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Gamtoos

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Patensie is the last stop before entering the Baviaanskloof Wilderness area. Guarded by the majestic **Cockscomb** mountain, this little town's activities revolve around the **Citrus Industry**. It has become a very popular tourist destination with many B&B's and self-catering establishments, as well as fuel stops, banks and shops to choose from. **Tourist Information** can be obtained at the **Tolbos Country Shop & Tea Garden**. Visit the impressive **Kouga Dam** built in 1967 - the first double-arched dam engineered in South Africa. Along the way, look out for the unique rock formations - you may even be surprised to see **Queen Victoria's Profile**.

The **Baviaanskloof (Valley of Baboons)** is nestled between the Baviaanskloof mountain range in the north and the Kouga mountain range in the south. This 192 000Ha conservation area, a World Heritage Site, is home to an amazing diversity of habitat types and species. From forest yellowwoods to karoo bossies, thicket spekboom to fynbos proteas, the Kloof is a nature lover's paradise. Numerous campsites and lodges, hiking and 4x4 trails are a must see and keep a look out for the San Art which adorns the pristine cliffs. The Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve Project, an exciting Eastern Cape Government and Wilderness Foundation initiative, is attempting to align and facilitate the conservation of the region's bio-diversity and natural resources, with the agricultural and rural development needs.

Bergvenster, also known as the window in the mountain is a well-known "besienswaardigheid" in the Gamtoos Valley. Take a quick hike up the mountain for panoramic views of the Gamtoos Valley. Suitable for children of 6 years and older and adults of moderate fitness.

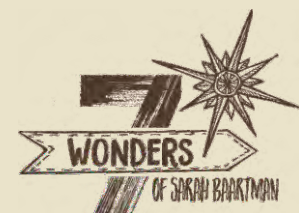
The **Philip Tunnel**, a provincial heritage site was the first ever tunnel scheme in South Africa and the second irrigation scheme on the Gamtoos River. It was carried out by William Philip, the son of Dr John Philip. His inspiration was the window in the hill between Backhousehoek and Vensterhoek and was dug using picks and shovels. The tunnel is 228 meters long, construction was very slow - about 1 to 2 feet per day. It was started in April 1843 and completed in August 1844. It was in use from April 1845 to 1970.

The **Gamtoos River Valley** lies adjacent to the world famous Garden Route, approximately 75km from the coastal city of Port Elizabeth, and is easily accessible from the **N2 Highway**. There are many other attractions close by such as:

Jeffreys Bay - Surfing mecca
Cape St. Francis - Penguin rehabilitation facility
St. Francis Bay - Famous canal system
Van Stadens Wild Flower Reserve
Game Reserves - Some with Big Five viewing
Addo Elephant National Park and Tsitsikamma

The valley boasts a warm, pleasant climate all year round and is free of tropical diseases, such as malaria.

The **Gamtoos River Valley** is a vibrant mix of nature, agriculture and cultural influences with plenty to see and explore along this diverse route. Citrus fruit grown in the area is the main form of export and other crops include potatoes, vegetables, tobacco and even avocados. **Loerie** hosts the Naartjie Festival during the month of September. **Hankey**, the oldest town in the Valley is home to the largest **Sun Dial** in Africa (36.4m in diameter). This area was also home to South Africa's first inhabitants, the Khoi and Mfengu people, centuries ago. Ironically, it was only in 2002 that the remains of **Sarah Bartmann**, a Khoi-San woman, were laid to rest upon a hill outside the town (*L-Sarah Bartmann*). She finally returned to her homeland in death after spending a tragic and lonely life as an "object of display" in Europe during the 18th/19th centuries. The most magnificent views of the Gamtoos floodplain can be seen from the **Toposcope** in Hankey. Golfers will also be keen to putt on the well kept greens of the 9-hole **Hankey Golf Course**.



USEFUL DISTANCES

Patensie to Kouga Dam	32km - 30 Mins
Patensie to Komdomo	28km - 30 Mins
Patensie to Cambria	45km - 45 Mins
Patensie to Doodsklip	62km - 1½ to 2 Hrs
Patensie to Geelhoutbos	89km - 3½ Hours
Patensie to Willowmore	197km - 5½ to 6 Hrs



Nine hole golf course at Hankey



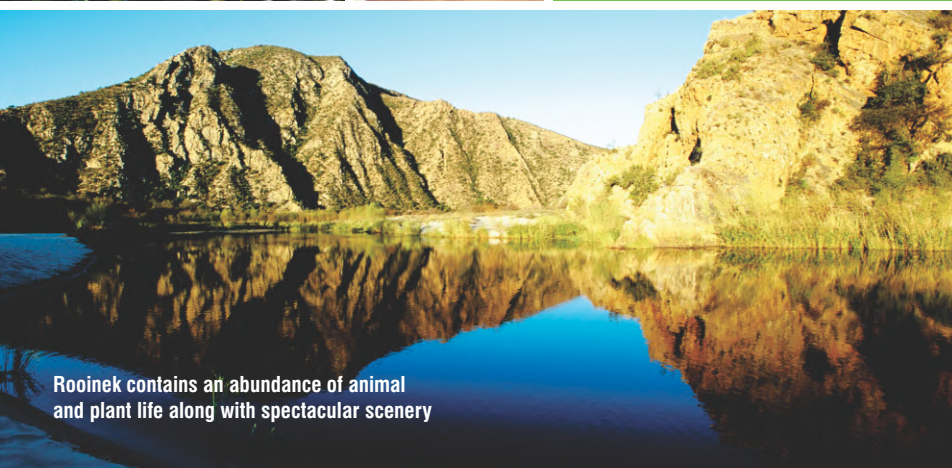
Camping in the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve



The indigenous freshwater redfin minnow is a threatened species.



Cycling throughout the Gamtoos/Baviaans is ideal for nature lovers



Rooinnek contains an abundance of animal and plant life along with spectacular scenery

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