rosh Pina	167	861	Spar Supermarket (Mon-Fri 800- 1900, Sat-Sun 800-1300), lodging available, Kokerboom restaurant (Mon- Thu 730 - 2100, Fri-Sat 730 - 2200, Sun 800-1400)
	Rosh Pina	Klipheuwel	65	926	Campsite. Water, showers and camping available. Wifi etc
	Klipheuwel	Aussenkehr	39	965	Spar supermarket (Mon- Fri 900-1900, Sat 900-1400, Sun 900-1300)
	Aussenkehr	Vioolsdrif	55	1020	BORDER CROSSING INTO SOUTH AFRICA . Plenty of riverside lodging on both sides of the border, Vioolsdrift Lodge - food and lodging, Wimpy Burger and Petrol Station before the border crossing (daily 6am-6pm)
	<b>YOU</b>	<b>MADE</b>	<b>IT</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>SOUTH AFRICA!</b>
	Vioolsdrif	Steinkopf	133	1153	few shops in town off course - Mini Market 2 (Mon-Sat 800-2000, Saun 800- 1800), Alfa cafe 2 (no hours),
	Steinkopf	Springbok	61	1214	Wimpy Burger (Mon - Fri 700-1600, Sat 800-1400), Springbok SuperSpar (Mon - Thu 800-1800, Fri 730-1900, Sat 730-1700, Sun 800-1300), Engen Petrol Station (24 hrs), Pro Sport & Cycling (Mon- Fri 800-1700, Sat 800-1300), lodging available
	Springbok	Kliprand	156	1370	Kliprand Agrimark, no hot food but possibly coke and crisps, only water between Loeries and Springbok (Mon - Fri 730-1230 and 1400-1700 Sat 800-1300, Sun Closed).
	Kliprand	Loeriesfontein	96	1466	Spar supermarket (Mon-Fri 730-1730, Sat 730-1300), Boesmanland Pub & Grill Loeriesfontein (Mon-Thu evenings only 1900-2400), Central Traders petrol station (daily 700-2000), lodging available
	Loeriesfontein	Calvinia	78	1544	Caltex petrol station (24hrs), Spar supermarket (Mon-Fri 700-1900, Sat 700-1730, Sun 800-1300), Can Cycle bike shop (Mon - Fri 800-1700, Sat 900-1100), Hospital, lodging available
	Calvinia	Clanwilliam	152	1696	Usave Supermarket (Mon-Fri 800-1900 Sat 800 - 1700 Sun 800-1500), Cederberg Take Away (daily 600-2200) De Kelder Pub & Grill (Mon- Sat 1100-2400) Hospital, Shell petrol station (daily 7- 2100), lodging available
	Clanwilliam	Cederberg Oasis	72	1768	Oasis! Camping, accomodation, restaurant and bar. Check opening hours with them on +27 087 550 1360 Email: info@cederbergoasis.co.za
	Cederberg Oasis	Aankoms Farm Shop	26	1794	Check opening hours - Fri Sat Sun 9am-5pm / best check this! +27 23 004 0852 - Have enjoyed coffee, food and wifi there on previous runs.
	Aankoms Farm Shop	Ceres	81	1875	SPAR supermarket (daily 700-1900), KFC (Sun-Thu 1000-2100, Fri -Sat 900-2030), Pizza World (Mon-Fri 900-2100, Sat 1100-2130), plenty of fast food options in town off course slightly, Hospital, Ceres Cycles (Mon-Fri 900-1700, Sat 800-1300) +27233123578, 24 hour petrol stations, plenty of lodging
	Ceres	Breede River	25	1900	Calabash Bush Pub - does meals and beds (no hours displayed online), plenty of lodging and guesthouses
	Breede River	Wellington	30	1930	Checkers Supermarket (daily 800-2000), KFC (Sun - Thu 600-2200, Fri-Sat 600-2300), Adventure Cycles (Mon-Fri 730-1700, Sat 830-1230) +27218737434, multiple 24 hrs petrol stations on the course, and plenty of lodging and more bike shops
	Wellington	Stellenbosch	60	1990	Major Town - end of the Desert Section! 24 hr services, McDonalds (daily 700-2000), Hungry Lion Fried Chicken (M-Sat 900-2000, closes Sun-1900), Masons Bicycle Inn (M-F 830-1700, Sat 800-1300) +27218832202, Flandria Cycles (M-F 800-1730, Sat 800-1300)+27218871533, Train Station to Cape Town, Caltex Petrol station x 2 (24hrs), Hospital, Banghoek Bikes, Ciovita (cycling apparel),
	Stellenbosch	Franschhoek	30	2020	Large Town - plenty of lodging, Total Expressmark Franschhoek petrol station (24 hrs), loads of takeaway food options, PickNPay supermarket (daily 800-1800), Checkers Supermarket (800-2000), Franschhoek Cycles (M-F 830-1730, Sat 830-1300),
	Franschhoek	Greyton	80	2100	Large Town - plenty of lodging, loads of takeaway food options, Engen Petrol Station (24hrs), Greyton Supermarket (M-Sat 700-1900, Sun 800-1800),
	Greyton	Riviersonderend	37	2137	Shell Ultra Servo (24hrs) , Crispy Chicken (24hrs), Vissery Riviersonderend Takeaway (600-2200), plenty of supermarkets. lodging
	Riviersonderend	Swellendam	75	2212	Large Town - plenty of lodging, Caltex petrol station (daily 600-2200), SuperSPAR supermarket (Sat-Thu 700-1900 Fri 700-2000), Pharmacy (M-F 800-1730, Sat 800-1230 Sun 1100-1200), Hospital
	Swellendam	Suurbrak	22	2234	
	Suurbrak	Grootvadersbosch	11.6	2245.6	Grootvaderbosch - The Moodie family farm. Rhino Run trail angels and part of the CURVE Cycling expedition family. Keith and Michelle Moodie are bike packers and run a guest house. If you are lucky enough to plan your ride to stay with them, do so. +27 82 412 5991 is her WhatsApp.

	Grootvadersbosch	Muiskraal	65	2311	Leaving the Moodie's or if straight shooting it from Sweelendam, be aware that we take the expedition route through Pakhuis Pass. This is an iconic and remote pass with the only shop being at 2311 km marker. If they are open.. and if they are not, you have a challenging section. It's only 65kms but quite a bit of climbing. Opening hours will need to be confirmed closer to the date as I was unlucky on the trip & they were closed.
	Muiskraal	Van Wyksdorp	39	2350	Die Melkstal Vanwyksdorp Takeaway (M-F 700-1700, Sat-800-1400), Twaksak Super Market (hrs?), Buffelfontein Kuns Kafee & Koffie Winkel (hrs?), Spekboom Restaurant & Bar Van Wyksdorp (W-Sat 830-2000, Sun 830-1500), some lodging and guesthouses.
	Van Wyksdorp	Rooiberg Lodge	10	2360	Rooiberg Lodge is a great option to stay if required. They have backpackers accom all the way up to luxury cabins. Great restaurant, wine selection and bar. Wifi and a swimming pool...
	Rooiberg Lodge	Calitzdorp	43	2403	Incredible Pass, Rooiberg Pass. Enjoy it. Getting to Carlitzdorp isn't a massive day but once on the top of the pass, you'll enjoy great views and a nice descent into Town. Porto Deli Takeaway (M-Sat 500-2000), SPAR (mon-Fri 800-1700, Sat 900-1700, Sun 800-1300), Caltex J S Motors (24hrs), plenty of accomm options. Large enough town
	Calitzdorp	Kruisrivier Gallery	29	2432	This is a special place. Roger Young and Phylis Midlane are two incredible humans that run this guest house and gallery. They serve food, tea and coffee and have wifi. They have been part of the Rhino Run since the beginning. Due to an accident Roger lost his leg only a few years ago. Despite this has learnt to drive and work again only recently. Do call in there if you get a chance. Special people - +27 83 318 9901
	Kruisrivier Gallery	Oudtshoorn	48	2480	Massive town, you'll find everything here. KFC (daily 600-2000), PickNPay (daily 700-1800), Checkers (daily 800-2000), Wimpy Burger (M-Thu 700-1800, Fri-Sat 700-1900, Sun 800-1700), Cycle Addict Oudtshoorn bike shop (Tues-Thu 800-1700, Sat 830-1230)+27829775288, TotalEnergies Oudtshoorn (24hrs), Engen Klein Karoo (24hrs), plenty of accomm, Hospital
	Oudtshoorn	Royal Herold	44	2524	Small shop. Nice friendly people. Mostly Afrikaans speaking. Lots of drinks and snacks. Opening hours can vary.
	Herold	Montagu Pass (top of	6	2530	Easy climb, the descent however IS NOT. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL HERE. Not all of the pass is rideable dust to heavy erosion over many years of freak rainfall in 2023 2024. I have personally climbed (both sides) and descended (both sides) this year and every year prior to ensure it is manageable. You will need to walk a few sections. Please don't try and ride it all, it could end your ride. Take care on this section. Rhino
	Montagu	George	15	2545	Huge town. On the turnoff there is a mug and bean, gas station that will serve anything your heart desires! Major Town - plenty of accomm and resupply options, including major supermarkets. Eden Caltex (24hrs), Engen George Eco Stop (24hrs - on the way out of town) McDonalds (daily 700-2000) PickNPay (daily 700-2000), Ride Life bike shop (M-F 800-1700, Sat 9-1300) +27 44 873 5258, Willie Marx Cycles (M-Tue 900-1630, W-F 830-1630, Sat 830-1230) +27 44 874 6470, plus many other bike shops, Hospital
	George	Karatara	54	2589	Small town - some shops available. Check if you want to plan this as a stop. I don't often stop here
	Karatara	Knysna	35	2624	Massive town. Everything from bike shops to restaurants to Hotels. Enjoy that ocean view!
	Knysna	Avontuur	76	2700	Stayed here Oct Nov 2025 during the Nedbank Gravel Burn. Lovely town. Plenty to choose from.
	Avontuur	Uniondale	10	2710	Another town from The Burn. Smaller with some food and accommodation options.
	Uniondale	Willowmore	97	2807	Medium sized town - plenty of accom and food. Check opening hours
	Willowmore	Steytlerville	87	2894	Medium sized town - plenty of accom and food. Check opening hours
	Steytlerville	Klipplaat	58	2952	Tiny Town - research
	Klipplaat	Jansenville	32	2984	Tiny Town - research
	Jansenville	Graaff-Reinet	76	3070	You did it. Welkom to the historic Town of Graaff-Reinet!! Everything you could possibly want it here, including some incredible history, and culture. Welcome to the finish!