

CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Coot Club

STANFORD, SOUTH AFRICA



General Information

CLASSIFICATION

CLASSIC: Open all year. Annual closure from 1 – 22 June 2026

LAND RELATIONSHIP

465ha private conservation area under joint management with BirdLife SA.

OVERVIEW

Nestled between Hermanus and Gansbaai along the renowned Whale Coast, Coot Club is situated on the southern bank of the Klein River Lagoon. This lagoon is recognized as one of South Africa's vital estuaries, flourishing with diverse birdlife and native plant species. Additionally, Coot Club has access to pristine beaches within the Walker Bay Conservancy.

IMPACT OF YOUR STAY

LOW | **MEDIUM** | HIGH | VERY HIGH

Coot Club is dedicated to conserving its environment, with guest stays and levies supporting the protection of the fragile ecosystem, including the Walker Bay Nature Conservancy. The founders and shareholders aim to safeguard biodiversity and enhance sustainable economic potential for the community. Each guest pays a daily Conservation Levy.

ACCESS

DRIVE: Cape Town International Airport – 2-hour drive. Self-drive recommended. 40-minutes from Hermanus. Airport transfers (extra cost) can be arranged.

BOATHOUSES & LEEWARDS

Port – 3 x three-bedroom boathouses.
Stern – 1 x two-bedroom boathouse.
Lawns – 1 x three-bedroom house with loft.

Starboard – 1 x two-bedroom boathouse.
Leeward – 4 x one-bedroom cottages (2 x large & 2 x suites).

CHILDREN

All ages welcome.
Childminding services are available at an additional cost and must be pre-booked.
Exceptional family destination with beach, water, and lawns activities, as well as access to the Clubhouse with additional indoor play area.

HEALTH

Malaria free. No vaccinations required. On-site first aid.
Very good pharmacy, doctors and other specialists in Hermanus.

Need to know

OPERATING SEASON	Annual closure: 1 – 22 June 2026	GYM / KEEP FIT	The lawns, pool, lagoon and beach are your outdoor gyms.
ELECTRICITY	220V Mains with generator back-up.	SPA / MASSAGE	Massage and reflexology. Booked in advance – in-room.
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Wi-Fi in all accommodation and main areas. Strong mobile signal.	FOOD & WINE	Breakfast and dinner included, extra meals at Clubhouse. No Halaal / No Kosher.
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	From 15:00 Until 10:30	GUIDE & DAY ROOM	1 room – guide room overnight, day room for late check-out.
CREDIT CARDS	Yes – excl. American Express	OTHER FACILITIES	Clubhouse & 2 swimming pools, woodfired hot tubs, private jetty, children's play area. Meals under the milkwood trees. Small curio rack.
SECURITY	Full security across whole property.	ACTIVITIES	Motorized water sports, quad bikes, beach visits, whale watching, hikes, fat bikes, kayaks, SUPs, yoga, archery, horse riding.

Weather

Moderate climate with most of the year seeing comfortable temperatures and weather conditions. This creates a fantastic opportunity for outdoor exploration. Winter brings short spells of rain and wind.

JANUARY – MARCH

17 – 28 °C | 62 – 82 °F
South Africa's summer and the hottest months of the year. The long sunny days are perfect for this outdoor paradise and rain is not common.

JULY – SEPTEMBER

11 – 20 °C | 52 – 68 °F
Whale season has more rain and wind arrive, with scattered warm winter days in-between. This is peak whale watching season with birthing in Walker Bay.

APRIL – JUNE

13 – 27 °C | 59 – 81 °F
Autumn sees slightly shorter days with the temperatures dropping a little. May and June may see some rain, but overall, the weather remains pleasant.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

13 – 25 °C | 55 – 77 °F
The days begin to lengthen as summer approaches. The temperatures rise and the rain and wind dissipate – but be prepared for local rain showers.

CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse is the heart of the Coot Club experience and where guests meet, and meals are served.

CHILDREN ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

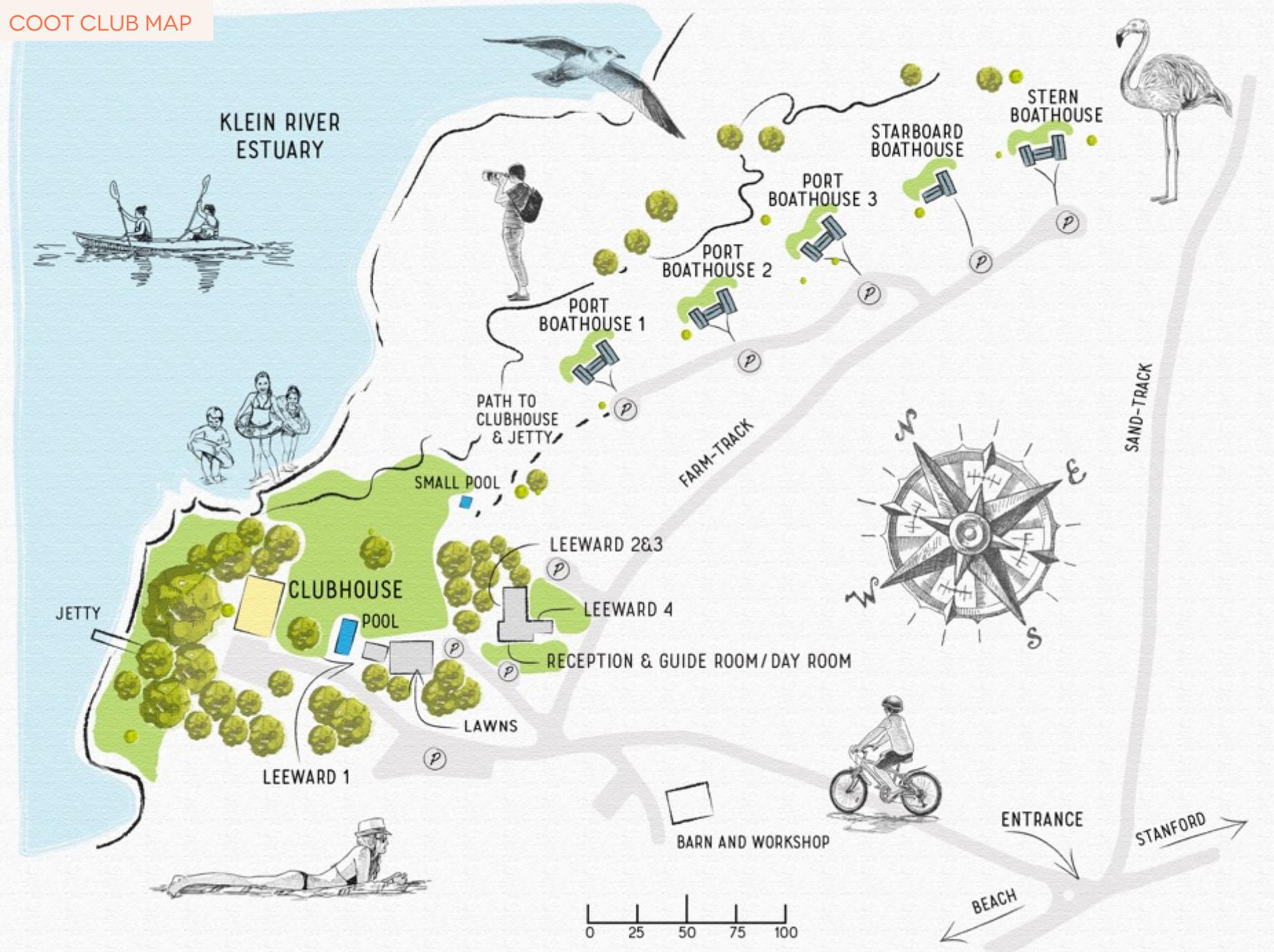
FACILITIES

- Restaurant (wheelchair friendly – entry level only)
- Restaurant bar
- Flamingo cocktail bar
- Kids indoors play area
- Pizza area under the milkwood trees
- Outdoor shaded dining areas
- Jetty for the launch of water sports

MEALS

- Full breakfast and dinner (included in rate) served daily
- Fixed 2-course dinner menu – shared family style
- A la carte seasonal lunch menu
- Full bar service
- Light snacks available during the day

COOT CLUB MAP



BOATHOUSES

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# BOAT HOUSES	3 x Port (rate 1-4 adults) 1 x Stern (rate 1-4 adults) 1 x Starboard (rate 1-2 adults)	TOTAL CAPACITY	Max 26 adults across all boathouses. 9 x Main rooms, 4 x twin rooms
EXTRA BEDS	✓	KITCHEN	✓ Stocked drinks fridge
TWIN BEDS	✓ All rooms	POOL	✓ Hot tub & 2 communal pools. Fenced. Unheated.
BATHROOM	Mains – En-suite Twin – Private	AIR CON	✓ in bedrooms
SHOWER	✓ Indoor & at least 1 Outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓ One bathroom in Stern	MOZZIE NET	✗ Malaria free
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Additional cost
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED ACCESS	✓

BOATHOUSES DESCRIPTIONS

STARBOARD X 1 Right wing: Main en-suite plus twin room private bathroom. Max 4 adults. Lagoon facing.

STERN X 1 Left wing: Large en-suite. Right wing: Large en-suite. Max 4 adults. Lagoon facing.

PORT X 3 Left wing: Large en-suite. Right wing: smaller en-suite, twin room with private bathroom. Max 6 adults per Boathouse. Lagoon facing.

LAWNS

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# LAWNS	1 x Lawns (rate 1-6 guests)	TOTAL CAPACITY	6 adults: Main rooms 4 children: Loft
EXTRA BEDS	✓ x 4 In loft	KITCHEN	✓ Stocked drinks fridge
TWIN BEDS	✓ All rooms	POOL	✓ Hot tub & 2 communal pools. Fenced. Unheated.
BATHROOM	Mains – En-suite; Loft – Downstairs	AIR CON	✗ (coming summer '26)
SHOWER	✓ 2 Indoor & 2 outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓ 1 indoor, 1 outdoor	MOZZIE NET	✗ Malaria free
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Additional cost
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED ACCESS	✓ Bottom floor

LAWNS DESCRIPTION

LAWNS X 1 Large three-bedroom stone house designed for families or groups, sleeping up to six adults and four children. The home features two main rooms with en-suite bathrooms, an extra room with a private bathroom a loft dorm area with bunk beds sleeping 4 children, and generous living spaces.

Outdoor highlights include a large veranda, upper deck with mountain and lagoon views, plus a BBQ area, fire pit, and wood-fired KolKol hot tub.

LEEWARDS

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# LEEWARDS	2 x Suites 2 x Large (rate 1-2 adults)	TOTAL CAPACITY	8 adults: Main rooms 2 children: 1 x daybed in Large
EXTRA BEDS	✓ In Large	KITCHEN	✓ Stocked drinks fridge
TWIN BEDS	✓ All rooms excl. leeward 2	POOL	✓ Hot tub & 2 communal pools. Fenced. Unheated.
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✗ (coming summer '26)
SHOWER	✓ Indoor & outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓ 1 x suite	MOZZIE NET	✗ Malaria free
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Additional cost
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED ACCESS	✓ Leeward 3

LEEWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

LARGE X 2 Spacious one-bedroom accommodation for couples or small families, sleeping up to two adults and one child. Each features an en-suite bedroom, a living area with a sleeper couch for a child, and private outdoor spaces. Large 2 – in Milkwood forest. Large 3 – mountain view.

SUITE X 2 Cosy one-bedroom cottages designed for couples. Each suite features an en-suite bedroom, a veranda overlooking the fynbos gardens, and private outdoor spaces. Suite 1 – lagoon and mountain view. Suite 4 – mountain view.



LEEWARD SUITE



LAWNS



BOATHOUSE INTERIOR



LEEWARD LARGE



STERN BOATHOUSE



STERN BOATHOUSE

Activities & Experiences

Included in rate:
 Morning Fynbos walks – guided
 Morning group yoga on the deck
 Lawn games, archery range, hiking & cycling trails,
 fat biking (adult & kids bikes available).
 Viewing camera trap footage

LAND BASED (Some activities at extra cost)

Extra charge:
 Guided beach visit to Walker Bay (4x4 drive) which includes dune sandboarding and shore-based whale watching in season.
 Guided quad bike adventure – subject to weather and availability
 Horse riding – available through a third party
 In-room massage and reflexology

Included in rate:
 Kayaking & SUP'ing

LAGOON BASED (Some activities at extra cost)

Extra charge:
 Motorised water-sports: wake-boarding, water-skiing, tubing, knee-boarding.
 Suitable for adults and kids.

Whale watching by boat safari from Gansbaai.
 Available year round: Bryde's whales
 Peak Season (July – Nov): Southern Right migration and breeding & Humpback whales

OCEAN BASED (Extra charge)

WINE TASTING IN THE AREA

Overberg region past Stanford and world-renowned Hemel-en-Aarde Valley in Hermanus.
 Self-drive or 3rd party tours.

SURROUNDING VILLAGES

Close proximity to Stanford, Hermanus, Gansbaai.
 Day trip possible to Tip of Africa / Cape Agulhas.

DEDICATED ACTIVITIES TEAM

Activity guides on hand to plan itineraries and book adventures.



KAYAKING



SANDBOARDING

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
HUMPBACK WHALES	✓			
SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES	✓			
BRYDE'S WHALES	✓			
COMMON DOLPHINS	✓			
HUMPBACK DOLPHINS			✓	
CAPE CLAWLESS OTTER			✓	
BUSHBUCK			✓	
DUIKER			✓	
GRYSBOK			✓	
STEENBOK			✓	
CARACAL	✓			
LEOPARD			✓	
PORCUPINE		✓		
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	The Klein River Lagoon is home to over 120 species of birds, including the Blue Crane (National Bird), Flamingo, African Fish Eagle and many other waders and migrants.			
OTHER	Access to Marine Big 5 trips, and a few special land animals to spot. Combines perfectly with a Big 5 safari.			

Location & Access Map

Driving Access



----- DRIVING TIME TO COOT CLUB

- STANFORD: 15 minutes
- HERMANUS: 40 minutes
- CAPE TOWN AIRPORT: 2 hours (traffic dependent)
- CAPE AGULHAS: 1 hour 20 minutes
- CAPE TOWN: 2.5 hours (traffic dependent)
- FRANSCHHOEK: 2 hours



VOLLEYBALL ON THE LAWN



LEEWARD SUITE



COOT CLUB



DINE UNDER THE MILKWOODS



FUN ON THE LAGOON



CLUBHOUSE

COOT CLUB

BOATHOUSES,
LAWNS &
LEEWARDS

CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	MEDIUM
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	ALL AGES
FAMILY ROOMS	✓
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	✗
HONEYMOON OFFER	✓
LAND SAFARI	✗
WATER SAFARI	✓
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	WHALE WATCHING, SUP'ING, KAYAKING
GET INVOLVED - CONSERVATION	✗
GET INVOLVED - COMMUNITIES	✗
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	ON REQUEST

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- **Transferability:** What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- **Removability:** What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- **Responsibility:** To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- **Fragility:** How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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