

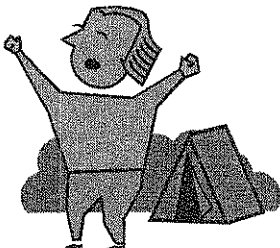
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**EXTRACT FROM CAMP RULES of 1946**



“Ladies tents are out of bounds to gentlemen after the evening meals. However, ladies are welcome in the gentlemen's tents at all times, until kicked out! No alcohol is permitted on the hikes or camps.”

All those in favour of re-instating this rule, raise your right hand!!!!

## MEMBERS' NEWS

### New Members

Welcome to new members : Wendy Rowlinson, Jenny Hewitt, Paul Notcutt, Allan Donald and Tony & Madeleine Fisher. We look forward to hiking with you.

### Resignations

Carol Beaton.

### Condolences

To Mrs Siepman whose husband Clive passed away on 27 February 2006. Clive was an enthusiastic Rambler and often helped out on Saturday hikes.

## MEMBERS' NOTICES

### Annual General Meeting

32 members attended the 74th AGM held on 15 February 2006. Amendments were made to the Constitution to accommodate changes/clarify to the voting procedure. Copies of the amended Constitution are available from the Secretary on request. The Club Trophy was presented to Brian O'Connell for his leadership, support and dedication to Ramblers.

New Committee members are highlighted on the cover of the magazine. The Club is short of a Chairman. Please contact Biff if you are interested in serving in this portfolio.

### Subscriptions

At the AGM subscriptions were confirmed as R50 single R60 family R35 country. Subs are payable by 16 April 2006. Please deposit into Ramblers account and fax deposit slip to the Treasurer or hand subs to a Committee member in an envelope clearly marked with your name.

### Monthly Get Togethers

Meet at 19:00

Contact Mike on 082 822 3106

**NB Venue change 31 March: Pirate's Arms Wilson's Wharf. Not Beanbag Bohemia.**

28 April Ushaka. Meet in front of ship, surprise venue Addington Beach.  
26 May Stella Sports Pub crawl. Cnr. Davenport/Bulwer Road, Glenwood.  
30 June Thatchers – by popular demand. Undercover parking across the road.

**NB It is accepted practise to tip 10% of the bill to the person waiter. Serving a big table like Ramblers is not an easy job.**

### 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration

A 'speed walk' will be organised as part of next year's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Wednesday Walks**

Colin Turner and Philip Gatenby organise a morning hike every other Wednesday. All welcome. Phone Colin on 708 3517 or Philip on 201 3592 before the day to find out details and meeting place.

### **Hike to Everest Base Camp 23 March – 13 April 2006**

Follow in Sir Edmund Hillary's footsteps to Everest Base Camp. In conjunction with Malcolm Pearce of Summit Ventures who have over 10 years experience in arranging trips to Everest, this hike assures all interested folk an unforgettable experience.

For further information contact Les Willows on 082 809 7923 or [lwillows@epworth.co.za](mailto:lwillows@epworth.co.za)

### **For Sale and Hire**

Sale of 35mm slide projector – R100. Magazines to hold 320 slides – R20.

Hire of backpacks at R5/day and R50 deposit. Contact Philip Gatenby on 031 201 3592.

### **Communication**

Members are requested to let Derek Pretorius have their e mail addresses. This will be used in the event that any urgent messages need to be sent out. Derek's e mail is [sandrajp@eject.co.za](mailto:sandrajp@eject.co.za)

### **General**

- Each member should keep medical aid and emergency contact details in their backpacks.
- Note that the hikes are organised in various areas according to the season. Hence many hikes are planned in the Kloof area during summer as this area offers shadier hikes.
- Hikers may only hike on official paths in Palmiet Reserve and not in Wilderness area.
- Change of contact details to be advised to Derek Pretorius who is maintaining the Club's membership data base. Telephone 765 5029.
- If possible, please pay monies due to the Club either by cheque, bank transfer or internet banking. This will keep bank charges to the minimum. Cash deposits are expensive. Remember to mark the deposit slip with your name and item for which you are paying and post copy of slip to the Treasurer. See front cover for banking details.

## **HIKING PROGRAMME : APRIL – JUNE 2006**

### **Saturday Hikes**

Hikers may meet at Musgrave Park Medical Centre before 13:30 sharp, or earlier if indicated in the programme, to travel in convoy or to share transport to the start of the hike. Please get to starting point by 13:45 in order for hike to begin on time. A cost of R8.00 for transport is payable to the relevant driver. Hikes marked \*\* are suitable for beginners. Hikes marked # involve an entrance fee into the nature reserve. Visitors are to pay R4.00 to the Club. Bring the correct amount of money as change is not always available. For directions to the starting point, please phone one of the organisers between 12:00 and 12:45 on the day. Children are welcome but check suitability of hike with leader. Please bring at least 1 litre of water, a snack for half time and a hat.

### Sunday Hikes (Full Day)

Please try to get to the meeting places at **least 10 minutes earlier** so that fees can be collected and lifts arranged timeously. Bring the correct amount of money as change may not be available. Please bring at least 2 litres of water, lunch and a hat. Add R5 for visitors. Sunday hikers are welcome to join Saturday hikes and the following social.

Meeting Places      Durban      Leave 07:30      Musgrave Park, Cnr Berea & Musgrave Roads  
                                  Pinetown      Leave 08:00      Union Main Centre, Old Main Road

If there is a change to the meeting time this will be noted in the hiking schedule below.

**IMPORTANT : if you need a lift from the meeting place, contact the hike leader or one of the hike organisers to ensure that somebody will be there.**

Date	Description of Hike	Leader	Tel
1 April	Kloof Beacon. Meet Kloof Falls picnic site. Walk past Beacon to edge of escarpment overlooking the Gorge. BYO #R10	Brian	072 995 6565
2 April	<b>Bluff Retreat. See the forgotten Bluff. Long hike but at sea level. All meet at BP garage on Edwin Swales, we leave at 8.00 on the dot. Bring costumes and towels if you want to swim. R0</b>	<b>Mike White</b>	<b>0833255348</b>
8 April	Palmiet Nature Reserve. Shady walk. BYO sundowners.	Philip	201 3592
9 April	<b>Inkonka Meander. Kloof gorge area. Medium hike. Entrance R10 Petrol R10.</b>	<b>Brian O'Connell</b>	<b>072 995 6565</b>
15 April	Nqutu Gorge. Meet Valley Drive near causeway. Walk on sides of gorge joined by slightly strenuous crossing below waterfall. Magnificent view of main gorge optional. BYO #R10	??	
16 April	<b>Easter. Jon hasn't decided yet. Give him a hand.</b>	??	
22 April	Paradise Valley. Meet below housing development. Small reserve with variety of vegetation, waterfall and history. #R5	Dennis	083 320 4951
23 April	<b>Baynesfield. A pleasant walk in an historic area. R30 plus R5 entrance.</b>	<b>Philip</b>	<b>201 3592</b>
29 April	Springside. First right off Hillcrest old main road. Walk to small nature reserve from Emberton Driving Range. Tea garden available after hike. #R5	Trevor	765 5133
30 April	<b>Inanda Dam. Medium hike with great views of the dam. Cost R15</b>	<b>Steve Watson</b>	<b>312 7108</b>
6 May	Winston Park. Meet at lake - ex St. Heliers Tea Garden. Walk around indigenous bush to Winston Park.	Colin	708 3517
7 May	<b>Steve's Surprise. Our quarterly surprise. Where we are going Steve is not yet saying! Cost R???</b>	<b>Steve Nel</b>	<b>083 454 0569</b>
13 May	New Germany - 2 <sup>nd</sup> right off Otto Volek Rd after Old Main Road. Grass/forest reserve with buck, zebra, ponds, crocodile and walk-in aviary. #R5	Cedric	702 4905
14 May	<b>Gilboa. Howick area. Always a favourite. Hike on Shawswood farm. Steady climb through indigenous forest to waterfall. Scenic views of the Midlands. R40</b>	<b>Neville Walmsley</b>	<b>705 2919</b>
20 May	Palmiet. Entrance opposite Westville Hotel. Shady valley walk in forest with occasional river. BYO	Philip	201 3592


21 May	<b>Table Mountain. Moderate hike up onto the plateau of Table Mountain. See the sunken forest and other marvels. Great opportunity to drink quarts of ice cold beer at the end. R25</b>	Lee D'eath	262 3753
27 May	Kloof Longshadow. Kloof Falls picnic site. Forested walk alongside stream returning on top of escarpment. BYO #R10	Philip	201 3592
28 May	<b>Mbona. A beautiful walk among the animals of Africa. We are privileged to walk on this private estate in the Karkloof area.</b>	Jenny Hewitt	084 952 0622
R40	Uve Road. Meet off Krantzview Rd. Descend to valley floor, walk in forest, return. Great views.	Brian	072 995 6565
4 June	<b>Killarney Rockery. Moderate hike with beautiful rock formations. According to 'Aloes of South Africa.' These flowers are at their best at this time of the year. NB Meet at Pinetown at 08:30</b>	Llewelyn Evans	082 452 2614
10 June	Stainbank Nature Reserve. Reserve within city. Shady walking with game viewing if party is quiet. #R10	Errol	469 1189
11 June	<b>Old Baldie. A perennial favourite. Walk the exposed granite surfaces. A certified 'ice cold quarts at the end' walk. R25</b>	Steve Watson	312 7108
17 June	Umhlanga Lagoon. Park opposite Cabana Beach Hotel. Bush, parade, beach walk.	Merle	561 3038
18 June	<b>Umhlanga Valley. Jenny has resurrected this fine walk that explores the Umhlanga Estuary. No costumes needed to swim at the mouth of the river! Meet next to Breakers at Umhlanga Rocks, i.e just outside the nature reserve parking at 08:30. R15</b>	Jenny Hewitt	084 952 0622
24 June	Virginia Bush. Park Kensington Drive outside reserve. Coastal bush walk.	Gerald	205 1089
24 June	Thornridge Farm. Cato Ridge. Meet Assagay Hotel 13:30. #R5 Bring and Braai.	Trevor	765 5133
25 June	<b>Wingfield Mid Illovo area. The second time we are hiking this route. Let's see if we can finish it this time! Hike down into a scenic gorge, along the river and gently up and out after lunch. Leave Musgrave and Pinetown simultaneously at 08:00 Meet at Kingsburg turn off southern freeway – Exit 133, R603 at 08:30. Cost R35 includes donation to reserve.</b>	Neville Walmsley	309 2298

**Weekend & Trails Programme : April-June 2006**

**NOTE: Philip Gatenby will be co-ordinating transport arrangements for weekend away for those wishing to share lifts or travel in convoy. Telephone 031 201 3592**

Date	Description	Leader	Tel
April 14-17	<b>Easter in the Berg.</b> Tenting and day hikes at Injisuthi. R54 pp/pn. No electricity. Full payment to the Club's bank account by 1 April to secure your booking.	Brian O'Connell	Sharyn: 031-7012688 (H) 031-3277538 (B) 0826543400 Cell
5 - 7 May	<b>New Ingele trail.</b> Rustic 2 room hut above the tree line with hot water and world class views. Exclusive Hobbit's Wood 3 minutes from hut. R25 pppn.	Philip Gatenby	Philip: 031-2013592
June 16-18	<b>Highover, Hella Hella.</b> Bunkhouses at R80 pppn. Take own linen and towels. Chalets at R120 pppn. Camping at R50 pppn. No electricity. Full payment by 1 May to secure bookings.	Merle Mackenzie	Sharyn: 031-7012688(H) 031-3277538(W) 0826543400 Cell





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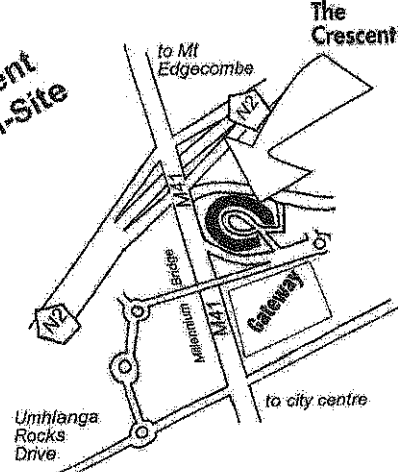
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