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Just outside the city of Port Elizabeth, in the Eastern Cape Province, is a natural getaway destination that is popular with locals due to its unmatched beauty and the opportunity to enjoy the tranquility and peacefulness only nature can provide. It is a conservancy, and visitors are therefore requested to respect their surroundings and the animals that call the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area their home. Over and above the beauty of the rugged mountains and landscapes that have not been tarnished by human actions, eco-friendly activities are also available.

The Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area covers an estimated two hundred and seventy thousand hectares, and most vehicles will be able to access many of the roads leading to it. Only the road that stretches between Geelhoutbos and Cambria are exclusively accessible with a 4X4 vehicle. Due to the popularity of this destination, accommodation has been made available in the form of lodges, however, many visitors still prefer to camp. Once on the reserve there are no shops or petrol stations, just hectares of nature and magnificence.

The diverse landscape and wide variety of habitats makes the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area the ideal location for numerous

bird and animal species to live. More than a thousand unique plant species cover the grounds of the wilderness area, including proteas, cycads and ericas. In regard to the animal life, visitors can be on the lookout for Cape buffalo, mountain rhebuck, baboons, Cape mountain zebra, kudu, eland, red hartebeest and many more.

When looking for activities to enjoy while at the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area, visitors can look forward to hiking through the challenging terrain, mountain climbing or even rock climbing. Bird watchers will also be able to enjoy the large variety of bird life in the conservancy. Photographers will have to be ready to take their shot at any minute, as there is beauty and wonder waiting around every corner. There is also San rock art to view and some of the streams within the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area provide ideal pools for swimming. The Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area is the third biggest conservation area in South Africa, and in 2004, it was finally recognized as a World Heritage site.

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