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Stutterheim – Cathcart - Nico Malan Pass

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Exit the monument and head east on the N2 for King Williams Town 123km away. En route you will cross the Great Fish River at S33 14.266 E26 59.698 and find the Old Peddie Barracks at S33 11.735 E27 07.487.

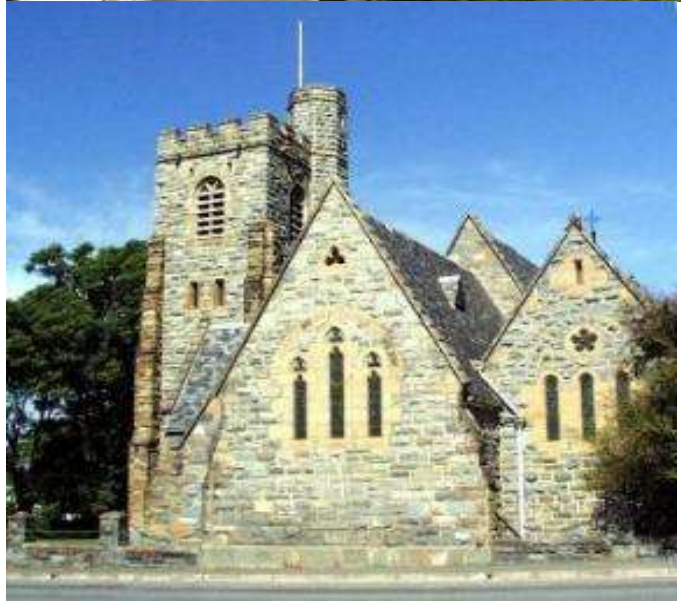


Considered one of the most interesting towns to visit in the region, along with Grahamstown, King Williams Town began its life on the banks of the Buffalo River as a mission station in 1834.

About 50km west of East London, King William's Town is renowned for its beautiful stone buildings, many of which date back to the Frontier wars.

King Williams Town also has a number of interesting museums - one of which houses the body of Huberta the hippo who walked some 1500 kilometres across KwaZulu Natal to the Eastern Cape in the early 1900's and the Amathole Museum, which has the biggest collection of mammals in Africa.

Exit King Williams Town going north onto the R346 to Stutterheim.



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Nestled at the feet of the eastern slopes of the Kologha Mountains, the little town of Stutterheim



is on the N6 to East London, is easy to reach, and is situated in one of the most naturally beautiful parts of the country. The area has a fair amount of annual rain, and as such, has a flourishing forestry industry that includes large plantations of pine, gum and wattle. Add to this the surrounding dams, hills and indigenous forests and it is easy to see why Stutterheim would appeal to hikers, bikers, birders and campers for whom escaping it all is important.



Originally established as a missionary station in 1837, Stutterheim today has achieved acclaim for its community building and development, and the Stutterheim Miracle - the successful reconciliation process of a small town - is internationally regarded. The Stutterheim Development Foundation, the organization behind the accomplishment, frequently presents the model as a case study to many parts of the world.

Other than the peace and quiet of the town, the incredible trout and bass fishing and the hikes and walks, you can also visit the Mgwali Village or call in at the Stutterheim Engine Museum, which houses a wide collection of steam engines from days gone by. The museum is thought to have one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of restored stationary engines, all in mint running condition, in the world.



The town is named for Baron Richard Carl Gustav Ludwig Wilhelm Julius von Stutterheim, who became a Major-General in the British Army as the head of the British German Legion and spent eight months in South Africa before returning to Germany.

Continuing north on the N6 for 48km will find you in Cathcart.

The little town of Cathcart, set in the foothills of the Amatola is named after George Cathcart, governor of the Cape during the mid 1850s.

The original railway workers' cottages were made available to ex-Kenyans during the Mau Mau uprisings in the 1950's, hence the name, 'Kenya Corner'. These picturesque and unique corrugated-

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iron structures are still rented out.



The Powder Magazine from the 9th Frontier War is in the main street. S32 17.734 E27 08.491

The Kenyan cottages in the street behind.



Exit Cathcart down the R351 to Fort Beaufort via the Nico Malan Pass. Approximately 13km before Fort Beaufort, stop over at Baddaford Farm Stall for refreshments. Continue to Fort Beaufort.

Lying in the heart of the citrus farming Katriver Valley and about 85km from Grahamstown, Fort Beaufort is a little historical town that dates back to 1822, when a frontier post was established here by the British, who occupied the town until 1870 during a period of struggle for possession between colonists, supported by the British, and the Xhosa.



Fort Beaufort also boasts a number of historical sites worth visiting, including the Martello tower, today a

national monument, on which sits a mounted cannon that pivots through 360° and is considered one of two in the world - the other is in Canada.

This Martello Tower has been skillfully restored to its original condition, and is one of only two Martellos in South Africa. The other is located in Simonstown. Fort Beaufort's Martello is unique in that it is the only one of its kind in the world, which is not situated along the coast.

Return to Grahamstown on the R67 via Ecça Pass.

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