

NOTICE FOR NATURES VALLEY VISITORS



BABOON WARNING

Baboons are endemic to this area and often leave the forest to enter residential areas. The main attraction is naturally food so your co-operation in controlling them will be much appreciated by adhering to the following simple rules.

IF THEY DO MANAGE TO ENTER YOUR HOUSE THEY WILL CAUSE DESTRUCTION AND CHAOS.

Do Not:

- Put out food for baboons.
- Leave fruit or vegetable peelings outside – food left for birds will also attract baboons and monkeys.
- Leave rubbish bags containing food scraps or even recyclable material outside as they will open them to see what's in them.
- Display fruit or food which they can see through the windows.

Always:

- Close doors and windows not protected by baboon-proof bars or screens, when you leave the house.
- Lock doors as they know how to use door handles.
- Keep your dogs away from them, they could be attacked.

Avoid:

- Approaching them, especially young ones.
- Cornering them inside the house – stand back and allow them to exit of their own accord as baboons become extremely aggressive when cornered.

To Chase Them Away:

- Shout and wave your arms at them – this works better with men than women.
- Bang pots and pans together
- Shoot in their direction with a catapult without trying to hit them, they usually leave when they see the catapult.
- Spray them with water.

If Threatened or in an emergency situation call:

ADT – Patrol Vehicle : 083 290 9085
NV Superintendent : 044 531 6757
For more info NVRA : 044 531 6699

DOMESTIC WASTE AND RECYCLABLES

Storage on Property

Rubbish and recycle material should be kept in baboon-proof bins or containers when kept outside.

Collection of Domestic Waste

Rubbish is collected from the pavement on Fridays out of season and on Tuesdays and Fridays in season, after 0800. **Collection days are displayed on notices around NV. Rubbish must be placed in plastic bags in the wheelie bin provided.**

Recyclable Materials

Recyclables, (paper, cardboard, plastic, glass) are only collected from the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) in Forest Drive. Kindly deposit such items into any one of the plastic bins provided. Bottles must be dropped in the bottle container at the same site. Recycle bags are available at the NVRA Office.

Plastic bags, containers, sweet papers and bottles on beach

In view of the many seabirds and animals which are exposed to an unpleasant death from being strangled or swallowing plastic items you are kindly requested to take home or place any such items in the bins provided. Your small contribution can help to preserve our beautiful beach and sea-life.

On Leaving Natures Valley

Never leave rubbish bags on the pavement for collection other than on collection days. Take bags to the Waste Transfer Site (WTS), at the end of Forest Drive and place them in the building through the sliding door on the side.

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE RUBBISH BAGS OR BOTTLES ON THE GROUND OUTSIDE THE WTS BUILDINGS OR CONTAINERS AS THE BABOONS WILL TRASH THEM.

DOG RULES

In Natures Valley, which is part of Bitou Municipality, the Bitou by-laws apply to the control of dogs. Please note that these rules were not created by the NVRA and transgression can lead to legal prosecution by the Municipality.

The following rules apply:

Dogs, when not in an enclosed property, must be kept on a lead at all times.

They can be walked in the street at any time but only before 09:00 or after 16:00 on the beach.

Dog faeces must be picked up and placed in a plastic bag which can be dropped in one of the many trash bins around the valley.

Free-roaming dogs may be picked up and impounded by municipal officials and should they be found in the Tsitsikama forest areas rangers are permitted to shoot them, even when on a lead.

Dog Poop Bags

As a courtesy, the NVRA places suitable plastic bags at all the beach entrances, in Phyl Martin Park and in boxes at the lagoon. However, it is not guaranteed these will always be available so preferably carry a bag with you.