

Time “lost” due to inclement weather on *the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway*.

The Table Mountain Aerial Cableway’s operations are dependent on the weather – when the wind blows we stop operations to ensure visitor safety.

Cape Town’s weather is notoriously fickle, and during Spring and Summer the south-easter wind plays havoc with many a well-laid plan. For generations, Capetonians have held on to the belief that the wind, which can reach gale force at times, clears the air of pollution and illness. While this may be an old wives’ tale, the wind does clear beaches, picnic spots and *Table Mountain*.

The wind strength is stronger on top of the Mountain than on the ground, and if it picks up the Cableway has to close; this happens between 60 and 90 days each year.

When this happens, a siren sounds, alerting visitors to make their way back to the Upper Cableway Station. While the cable cars can withstand the wind, best practice dictates that we cease operating.

