

Huisrivier Pass

Situated between Calitzdorp and Zoar/Ladismith. From Calitzdorp to Ladismith it is but a 50km scenic drive, taking around 30- 40minutes (one way). On route pass Zoar and Amilienstein. Breathtaking and well worth the drive. [More Information on the Pass](#)



Rooiberg Pass

Situated between Calitzdorp and van Wyksdorp. From Calitzdorp to van Wyksdorp is a around a 50km drive, but taking around 70-90 minutes one way. En-route marvel at the flora and fauna, as you pass through this bio-diversity hotspot. This a more rugged route, with gravel roads as you start your climb. Worth the drive, and stop in van Wyksdorp. *(Please note there is no fuel in van Wyksdorp, so fill up before you go).* [More information on the pass](#)



Seweweekspoort

Situated 20km from Ladismith, this is a 17km stretch of gravel road running through the Swartberg Mountains, linking the Little and the Great Karoo, with easy gradients, river crossings and incredible geology. It falls entirely under the control of Cape Nature Conservation and more specifically the Swartberg Nature Reserve and is also a certified Unesco World Heritage Site. Time required with a turn around and return to Calitzdorp is around is around 3.5 Hours. [More information on the pass](#)



Bosluiskloof

Another glorious gravel and relatively rugged pass, dating back to 1862. The road is named after the many fossilised ticks found in the rocks when the road was built. The main road between Laingsburg and Prince Albert up till the late 1960's when the Gamkakloof Dam was constructed in its path, making this road a dead end (*so you have to turn around and return*). Reached from Calitzdorp via Ladismith and Seweweekspoort, the route will take some time (*plan around 5 hours there and back to Calitzdorp*). [More information on the pass](#)



Swartberg Pass

The *Swartberg Pass* is regarded by many as the icon of gravel road passes. Once again a link between the Little and Great Karoo (Prince Albert), and the gateway to Gamkaskloof, this "Thomas Baine" pass is a must see and do, with dramatically changing scenery and rock formation. You don't have to go all the way to Prince Albert, and can still get the magnificence of the pass by turning around at the summit.

Your time frame may vary, but allow 60 minutes from Calitzdorp, along the Groenfontein Road to the foot of the pass, and then around 40 minutes to the summit. Your descent into Prince Albert is another 40 minutes, so all in all with a return trip to Calitzdorp you are looking at around 2H30 Minutes driving time. [More information on the pass](#)



Robinson Pass

From Calitzdorp, take the day out and enjoy the mild waters of the Indian Ocean in Mosselbay. A stunning modern tarred pass with gorgeous views of the Outeniqua mountains. Travel via Volmoed and join in with the Oudshoorn - Mossel;bay road (R328). Time from Calitzdorp to Mosselbay is 1H30 minutes. [More information on the pass.](#)



Calitzdorp Museum

The [Calitzdorp Museum](#) occupies what was once the Standard Bank building. This museum, situated in Van Riebeeck Street, is about showcasing the cultural history of the region and its immediate surrounds. It explores the life, implements, people and natural treasures of Calitzdorp and the Klein Karoo, extending back generations. The exhibit is varied and comprehensive, and ranges from old photographs to local artefacts. The Calitzdorp Museum is run by volunteers who share a love for the local heritage and natural abundance, and want others to enjoy this passion.

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Galleries

Gallery R62



The gallery is situated in an old shop dating back to the 2nd half of the 19th century. The splayed corner indicates that there once must have been a road running down in the direction of the river. The verandah supported by boiler tubing uprights, is of the type that became fashionable in 1860. During the Calitzdorp District Races of 1880 and 1885 the shop was also used as a tote office and meeting place of enthusiasts of horse-racing. The last shopkeepers were members of the well-known Katz family. The gallery focuses on a selection of established local artists whose work expresses their passion for the Karoo in photography, acrylics, oils or ceramics.

Penny Rudder :0828714611

Gallery Hours : Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 16:00

Kraaldorp Studio and Gallery

The Kraaldorp Gallery owned by Albie and Clementina van der Walt, is situated on the scenic Groenfontein Road just outside Calitzdorp (11km). Although the gallery does not have regular business hours, there are regular exhibitions. Clementina and Albie can be contacted by email at clementina@mweb.co.za, or via "whatsapp" on 0829250871 as there is no cell reception in the area.

[View artwork by Clementina](#)

Marinda Combrinck Studio and Gallery



Marinda is a well established artist and her gallery houses her art work. Situated at 33 Andries Pretorius Street (Opposite the NG Church), the gallery has an awesome display of her work.

Mobile: 079 968 1588

Gallery Hours : Monday - Saturday: 8:00 - 17:30, Sunday: 9:00 - 15:00

[View art on Facebook](#)

Oude Postkantoor



Situated on the scenic Groenfontein Road, 14.5km from Calitzdorp, in what was once a district post office, the Oude Postkantoor houses a wide variety of local and other South African art. Also a coffee shop serving light meals and refreshments. Only open on weekends.

Mobile :Mike 0832854751

Saturdays 10:00 to 16:00

Sundays 10:00 to 16:00

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Marcia's Studio



Situated on the scenic Groenfontein Road, 11,5km from Calitzdorp, in a converted barn, the studio offers a glimpse into the world of a set designer and builder, turned artist. Open Thursday - Tuesday from 10:00 - 17:00.

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Derek McKenzie Photo Studio and Gallery

Situated in Calitzdorp in Geyser Str, oppsite the museum in the old town post office. Derek is not always at hand as he is out taking photos for his next amazing work. His work can be viewed on his website at <http://www.derekmckenzie.co.za>.

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Roger Young - Kruisrivier

The gallery and Roger's workshop are in a renovated old school building. He exhibits photography of great sensitivity, depth and artistry. His images mostly portray the Klein Karoo and the local people. Roger has a wide range of magnificent photographs in Black & White and Colour on sale and has produced his own range of postcards reflecting the Klein Karoo. Chat to Roger and share his photographic insight and tremendous sensitivity to people, situations and the environment.

In his studio on the premises, he makes commissioned handcrafted pieces of furniture, using old techniques and solid hardwood. A few of these heirloom type pieces are displayed in the Gallery.

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Architecture

Calitzdorp is full of historical buildings. Do yourself a favour, and walk through the village to appreciate some of these gems. These buildings are not however restricted to the village, and many others can be seen on the outskirts of town (e.g Groenfontein, Kruisrivier, Wesoewer Rd, and St Helena).

Herewith a down-loadable brochure to guide you through the village on one of 2 walks. These are relatively short, depending on much time you spend at each building. If you require any additional information, you can contact the Museum, or the Tourism Office. Enjoy! [Walk the History on Foot](#)

