

FISH HOEK VALLEY

Cape Town

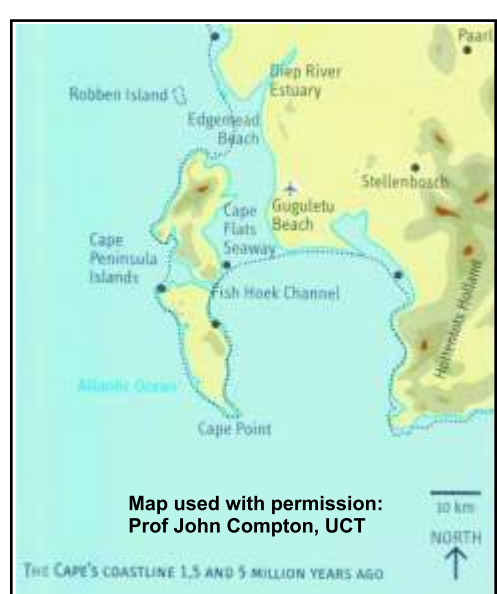
A WHALE OF A HERITAGE ROUTE

Strandfontein, Muizenberg, St James, Kalk Bay, Fish Hoek Valley, Glencairn, Simon's Town, Cape Point
the big picture on museums, buildings, old sites, landmarks, events & more

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Our Service Record - History In The Making



KEY AREA CHARACTERISTIC: Commercial and residential. Urban and Cape country.



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Route Info

Guide Books, Maps, Leaflets & Websites

Legendary Stuff

Collectable Shops & 2nd Hand Book Shops

** The Attic
** The Bookworm
** Weavers
** Bobby Locke-goffer and winner of the SA Open in 1955 at Zwartkop Country Club. Locke is still recognised as one of the top putters ever to play the game. He also coined one of the game's most famous one-liners: "You drive for show but putt for dough." Locke died aged 69 in 1987.
** Lawrence Green visits Fish Hoek Cafe
** Seweman se klip (70 Simon's Town Road). Legend is that this large rock rolled down and killed seven men who now lie buried beneath it.
** In its hey day, Fish Hoek Cafe produced and sold up to 80 gallons of ice cream on Sundays in summer.
** Mrs H.S. Ball, famous for the well-known chutney recipe.
** Millions of years ago Fish Hoek Valley was a narrow strait separating two islands in the Table Mountain massif and the Cape of Good Hope highlands.
** Arrival of Stone Age man in this area
** 1671, 27 May: Dutch Ship Isstelsteijn anchors in False Bay at either Fish Hoek or Simon's Town
** 1797, June: J.P. Kirsten applies to Governor for land at "Visch Hoek".
** 1801, March: Johannes Isaak Rhenius granted permission to place a cover on the Watch House (Uitkyk Oos and Wes).
** 1883: Hester Sophia De Kock buys Fish Hoek Farm.
** 1914: Hester De Villiers dies.
** 1918, 16 March: First plots advertised in Fish Hoek. First sale took place on 24 April 1918.
** 1927: Peers Cave discoveries made public in the Argus.

Old Sites ie demolished, buried or partially excavated

Buildings & Structures (those in red = heritage site)

= photo opportunity

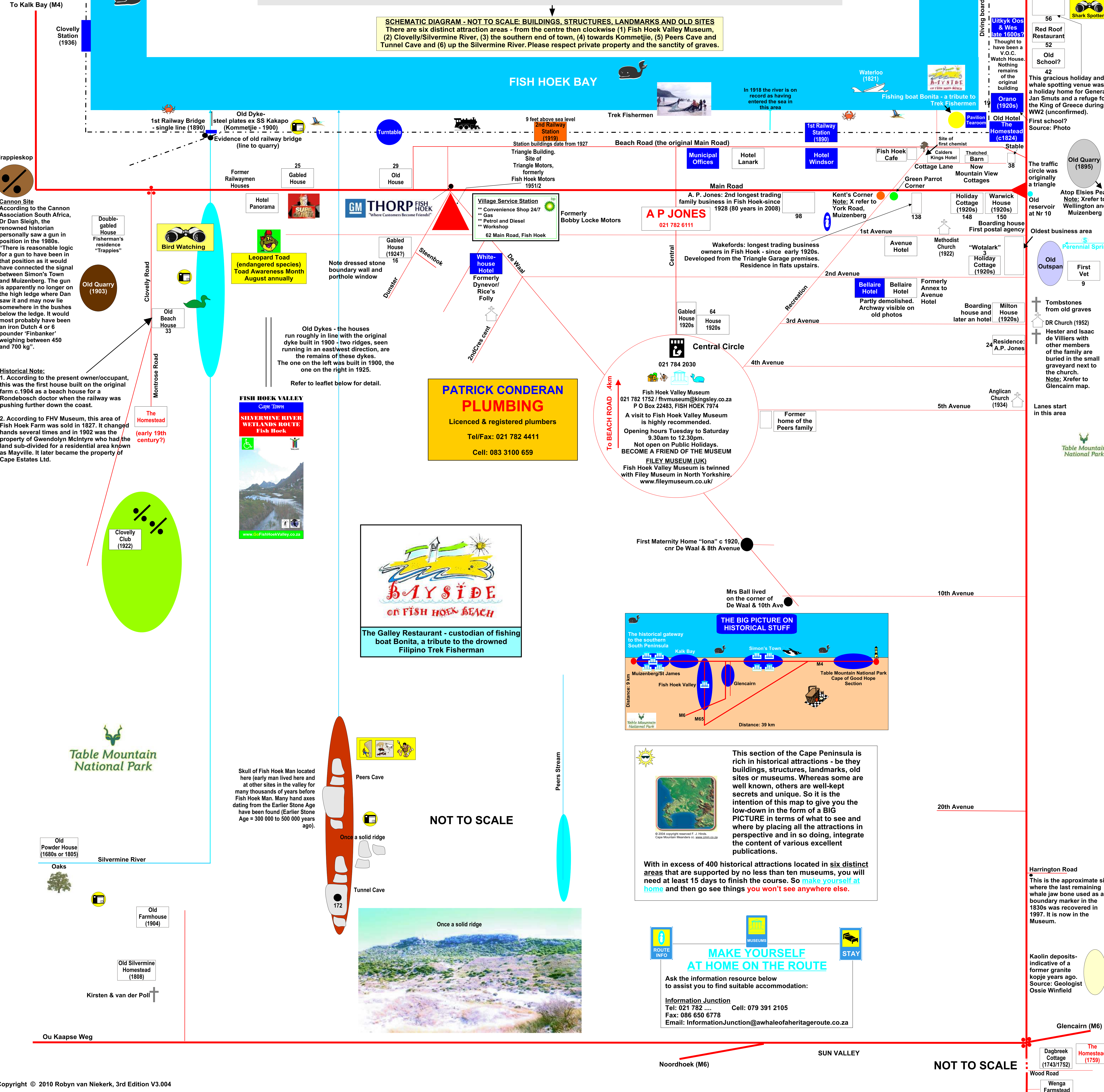
Landmarks

Walks & Talks

** Historical Main Road Walk
** Peers and Tunnel Cave Walk
** Silvermine River Wetlands Walk

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM - NOT TO SCALE: BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, LANDMARKS AND OLD SITES
There are six distinct attraction areas - from the centre then clockwise (1) Fish Hoek Valley Museum, (2) Clovelly/Silvermine River, (3) the southern end of town, (4) towards Kommetjie, (5) Peers Cave and Tunnel Cave and (6) up the Silvermine River. Please respect private property and the sanctity of graves.

FISH HOEK BAY



Cannon Site
According to the Cannon Association South Africa, Dr Dan Sleigh, the renowned historian personally saw a gun in position in the 1980s. "There is reasonable logic for a gun to have been in that position as it would have connected the signal between Simon's Town and Muizenberg. The gun is apparently no longer on the high ledge where Dan saw it and may now lie somewhere in the bushes below the ledge. It would most probably have been an iron Dutch 4 or 6 pounder 'Finbaker' weighing between 450 and 700 kg".
Historical Note:
1. According to the present owner/occupant, this was the first house built on the original farm c.1904 as a beach house for a Rondebosch doctor when the railway was pushing further down the coast.
2. According to FHV Museum, this area of Fish Hoek Farm was sold in 1827. It changed hands several times and in 1902 was the property of Gwendolyn McIntyre who had the land sub-divided for a residential area known as Mayville. It later became the property of Cape Estates Ltd.

