

Module #1- Component #1



Western Cape Province Overview

Introduction

The province is one of South Africa's prime tourist destinations. It is a region of majestic mountains, beautiful valleys, sandy beaches, colourful people, legends and stories.

The Western Cape is situated on the southern tip of Africa with Cape Agulhas the southernmost point of the continent. It is caught up between two oceans, the Indian in the east and the Atlantic on its western shorelines. The Northern Cape and Eastern Cape Provinces form its northwestern and eastern borders respectively.

Initially called the Cape Colony before unification in 1910, whereafter it became known as the Cape Province. After the 1994 elections, it was divided into the Western, Eastern and Northern Cape Provinces.

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Some of the wonderful places and attractions you will encounter when visiting the province include:

- ⊕ Cape Town, the 'Mother city'
- ⊕ Kirstenbosch
- ⊕ Table Mountain
- ⊕ Cape Peninsula
- ⊕ The Winelands
- ⊕ Garden Route
- ⊕ Walker Bay (Whale Watching)
- ⊕ Cango Caves
- ⊕ Swartberg Pass

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Coat of Arms



Motto

Spes Bona - "Good Hope"

The anchor in the shield

A symbol of hope, stability and faith

It also points to the maritime history and riches of the Western Cape.

The grapes in the shield

The importance of agriculture, especially the wine industry.

The clay pot in the base of the shield

Refers to the manufacturing sector

The pot is of Khoi origin, the earliest inhabitants of the province

It is a copy of the one found at Ceres

The Quagga (*Equus quagga quagga*) – supporting the shield on the left

Extinct

A specialised breeding programme is aiming to produce a close replica of this animal.

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The Bontebok (*Damaliscus dorcas dorcas*) – supporting the shield on the right
Unique to the Western Cape.

The two animals stand on a base in the form of a stylised Table Mountain

The crown

A beaded head ring represents one of the ornamentation used by the San.
Alternating protea flower heads and rings adorn the top.

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Demographics

Area	129,370 km ² Fourth largest province ²
% of total area	10.6%
Population	3 956 875 (Census 1996) 4 524 335 (Census 2001) 5 278 585 (Community Survey 2007) 5.2 -5.3 million (Mid-year estimates 2008)
Languages (SA Yearbook 2008-09)	Afrikaans (55.3 %) Xhosa (23.7%) English (19.3%)
Races	Coloured (53.9%) Black (26.7%) White (18.4%) Asian (1%)
Unemployment (Labour survey)	18,9% (2005) 15% (2006) 17.2% (2007) 13.9% (2008)
Capital	Cape Town
Largest city	Cape Town

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Premier	<p>Helen Zille (DA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Leader of South Africa's opposition party (Democratic Alliance).⊕ Former Cape Town Mayor – (she won the 'World Mayor of the year' 2008).⊕ Former journalist and anti-apartheid activist.⊕ Speaks English, Afrikaans, Xhosa and German. <p>Previously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ In July 2008, Lynne Brown (ANC) replaced Ibrahim Rasool during his term.
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Municipality and District

The Western Cape Province is made up of one Metropolitan Municipality and five District Municipalities. The latter is subdivided into 24 Local Municipalities.

City of Cape Town (Metropolitan Municipality)

City Bowl	Bo-Kaap, De Waterkant, Gardens, Higgovale, Oranjezicht, Schotsche Kloof, Tamboerskloof, University Estate, Vredehoek, Walmer Estate, Zonnebloem
South Peninsula	Capri Village, Clovelly, Fish Hoek, Glencairn, Kalk Bay, Kommetjie, Masiphumelele, Muizenberg, Noordhoek, Ocean View, Scarborough, Simon's Town, St James, Sunnydale, Sun Valley
Atlantic Seaboard	Bantry Bay, Camps Bay, Clifton, Fresnaye, Green Point, Hout Bay, Llandudno, Mouille Point, Sea Point, Three Anchor Bay
Southern Suburbs	Bergvliet, Bishopscourt, Claremont, Constantia, Diep River, Heathfield, Kenilworth, Mowbray, Newlands, Observatory, Pinelands, Plumstead, Retreat, Rondebosch, Rosebank, Salt River, Steenberg, Tokai, Woodstock, Wynberg
Northern Suburbs	Bellville, Bothasig, Brackenfell, Brooklyn, Durbanville, Edgemoed, Elsie's River, Facreton, Goodwood, Kenridge, Kensington, Maitland, Monte Vista, Panorama, Parow, Thornton, Table View, Welgemoed
West Coast	Bloubergstrand, Milnerton, Parklands, Tableview, Melkbosstrand
Cape Flats	Athlone, Belhar, Blue Downs, Bonteheuwel, Crawford, Crossroads, Delft, Elsie's River, Epping, Grassy Park, Gugulethu, Khayelitsha, Langa, Lansdowne, Lotus River, Manenberg, Mfuleni, Mitchell's Plain, Nyanga, Ottery, Philippi, Wetton

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WEST COAST DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Bergrivier Local Municipality	Aurora, De Hoek, Dwarskersbos, Eendekuil, Goedverwacht, Laaipelek, Monte Bertha, Moravia, Noordhoek, Piketberg, Porterville, Redelinghuys, Velddrif
Cederberg Local Municipality	Citrusdal, Clanwilliam, Elands Bay, Graafwater, Heuwelsig, Hopland, Lamberts Bay, Piketberg, Vredendal
Matzikama Local Municipality	Klawer, Lutzville, Vanrhynsdorp, Vredendal, Ebenhaeser, Strandfontein, Doornbaai, Koekenaap
Swartland Local Municipality	Yzerfontein, Moorreesburg, Malmesbury, Riebeeck Kasteel, Riebeeck West, Abbotsdale, Kalbaskraal, Chatsworth, Riverlands, Koringberg
Saldanha Bay Local Municipality	Hopefield, Jacobsbaai, Langebaan, Paternoster, Saldanha Bay, St. Helena Bay (Britannia Bay, Stompneusbaai & Laingville), Vredenburg

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OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Cape Agulhas Local Municipality	Argonauta Park, Arniston, Blomfontein, Bredasdorp, Caledon, Elim, L'Agulhas, Napier, Struisbaai, Struisbaai North, Suidestrand, Tamatekraal, Zwelitsha
Overstrand Local Municipality	Baardskeerdersbos, Bettys Bay, Die Kelders, Fisherhaven, Franskraalstrand, Gansbaai, Hawston, Hermanus, Kleinbaai, Kleinmond, Onrus, Pearly Beach, Pringle Bay, Rooiels, Sandbaai, Silver Sands, Stanford, Uilenkraalsmond, Vermont, Viljoenshof, Voëlklip
Swellendam Local Municipality	Barrydale, Buffeljagsrivier, Infanta, Ouplaas, Stormsvlei, Suurbraak, Swellendam. Conservation areas: Bontebok National Park, Marloth Nature Reserve in the Langeberg, Sanbona Wildlife Reserve
Theewaterskloof Local Municipality	Aprilskraal, Bereaville, Botrivier, Caledon, Dennehof, Elgin, Genadendal, Grabouw, Greyton, Houhoek, Middleton, Pineview, Riviersonderend, Steenbras, Villiersdorp, Vleiview

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EDEN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Bitou Local Municipality	Bloukrans State Forest, Bossies Gif, Harkerville, State Forest, Keurboomsrivier, Keurboomstrand, Klein Palmietrivier State Forest, Kranshoek, Kurland Estate, Kwanokuthula, Natures Valley, New Horizons, Plettenberg Bay, Weldon, Wittedrift
George Local Municipality	Ballotsview, Bergplaas State Parks, Blanco, Bodorp, Borchers, Bos en Dal, Camphers Drift, Conville, Dellville Park, Denver Park, Deville Park, Dormehls Drift, George, George Central, George Industria, George South, Glenbarrie, Groenweid Park, Heather Park, Heatherlands, Herolds Bay, Hoekwill, Jonkersberg State Forest, King George Park, Kleinkrantz, Langkloof State Forest, Lavallia, Lawaaiikamp, Loerie Park, Mare Camp, Nu Dawn, Pacaltsdorp, Parkdene, Protea Park, Rosemoor, Sea View, Swartberg State Forest, Thembaletu, Wilderness, Wilderness East, Wilderness National Park, Witfontein
Hessequa Local Municipality	Albertinia, Gouritzmond, Heidelberg, Riversdale, Slangrivier, Stilbaai (includes Jongensfontein and Melkhoutfontein), Vermaaklikheid, Witsand
Kannaland Local Municipality	Amalienstein, Bergsig, Bleshoek, Calitzdorp, Droëvlei, Ladismith, Ladismith East, Swartberg, State Forest, Towerkop State Forest, Zoar
Knysna Local Municipality	Belvidere Estate, Bongani, Brenton-on-Sea, Buffelsbaai, Concordia, Dam se Bos, Eastford, Flenters, Hornlee, Hunters Home, Joodse Kamp, Khayaletu South, Kingfisher Creek, Knoetzie, Knysna, Knysna Central, Knysna Municipal Forest, Leisure Island, Meedingsride, Mount Joy, Nekkies, Noetzie, Old Place Township, Ou Plaas, Rheenedal, Rhobololo, Sedgfield, Smutsville, Sunridge, Swartvlei, The Heads, Thesens Island, West Hill, Witlokasie, Xolweni
Mossel Bay Local Municipality	Friemersheim, Great Brak River, Herbertdale, Mossel Bay, Outeniqua
Oudtshoorn Local Municipality	Oudtshoorn, Dysseldorp, De Rust

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CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT

Witzenberg Local Municipality	Ceres, Koue Bokkeveld, Prince Alfred's Hamlet, Tulbagh, Wolseley
Drakenstein Local Municipality	Amstelhof, Berg-En-Dal, Charlston Hill, Chicago, Courtrai, Dal Josafat Forest Reserve, Dal Josafat Industrial, Dalvale, De Zoete Inval, Dennenburg, Drommedaris, Fairyland, Gouda, Groenheuwel, Groenvlei, Hillcrest, Huguenot, Kingston Town, Klein Nederburg, Klein Parys, Langvlei, Lemoenkloof, Mbekweni, Milky town, New Orleans, Paarl, Paarlberg Nature Reserve, Saron, Smartie town, Van Wyks Vlei, Victor Verster, Vrykyk, Wellington
Stellenbosch Local Municipality	Franschhoek, Nuweberg, Pniel, Kylemore, Stellenbosch
Brede Valley Local Municipality	Avian Park, Bergsig, Brandvlei, Brandvlei Prison, De Doorns, Ekupuvmeli, Esselen Park, Fairy Glen/Reunie Park, Florian Park, Hassie Square, Hawequas State Forest, Hexpark, Hospital Hill, Hospital Park, Johnsons Park, Langerug, Mandela Square, Meirings Park, Noble Park, Paglande, Panorama, Parkersdam, Rawsonville, Reunion Park, Riverview, Riviersonderend State Forest, Rolihlahla, Roodewal, Roux Park, Somerset Park, Touwsrivier, Van Riebeeck Park, Victoria Park, Worcester, Zweletemba
Brede River/Winelands Local Municipality	Ashbury, Ashton, Bergsig, Bonnievale, Happy Valley, McGregor, Montagu, New Look, Nkqubela, Robertson, Waterval Staatbos

CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Laingsburg Local Municipality	Bergsig, Goldnerville, Laingsburg, Matjiesfontein
Prince Albert Local Municipality	Prince Albert
Beaufort West Local Municipality	Beaufort West, Die Laning, Essopville, Hillside, Hospital Hill, Merweville, Nelspoort, New Town, Newlands, Nieuveld Park, Prince Valley, Rustdene, Sidesavrwa

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Geographical Features of Landscapes (Mountains)

The topography of the Western Cape varies widely from one region to another.

Geology

- ⊕ Most of the province falls within the *Cape Fold Belt.
- ⊕ The valleys between ranges are generally very fertile.
- ⊕ The far interior forms part of the Karoo Basin and are generally arid and hilly with a sharp escarpment in the north.
- ⊕ Coastal areas range from sandy beaches to rocky cliffs.

**Cape Fold Belt*

- ⊕ The folded sedimentary sequence of rocks in the southwestern corner of South Africa.
- ⊕ The rocks are generally
 - Shales - responsible for the formation of the valleys
 - Sandstone - erosion resistant and forms the parallel mountain ranges.
- ⊕ The geographic range of the Cape Fold Belt is from Cape Town in the west and the Cederberg Mountains in the northwest to Port Elizabeth (Eastern Cape).

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Mountain ranges

The largest individual ranges within the Cape Fold Belt include from west to east:

Mountains	Passes / kloofs	Orientation
Cederberg Mountains	Pakhuis pass	On route R364, east of Clanwilliam
Olifants River Mountains	Pikenierskloof	Along N7 from Piketberg to Citrusdal
Piketberg		The town of Piketberg lies at the foot of the mountain.
Winterhoek Mountains	Dasklip Pass	
Skurweberge	Gydo Pass	North of Ceres and comes into Prince Alfred Hamlet R303.
Hex River Mountains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ The second highest range in the Province ⊕ The highest mountain is Matroosberg (2249 m) – second highest peak in the province ⊕ The heaviest snowfalls occur in and around these ranges. 	Theron’s Berg Pass Hexrivier Pass	
Du Toitskloof Mountains) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Du Toits Peak (1995m) – the highest peak in the Western Cape within a direct view of the ocean. 	Du Toit’s kloof pass (alternative Huguenot Tunnel)	Between Paarl and Worcester along N1.

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Klein Drakenstein Mountains		East of Paarl
Groot Drakenstein Mountains Victoria Peak (1590m) is its highest point.		Located south of Franschhoek and Stellenbosch
Simonsberg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ A prominent 1399m high mountain. ⊕ It is detached from the other ranges in the wine lands region. 		Located between the towns of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek
Hottentots-Holland Mountains	Sir Lowry's Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ The range forms a barrier between the Cape Town metropolitan area and the southern Overberg coast.
Hottentots-Holland Mountains	Viljoen's Pass	R321 from Grabouw to Villiersdorp.
Kogelberg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ R44 route is a scenic ocean drive 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Located along False Bay. ⊕ It starts south of Grabouw and form a steep coastal range to Kleinmond.
Stettynsberge		
Langeberg (170km long) The Clock Peaks are the highest	Transversed by four passes. From west to east.	Most westerly point is located 35 km west Swellendam. The range ends some 30 km north-east of Riversdale.
	1. Cogmanskloof Pass	Links Montagu with Ashton on the R62
	2. Tradouws Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Links Barrydale with Swellendam and Heidelberg

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	3. Garcia's Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links Riversdale and Ladismith (WC)
	4. Cloetes Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links Mossel Bay with Ladismith (Western Cape)
Riviersonderend Mountains		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They run east to west from Riviersonderend to Villiersdorp. Separate the Breede River Valley from the Overberg region
<p>Kleinrivier Mountains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The highest mountain in the range is Maanskynkop (964m) 	Shaw's Mountain Pass of the R320	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It dominates the entire Walker Bay. Begins at Hermanus in the west, continues to north-east of Stanford and terminates at Akkedisberg Pass.
Witteberge		
<p>Groot Swartberge</p> <p>Spans some 230 km from south of Laingsburg in the west to between Willowmore and Uniondale in the east.</p>	1. Swartberg	Links Oudtshoorn and Prince Albert
	2. Schoemanspoort	Between Oudtshoorn and Cango Caves on R328
	3. Meiringspoort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between Oudtshoorn and Klarstroom. <p>On route to Prince Albert along N12.</p>
	4. Gamkaskloof	Reached from the summit of the Swartberg Pass

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<p>Klein Swartberge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ The Seweweekspoortpiek (Seven Weeks Defile Peak) is at 2325m the highest in the province. ⊕ The famous Towerkop (Bewitch Peak) towers over the Klein Karoo town of Ladismith at a height of 2240 m. 	<p>1. Huis River Pass</p>	<p>Links Zoar and Calitzdorp (along the R62)</p>
	<p>2. Seweweekspoort</p>	<p>North of Voëlvlei (between Zoar and Calitzdorp on the R62.</p>
<p>Outeniqua Mountains</p>	<p>1. Outeniqua pass</p>	<p>Links George and Oudtshoorn (along R62)</p>
	<p>2. Montague pass</p>	<p>A historic, gravel pass joining George and the small town of Herold.</p>
	<p>3. Prince Alfred's Pass</p>	<p>Links Knysna and Avontuur (along R339)</p>
	<p>4. Homtini and Phantom Passes</p>	<p>Part of the seven passes on the old road between Knysna.</p>
<p>Langkloof Mountains</p>	<p>Short mountain range linking the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma Mountains to the north of Plettenberg Bay.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ It stretches from Prince Alfred's Pass in the west to just north of Nature's Valley and south of Joubertina.
<p>Kouga Mountains</p>		

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Tsitsikamma Mountains		
Forest coastal mountains	Robinson pass	📍 R328 – Mossel Bay to Oudtshoorn
Slanghoek mountains	Bainskloof pass	📍 On the R301, northeast of Wellington into the Tulbach Valley.
Houhoek mountains	Houwhoek pass	📍 Bot River

34 passes were engineered by Andrew Geddes Bain and his son, Thomas

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River and Dams

Dams on Table Mountain: All are located on the Disa River.

- ⦿ Woodhead Dam
- ⦿ Hely-Hutchinson Dam
- ⦿ De Villiers
- ⦿ Victoria
- ⦿ Alexandra

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Main River	Source	Major Dams	Dam location
Olifants	Witsenberg and Skurweberg mountains north of Ceres.	Clanwilliam Dam and Stompdrif Dam	Stompdrif: De Rust, East of Oudtshoorn
Sout			
Verlorenvlei			
Klein Berg	Controls the water delivered from Berg River.	Voëlvlei dam Off channel storage – including Klein Bergrivier and 24 other streams.	South of Gouda
Berg (Laaiplek / Velddrif) Confluence with Franschoek and Wemmershoek rivers.	Hottentots Holland Mountains / Drakenstein Mountains	Berg River Dam / Skuifraam Dam (Franschoek) Highest concrete faced rock filled dam wall in South Africa.	
Doring			
Leeu- and Gamka	Nuweveld mountains	Leeu-Gamka Dam	North of Leeu-Gamka
Gamka and Dwyka confluence	Nuweveld Mountains	Gamkapoort Dam	Southwest of Prince Albert / north of Calitzdorp
Buffalo River becomes Groot River. Joins Touws River, eventually Gouritz		Floriskraal Dam on Buffalo River	South of Laingsburg
Hex			

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Rivers and dams

River	Origin	Dam	Location
Breë / Breede River		Brandvlei Dam Kwaggaskloof Dam	
Steenbras		Steenbras Dam (supply water to Cape Town)	Grabouw/ Western side of Hottentots Holland
Bot (below the Houwhoek pass)	The Bot River rises south of the Theewaterskloof Dam.		
Wemmershoek	In the mountains of Franschoek	Wemmershoek Dam	
Palmiet River		Kogelberg Dam	
Riversonderend		Theewaterskloof The scheme regulates the flow Riviersonderend, Berg and Eerste Rivers. Main supply to Cape Town	Villiersdorp
Great and Little Brak			
Gouritz			
Keurbooms			

Major lagoons / lakes

- ☉ Verlorenvlei (Elands Bay) – One of the country's largest fresh water lakes.
- ☉ Langebaan lagoon – (Ramsar protected wetland).
- ☉ Knysna lake

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Nature and Conservation

- ⊕ The Cape Floral Kingdom is one of seven Floral Kingdoms in the world.
- ⊕ It has a very high species diversity, of which the most common is the Fynbos (the Afrikaans word for 'Fine Bush').
- ⊕ The interior of the province is arid with drought-resistant shrubs or scrub. This area is known as the Karoo.
- ⊕ The Little Karoo (between Swartberge 'Black Mountains' and the ocean) is semi-arid. In addition to the drought-resistant scrubs, it also has succulent and acacia trees.
- ⊕ Along the Garden Route sea views, wetlands and rainforests (Afromontane) contribute to the popularity of this region. The most common trees in the forests are Iron wood, Real Yellowwood and Stinkwood.

World Heritage Sites

- ⊕ Cape Floral Kingdom

National Parks

- ⊕ Agulhas National Park
- ⊕ Bontebok National Park
- ⊕ Karoo National Park
- ⊕ Knysna National Lake Area
- ⊕ Table Mountain National Park
- ⊕ Tsitsikamma National Park
- ⊕ West Coast National Park
- ⊕ Wilderness National Park
- ⊕ Garden Route National Park (proclaimed in 2009).

Ramsar Wetlands Sites

- ⊕ De Hoop Vlei
- ⊕ De Mond (Heuningnes Estuary)
- ⊕ Langebaan
- ⊕ Prince Edward Islands
- ⊕ Verlorenvlei
- ⊕ Wilderness Lakes

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Biospheres

- 📍 Cape West Coast Biosphere
- 📍 Kogelberg Biosphere

Other Nature Reserves

West Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Cederberg Wilderness Area 📍 Bird Island Nature Reserve 📍 Rocherpan Nature Reserve 📍 Groot Winterhoek Wilderness Area
Winelands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Limietberg Nature Reserve 📍 Jonkershoek Nature Reserve 📍 Assegaaibosch Nature Reserve 📍 Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve 📍 Vrolijkheid Nature Reserve
Overberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Marloth Nature Reserve 📍 Kogelberg Nature Reserve 📍 Walker Bay Nature Reserve 📍 Salmonsdam Nature Reserve 📍 De Mond Nature Reserve 📍 De Hoop Nature Reserve 📍 Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve 📍 Boosmansbos Wilderness Area
Cape Karoo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Anysberg Nature Reserve 📍 Swartberg Nature Reserve 📍 Gamkaberg Nature Reserve
Garden Route and Little Karoo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Outeniqua Nature Reserve 📍 Goukamma Nature Reserve 📍 Keurbooms River Nature Reserve 📍 Robberg Nature Reserve

Botanical gardens

- 📍 Kirstenbosch
- 📍 Harold Porter
- 📍 Karoo Desert

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Climate

- ⊕ The Province experiences a wide range of temperatures and rainfall.
 - This is mainly due to the influence of the warm current (known as Agullas) of the Indian Ocean and the cold Benguela current of the Atlantic.
 - The variation in topography also plays a role.
- ⊕ The Western Cape falls within a Mediterranean climate with cool, wet winters and dry, warm summers.
- ⊕ Snow is a common sight on the higher regions and mountains during winter.
- ⊕ Along the Garden Route the weather is temperate with cool winters and milder summers.
- ⊕ Mossel Bay along the route is said to have the second mildest climate in the world (Hawaii being considered the best).
- ⊕ The Karoo is characterized by very hot summers with infrequent thunderstorms. The winters in the interior are very cold.

	January max	January min	June max	June min	Annual rainfall
Cape International Town (Cape Flats) Airport	26°C	16°C	18°C	7°C	515mm
George	25°C	15°C	19°C	7°C	715mm

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Economy

The average growth in the Western Cape's GDP stands at 5.8%. GDP = 14.6%, the third-highest in the country

Investment Projects (2004 – 2008)

- ⦿ 270 new investments over this period.
- ⦿ Valued at 6.4 billion
- ⦿ Created 61 746 jobs

Agriculture

Valleys between the mountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Grapes ⦿ Apples ⦿ Peaches ⦿ Oranges ⦿ Olives
Eastern region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Great variety of vegetables
Swartland (Malmesbury) Overberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Wheat growing
Rooibos Tea ('Red Bush Tea') Clanwilliam area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Widely use as an herbal tea in most households across South Africa. ⦿ It is exported to various countries around the world.
Karoo (Beaufort West) Overberg (Bredasdorp)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Wool ⦿ Mutton ⦿ Pedigree merino breeding stock.
Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ The country's only province with an outlet for the export of horses. ⦿ It generates millions in foreign revenue.
Ostrich (Mainly around Oudsthoorn in the Little Karoo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Export to Europe ⦿ Meat ⦿ Leatherwear

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Feathers
Other animal products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Broiler chickens ⊕ Eggs ⊕ Dairy products ⊕ Beef
Fishing	<p>The plankton-rich Cold Benguela current flows along the west coast of the province attracting much sea life. It is considered to be one of the world's richest fishing grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Snoek ⊕ Bokkoms ⊕ Cape lobster ⊕ Abalone ⊕ Calamari ⊕ Octopus ⊕ Oysters ⊕ Mussels

Industries and manufacturing sections

Cape Town is the economic hub of the province encompassing industrial areas such as Epping, Montagu Gardens, Parrow and Retreat. The Province is home to

- ⊕ The majority of the Country's petroleum Companies.
- ⊕ The largest segment of printing and publishing industry.

The Textile and clothing Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ This is the main industry and use to provide employment for some 170 000 people. ⊕ However, the industry is facing many challenges these days. ⊕ Cheaper products that are important from China are among the main reasons for the industry's decline.
Wine industry	
Saldanha steel project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Increased economical activity along the West coast.
Emerging industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Includes fashion designs, TV productions, High-Tec Industries and International Call Centers.

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Financial section

- Many of South Africa's major insurance companies and banks are based in the Western Cape.

Tourism

- The Tourism sector has also showed a substantial increase of foreign visitors.
- Cape Town, the Winelands and Garden Route remain the most popular destination.

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Infrastructure

Airports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Cape Town International ⊕ George
Ports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Cape Town ⊕ Mossel Bay ⊕ Saldanha

Infrastructure – preparation

- ⊕ Green point Stadium
- ⊕ Transport facilities
- ⊕ Doubling the capacity of the CT convention centre
- ⊕ Building at least six new hotels
- ⊕ Koeberg

- ⊕ R184 million was spent on upgrading taxi ranks, public transport routes, and paths for bicycles, pedestrians and disability access.
- ⊕ R2.8 billion was invested improving the province's roads (104 623 km of road).
- ⊕ R252.1 million was invested in health and education infrastructure.
- ⊕ The above investments and improvements were done between 2004 and 2008.

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Main Route and Scenic Drives

N1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➊ Cape Town, leaving the province at Three Sisters, on route to Johannesburg and Musina, South Africa's most northern town.
N2 (Garden Route)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➊ Cape Town, along the 'Garden Route, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal Coast.
N12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➊ George to Three Sisters.
R27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➊ The West Coast Road. ➋ It turns off the N1 at Paarde Eiland. ➌ It continues along the West Coast up to Velddrif.
Wine Routes	Swartland, Tulbach, Wellington, Worcester, Bredekloof, Constantia, Darling, Durbanville, Franschoek, Klein Karoo, Olifantsriver, Oranjerivier, Paarl, Robertson, Stellenbosch.
Brandy Route (R62)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➊ Includes towns such as Barrydale, Calitzdorp, Oudtshoorn, Robertson, Worcester, Oudtshoorn, Somerset West, Paarl, Wellington, Stellenbosch, Grabouw. ➋ Some of the more famous cellars: KWV House of Brandy, Klipdrift ➌ Distillery ("Met eish ja!").
*Ghoema Route (R44)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➊ It is aimed at the development of Culture and Wine tourism. ➋ It stretches from the Overberg over the Winelands (including the Paarl Valley) to the West Coast along the R44. <p><i>*The Ghoema is a musical instrument (drum) made originally by the slaves in the Cape.</i></p>
Chapman's Peak Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➊ Between Noordhoek and Houtbay, along the Atlantic Coast. ➋ One of the most spectacular marine drives. ➌ 114 curves ➍ 9km long.

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