

Road Bike and MTB Routes just around town

17.6Km Gamka Wes: Tar Road

Starting at the Tourism Office turn left into Van Riebeeck and then right into Queen St. Follow Queen St till the end and turn Right. Follow the road around the hill and then proceed straight passing De Krans Wines on the left. Cycle across the Gamka river and continue all the way to the end of the tar road at the 8.8Km mark. Turn around and cycle back on the same route.

43.4km Calitzdorp Spa: Tar Road

Starting at the Tourism Office turn left into Van Riebeeck and then right into Queen St. Follow Queen St till the large intersection at the end and turn Right. Follow the road around the hill and then turn left into Station Rd, continue till the T Junction, and turn right on the "cement road" and continue for 13.2km. Turn right and travel for 6.2km to the entrance to the Calitzdorp Spa. Turn around here and travel back to Calitzdorp the same way.



Gamka Valley

Routes for MTB's - Intermediate NO CELL COVERAGE while in mountains

23Km Calitzdorp Dam Route: MTB or Gravel Bikes

Start at the Tourism Office and turn left into Andries Pretorius St and then right into Voortrekker St and first left into Calitz St, just before the cemetery. Continue out on this road and keep right once you pass the large dead tree. Cycle past the Calitzdorp Dam and then on to Kraaldoom Gallery. Turn around and return to town on the same route.

38km Groenfontein Route:

Same as 23km route but keep going when you get to Kraaldoom and proceed to Groenfontein Guest Farm. Turn around and return to town on the same route.

60km Kruisrivier Route: MTB or Gravel Bikes – only for fit riders as some good long climbs

Option 1: Same as 38km route but keep going when you get to Groenfontein Guest Farm. Continue up the two long climbs and then down the fast decent to Kruisrivier where you can stop at Roger Young Art Gallery for some refreshments. Return to Calitzdorp the same route.

Option 2: Same as Option 1 but then continue for 16km passing the stunning Red Stone Hills and then turn right on the R62 back to Calitzdorp. The R62 shoulder is very wide so you can stay out of the traffic way. Enter Calitzdorp and travel down Voortrekker and turn left at the Spar shop and back to Tourism Office.

Calitzdorp Road Bike and MTB Routes in the area



Routes for MTB's – Very fit riders
NO CELL COVERAGE while in mountains

110km Groenfontein, Lategansvlei, De Hoop

Start at the Tourism Office and turn left into Andries Pretorius St and then right into Voortrekker St and first left into Calitz St, just before the cemetery. Continue out on this road and keep right once you pass the large dead tree. Continue past the Calitzdorp Dam and then on to Kruisrivier. As you get to Kruisrivier turn left towards Cango Caves. Proceed up the two climbs and you will find the Swartberg Nature Reserve on your left. After 7 km from Kruisrivier turn right to Lategansvlei. Proceed down this section with cautions as it is fast, and road is rough in places.

At the 61km mark turn right and after 100m turn left and proceed on towards the R62. Cross over the R62 and go down into the village of De Hoop and at the T junction turn right and follow the cement road for 38.7km all the way back to Calitzdorp.

NOTE: There are no places to purchase any type of refreshment once you pass Kruisrivier (Roger Young Art Gallery)



Groenfontein

PASSES

48km Rooiberg Pass – Fit riders, pass can be in bad condition

Follow the Gamka Wes route but continue straight when the tar ends. At the 12km mark keep straight on towards Van Wyksdorp. At the 15km mark there is a cattle grid marking the entrance to the Groenfontein Nature Reserve. Proceed on up the pass and at the summit you can turn around and return on the same route. Take Care as the road may not be in a good condition.

30km Swartberg Pass – Fit riders

Start at Kobus se Gat restaurant at the foot of the pass on the Oudtshoorn side. Cycle up and over and then down all the switch backs towards Prince Albert. This is best suited for a one-way ride or just up to summit and back to Kobus se Gat or start in Prince Albert and summit from that side.



Swartberg Pass



Seweweekspoort

POORTS

40km Seweweekspoort – Flat and easy

Travel by car to Amalienstein on the R62 from Calitzdorp. Turn right onto the R323 and start the cycle from there. Best to have someone to drive vehicle as no safe place to leave vehicle while you cycle. Cycle through the Poort and when you exit on the far end either turn and cycle back or be collected by someone in vehicle. Many picnic spots where you can stop.

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Calitzdorp is also part of the Cape Cycle Routes and we are stop overs for the Cape Crossing as well as Karoo Crossing routes.

Calitzdorp is also the last check point for the 36One MTB Challenge. And the routes out past dam to Lategansvlei as well as the Rooiberg are part of the route for this event so come and do your training here.

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There are many other long rides that you can do from Calitzdorp. Example Calitzdorp to George via De Hoop, Mount Hope, Heimansrivier, Herold and down the Montague Pass to George (about 110km)