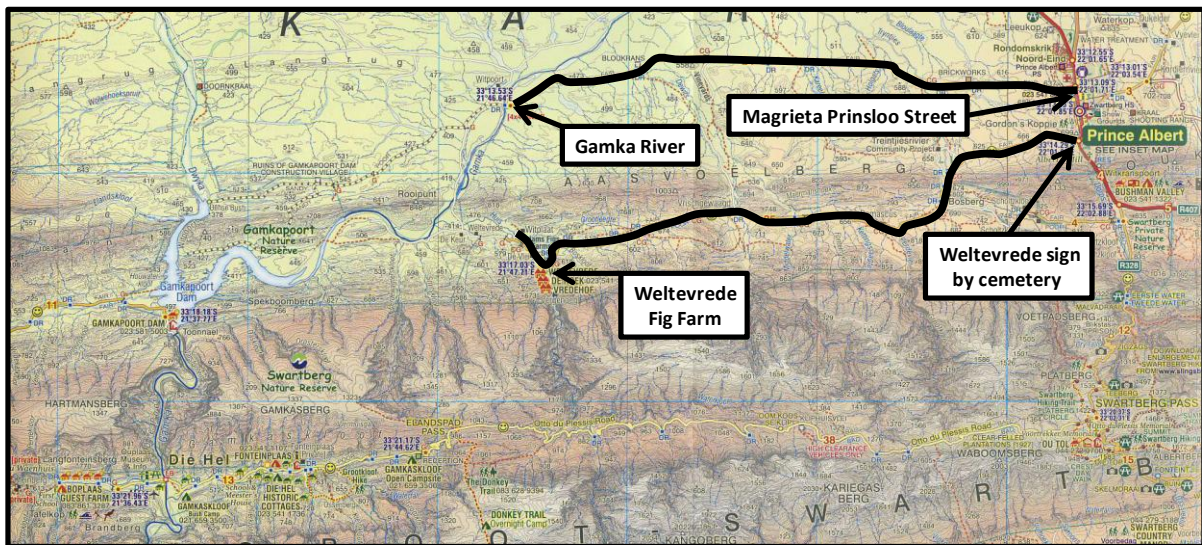


Two Scenic Roads West Of Prince Albert.



There are two scenic sand roads that go in a westerly direction out of Prince Albert.

One starts as Magrieta Prinsloo street which turns left as you drive towards the northern end of the main Church Street ($33^{\circ}13.63'S$, $22^{\circ}01.85'E$). This good sand road goes past the lovely Karoo View Guest Cottages to your right and continues for approximately 24 kms in a westerly direction and ultimately arrives (with a section of 4x4) on the banks of the Gamka River ($33^{\circ}13.53'S$, $21^{\circ}46.64'E$). This road originally linked Laingsburg and the northern part of Seweweekspoort, to Prince Albert but was inundated by the construction of the Gamkapoort Dam in the late sixties so you must return on the same road to Prince Albert. The road is recommended for sunset photography and wide Karoo vistas.

The other road is signposted as 'Weltevrede' in the southern approach to Prince Albert, next to the cemetery ($33^{\circ}14.29'S$, $22^{\circ}01.81'E$). This good sand road runs for about 25 kms in a westerly direction through spectacular mountain scenery between the Aasvoelberg to the north and the Swartberg to the south. The rock strata of the Aasvoelberg are nearly vertical and create some amazing shaped mountains. The roads passes the farms of 'Damascus', 'Vrischgewaagd' and finally the fig farm 'Weltevrede' ($33^{\circ}17.03'S$, $21^{\circ}47.71'E$). Here figs and other preserves can be purchased in season and also the farm has three beautiful restored guest cottages situated close to a gorge coming out of the Swartberg. A little further down the road is a small labyrinth on the farm 'Witplaat'. This road is also good for sunset photography and it is also a dead end so you must return on it to Prince Albert.