

# How does a prime tourist attraction comply with water restrictions?

Capetonians are thirsting for ways to save water as the Mother City remains in the grip of drought. Saving water is not just the responsibility of residents, though, but also of local and international tourists. From having buckets in showers to catch grey water and encouraging guests to act responsibly, hotels and accommodation facilities have already put measures in place. But, it's still a challenge for popular tourist attractions like Cape Point.



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The reserve, at the southernmost tip of Africa, received its one millionth visitor at the end of last year, and this year has been just as busy. As a result, staff had to find new ways to restrict water usage, regardless of the volume of traffic passing through.

## So how does a prime tourist attraction comply, now that level five water restrictions have been implemented?

Some of the measures include:

- The further tightening of water usage at the Two Oceans Restaurant, where patrons are encouraged to order bottled water instead of tap water.

- The installation of automatic tap sensors in restaurant restrooms to prevent unnecessary wastage.
- The replacement of all tap washers to prevent leakages
- The use of push-down taps at other ablution facilities
- The implementation of a grey water system for toilet flushing.
- The watering of gardens and vegetation has been halted.

## **Comitted to responsible tourism**

There has already been a significant improvement in water meter readings – less than half of a year ago. However, Cape Point's contribution towards responsible tourism doesn't stop there.

The well-known Flying Dutchman railway funicular that transports visitors from the car park to the top station near the old lighthouse, uses 50 percent less electricity and has an advanced magnetic drive system which does not give off any pollutants during rides.

Cape Point is continuously seeking ways to curb the wasteful water usage while ensuring that tourists' experiences are not dampened. This is in line with its commitment to responsible tourism.

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