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There are four distinct shores around Arniston. They are, from south to north: South Shore, Struis Point, East Shore and North Shore (except for Struis Point, shore names were given by the author) (Figures 1 and 2). This Field Note is about Struis Point.

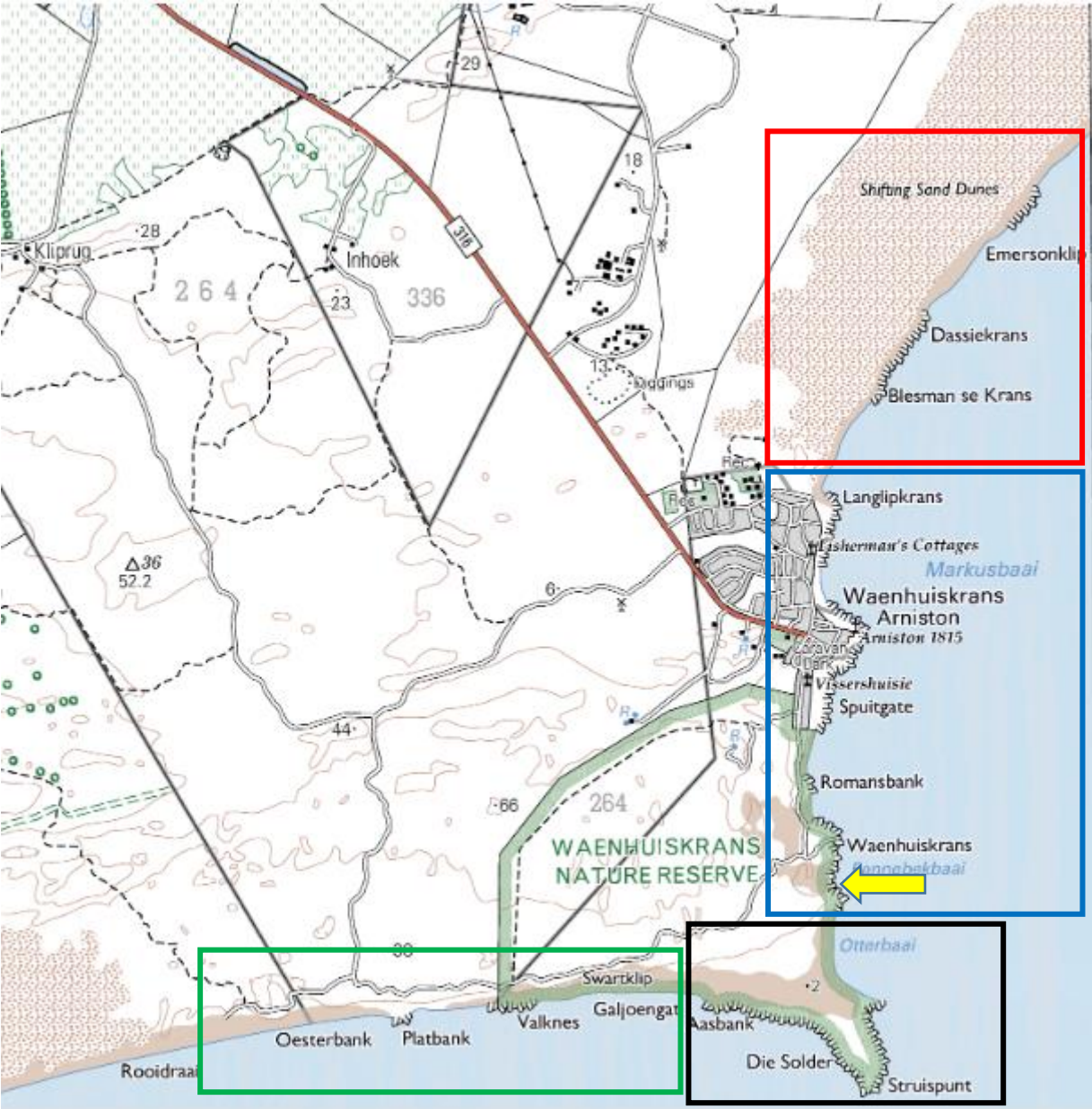


Figure 1. Topography map of Arniston shores. Boxes: green – South Shore; black – Struis Point; blue - East Shore; red – North Shore. Yellow arrow points to the Waenhuiskrans Cave.



Figure 2. Satellite image of Arniston shores. Boxes: green – South Shore; black – Struis Point; blue - East Shore; red – North Shore. Yellow arrow points to the Waenuiskrans Cave.

Struis Point is a rocky protrusion. The rocks are of the Rietvlei Formation (Table Mountain Group) (see Chapter C) with a sandy beach to the north and a rocky strip to the west (Figure 3).



Figure 3. Satellite image of Struis Point. Arrow points to the beacon. Ellipsoid shows the approximate confines the Rietvlei Formation boulder field.

The sandy Otter Bay lies to the north of Struis Point (Figures 4 and 5).



Figure 4. Otter Bay. Views from the south. Top – the sandy beach of Otter Bay. Bottom – the southern side of Otter Bay is covered with boulders of the Rietvlei Formation.



Figure 5. Top and bottom - the south end of Otter Bay beach.

The rocks of Struis Point are sandstones of the Rietvlei Formation of the TMG Group (Figure 6).



Figure 6. The rocks of Struis Point are well rounded and partly to wholly submerged at high tide.

A cluster of fish traps is located on the east side of the point (Figure 7).



Figure 7. Struis Point. Top – view to the southeast; arrow points to the location of the fish traps. Bottom – view to the east on the fish traps. See Field Note on the fish traps in this chapter.

The Rietvlei Formation rocks extend about 1 km to the west and then disappear under the beach sand (Figure 8).



Figure 8. The Struis Point rock strip extends approximately 1 km westwards from the beacon.