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CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLINGS

Dear Fellow Ramblers,

Hoping that each one of you have a blessed Festive Season and we look forward to a year filled with more hikes in 2021.

We are continuing with our limited schedule and thanks to the hike leaders that accommodate us during this time.

Unfortunately a number of hikes have had to be cancelled as hikes are no longer advertised on a wide scale, I am certain this will change as we progress in 2021.

We enter our hotter period of hiking, Wednesday hikes will start earlier and we attempt to choose hikes that will be cooler.

There are a number of positions that will be vacant on the committee:

Secretary

Saturday Hike Organizer

Weekends Away

where new committee members will welcomed at the AGM on the 13 February 2021 (we will be having the AGM at the Palmiet Hall).

Stay Hydrated, Safe and Happy Hiking

Thanks

Philip

Ramblers Hiking : Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please can as many members as possible attend the AGM on 5 February when Committee members will be appointed for the new year. Nomination form is attached.

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MEMBER NEWS

NEW MEMBERS:

Unfortunately, until the Covid restrictions are over, we are unable to take on any new members at this stage. Hikes are limited to members only, so prospective members are unable to do their 3 hikes before applying for membership. Hopefully in the new year, we will be able to welcome lots of new members. However, **Michelle Joseph** did complete her 3 hikes in February, and submitted her membership application in July. For some reason this wasn't processed at the time but this has now been rectified, and we are pleased to belatedly welcome Michelle to the club. We hope she will enjoy many happy years of rambling.

PASSING:

Jean Foster – 11 October 1925 - 14 September 2020.

Some of our members will remember Jean who was once a member of Durban Ramblers before she gave up hiking to concentrate on her running. Jenny Rooks writes: "Jean was always very entertaining and great fun and often passed humorous remarks while hiking. I don't think that I will forget the occasion when we had to cross a fairly deep river as we had no other choice. Being so short, she was at a great disadvantage. I cannot repeat her comments as the water got higher and higher until she was almost hip deep in the river. It was hilarious. She enjoyed her glass of wine after the hike and would always instruct the waiter to fill it up to the brim, much to our amusement.

Her devotion to supplying the club with the tea and coffee, sugar, cremora, 2 Billy cans and 2 stoves was amazing as well as the first aid kit. As Biff said, if she wasn't hiking herself, she would be at the meeting point in Pinetown to hand over the tea things. I think that she subsequently shared the duty with Joe Straiton.

Jean was a legend and a wonderful member of our club. Unfortunately, as she became so successful in her running, it finally took precedence over her hiking. Members come and go, but Jean was never forgotten.”

Tribute to **Les Petzer** by Colin Turner

We recently heard the sad news that one of our Honorary Life members, Les Petzer had passed away. Les joined the club in 1974, and soon became an enthusiastic hiker and eventually a competent leader of hikes which the club offered in those days – namely Sundays, trails and especially trips to the Drakensberg Mountains. In his day there were trips to the Drakensberg almost every weekend and he became familiar with many of the various paths and areas in these mountains. Les was the person whom I first met when doing business at the Standard Bank, he being a teller. He convinced me to join the Durban Ramblers Club; (as it was known in those days) which I did in June 1980. He served on the committee for a number of years mainly as the Treasurer.

I had the pleasure of joining him on some of his berg trips and he initially took me under his wing to explain what equipment was necessary to carry for sleeping in caves and overhangs. In later years he became less active and found a new interest in geology. He joined the local society and went on their field outings.

I think he subsequently missed his hiking friends who had either relocated or died and found it difficult to bond with the new generation of hikers.

I personally will miss my hiking mentor.

Rose Glen - Some fond memories of Rose, from Ann Olds and Durban Ramblers Hiking Club.



I first knew of the Glens when their bright, sparkling daughter, Theresa was in Matric at Pinetown Girls High School. We met again about 10 years later on hiking trails. Rose and Roy were both lean and equally strong hikers.

One of their first “expeditions” with Ramblers was back-packing from Bushman’s Nek to Sehlabathebe Lodge, a former residence of Lesotho royalty. The donkeys ordered to assist with carrying back-packs never materialised, so the day’s trek over icy patches and snow drifts was pretty gruelling. The shelter of the Lodge and warmth from the central wood-burning fire soon thawed and cheered our party of 18. As sleeping arrangements were sorted we found ourselves sharing a dormitory for 8. This proved to be quite an “initiation” for Rose and Roy, as one dear member of the 8 snored like a steam train all night, and the next! Much fun and camaraderie was shared, fuelled by Roy’s endless repertoire of “jokes”. We left with many tales to tell.

On the next week-end away to Lilani hot springs resort, Roy and Rose were not able to get on the road as early as some of us, and found the only campsite left was that next to the notorious “steam train” – the snorer.

While camping at the new campsite at Didima, Cathedral Peak, we were woken in the middle of the night by yelling as security guards gave chase after thieves who had cut open the boundary fence behind the Glen’s tent. Roy’s new hiking boots were taken. These were eventually found, but were kept by SAPS as case evidence.

Through all these adventures and high-jinx, Rose had a calm, steadying presence. When Roy’s stream of stories seemed endless, or became a little risqué, Rose would “shoosh” him gently, or more firmly at times. As a straightforward, humble and very caring person, Rose had firm ideas and strong determination that she put to use in running her home, her knitting business, playing sport and planning travels. Rose lived quietly and stalwartly through all life’s challenges. She was never a complainer.

Rose and Roy made every effort to attend Ramblers’ Christmas parties – for the dancing, as much as the company and food. Between dances with Rose, Roy would dance energetically with any other woman up to the challenge and perspiration! Rose would look on, patiently tapping a foot to the beat.

I think our last camping week-end together was to Cumberland about 2 years ago. Rolf and Doreen, and I camped with Rose and Roy, while others of the party stayed in cottages. Rose did not venture far from the campsite as she got short of breath. Instead she sat enjoying the peaceful setting in the bushveld.

Although she was losing fitness, Rose came out on a few easier Saturday afternoon hikes in the past year or so. As much as Rose enjoyed the mountain paths, she loved the sea and beach walks. Last summer Rose and Roy walked along the Durban Promenade with a Rambler group, but her strength was diminished, so they rested at a Wimpy, where Biff met them for a milkshake and heart-to-heart.

Rose was genuine, Salt of the Earth.

Rob Jeeves - When Rob became Biff’s partner in 2011, he started hiking on a Wednesday and he came away with us for weekends. On weekends, he joined Neville in making braais for us. A Braai and a Beer were much appreciated by him.

But surfing was his all time main sport and after Covid lockdown, he decided that the pain he endured, both during and after the hike, did not make it worthwhile any more so he quit.

On 25 th October 2020, he took a wave in the sea the wrong way, it dumped him into the sandbank and knocked him out and he drowned.

We will all miss his quiet ways and his little jokes.

Photo was taken at Wednesday hikers “beer and chips” at Stella - their farewell to him.



INFORMATION

MAGAZINE:

The magazine is distributed via email using durbanramblers.editor@gmail.com as a sending address. If you know of anyone who has not received the magazine, please ask them to check their SPAM folder.

Note: If you have been receiving the magazine by post and now want the speedier email version in full colour, advise the editor and send us your email address. This helps reduce the posting costs and possible delays with getting the magazine to you.

If any of you have been on interesting adventures recently, we would love to read about them. Please send your articles together with photos to the editor.

WEBSITE:

The website (www.durbanramblers.co.za) as well as the Durban Ramblers Hiking Club Facebook page may be viewed for updated information regarding the club, hikes, etc. It's an interesting experience to peruse the archives on our website. Biff has done a great job getting them up to date. If you have any archival info you think merits being included, please communicate with Biff about it.

Should you wish to contribute photos to the Facebook page please send your contributions to Diana, our Publicity person. You may also ask Diana to remove photos you would rather not be there.

HIKE DONATIONS:

On some of the hikes hikers are asked for donations and in some cases the club makes donations on behalf of the members. Here is a breakdown of recent donations made in the last quarter.

Date	DRHC	PUB HOL	Hikers (Wed)	Hikers (Sat)	Hikers (Sun)	Hike
Sat Oct 10				220		Giba Gorge
Wed Oct 14			360	480		Palmiet Nature Resrve
Sat Oct 24				220		Honey Trails
Sat Nov 7				260		Impithi Nature Reserve
Wed Nov 25			320			Hillcrest Conservancy
Sat 28 Nov				220		Monteseel Conservancy
Sat Dec 5				240		Giba Gorge Nature Reserve
Total			R680	R1640		



RHINO CARD

Your basic Rhino Card (which gets you into Krantzkloof and Stainbank Nature Reserves) costs you R250 per person (under 60 yrs of age) or R230 person (over 60 yrs of age) for a year's membership. Go to <https://www.ekznw.co.za/RhinoClub.htm> or <http://www.kznwildlife.com/rhino%20card.html> for more information.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

While hiking and rambling is usually all good fun we should also be aware that sometimes something can go amiss and we might find ourselves in a stressful situation. There is an emergency app you can download to your mobile phone from www.mysos.co.za which will provide you with all the emergency numbers in the area where you need it.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Please have your emergency contact number(s) under ICE (In Case of Emergency) in your cell phone and on the new cards issued, or a label of some sort attached to your day pack.

Details should consist of your name, ID number, name of medical aid and membership number (your medical aid card should be with you too) and the name/number(s) of someone to contact.

Emergency personnel will look for your ICE details.

Hospitals will not send an ambulance/paramedics if your medical aid details are not available.

Please carry these important details with you on each hike.

Biff has a stock of lanyards and plastic pouches for name tags. She carries them in her backpack so they can be requested at any hike

RAMBLERS SOCIAL EVENTS

WEEKENDS AWAY - Biff Maggs - Biffmaggs101@gmail.com:

Unfortunately we have not booked for any weekends away, since we do not know if this virus is going to spike again.

If that happens, we lose our deposit.

We have had a note that Cumberland Nature Reserve is open. But they require that you book, even for a day hike.

<http://www.cumberslandreserve.co.za>

check out their website.

We will hope to have better news for the New Year.

HIKING PROGRAMMES:

For hiking during level 1, we are guided by the regulations. As a Club we will be limiting the numbers depending on the hike and the willingness of the hike leader of between 10 and 20 people. Every week members will be able to book with the hike leader for a hike; the booking cut off time will be the day before.

The regulations say wearing of masks for public places, except with vigorous exercise. We interpret this as: when we meet we will need to have masks; during the hike, provided we keep social distancing and it is strenuous, we can forgo the mask. The mask needs to be available when we pass other hikers and for close interaction.

Picture on the right was taken at the picnic after a Wednesday hike with members practising their social distancing



WEDNESDAY MORNING HIKES: Organised by Coleen Seath.

Please check details of the Wednesday Hikes with Colin Turner on 031 708 3517 or Coleen Seath on 031 202 2279 / 082 735 7659 (who will co-ordinate with leaders.) Information about the Wednesday hikes is posted on our Facebook page a few days before.

SATURDAY HIKES (AFTERNOON): Organised by Ann Olds.

- Should you wish to participate in any of the hikes, please phone the leader by no later than Friday evening to book your spot.
- Please make sure you have a mask which should be worn in terms of the guidelines set out above under the heading Hiking Programmes. No mask – no hike!
See picture below – the new norm for hiking! This was taken on a Wednesday hike when Jenny Rooks (left) and Coleen Seath (right) shared a birthday. In the middle is Colin Turner.
- Please get to starting point by 13.45 or 13.15 on occasion (please check schedule below) in order for the hike to begin on time. The leader also needs to record your presence as a record needs to be kept of participants in case of anyone on the hike subsequently reports being Covid positive.
- For directions to the starting point, please PHONE the organiser between 12.00 and 12.45 on the day of the hike, don't SMS.
- Children are welcome but check suitability of the hike with the leader.
- Please bring at least 1 litre of water each, a snack for half time and a hat.



SUNDAY HIKES (FULL DAY): Organised by Ana Barbosa.

- Please be aware that a certain level of fitness is required to do Sunday hikes. If you don't exercise regularly, or aren't an experienced walker please complete three Ramblers' Saturday afternoon hikes before joining the longer Sunday hikes.
- Please make sure you have a mask which should be worn in terms of the guidelines set out above under the heading Hiking Programmes. No mask – no hike!
- **Always** phone the hike leader the day before at the latest, to confirm details and let him/her know to expect you on the hike. Be mindful that the leader is also preparing for the hike on the Sunday morning.
- Please note that the meeting point and or time in the programme might change, or the hike route might change, or it might be raining and the hike cancelled therefore **you must phone the leader** or you might find yourself left out and left behind.
- Please try to get to the meeting places at least 10 minutes earlier to help with arranging lifts. The leader also needs to record your presence as a record needs to be kept of participants in case of anyone on the hike subsequently reports being Covid positive.
- Bring the correct amount of money as change may not be available.
- It is advisable to bring at least 2 litres of water, mid-morning snack, lunch and a hat. It is recommended that hikers carry their own water
- Keep Rehidrat in your pack in case of dehydration in the hot months.
- Use tick spray.

Hikes are described as being Easy, Moderate or Strenuous and are graded from 1 to 5, as follows:

- A flat even walk
- A hike without big and steep inclines
- A hike with some steep inclines - Fitness recommended
- A hike with steep inclines and rock scrambling - Fitness essential
- A hike with many inclines and rock scrambling - Fitness very essential

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY HIKING PROGRAMME 1st QUARTER 2021 check on Facebook for changes

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF HIKE	LEADER	GRADE
Sat 2 Jan	Winston Park – Ingwenya Trail	Ann Olds	
	Winston Park off-ramp from M13, proceed along Jan Smuts Ave. Left at 4-way stop (still Jan Smuts Ave), many speed bumps, to view site at end. Meet 13.45. Steep descent to contour path along top of cliff on north side. Views of Stockville Valley, to the ocean in the east, grassland. Shade in the valley. BYO sundowners to enjoy at the viewsite.	083 666 5630	2, Mod. +/- 7km. Vertigo caution.
Sun 3 Jan	Burman Bush (Morningside)	Philip Collyer	
	Kicking off the new hiking year with a hike through this lovely 55 hectare reserve. Meet 08:00 at Burman Bush lower security gate entrance (101 Burman Drive). Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	082 417 0204	Grade 2; ±3 hours
Sat 9 Jan	Everton Conservancy from Forestview Dr. Everton.	Ann Olds	
	(Hike rained off 31 Oct.) Everton Rd Exit from M 13, down Everton Rd, right at fork into Pearson Rd, left at T-junction into Forestview Dr, bend to right over stream, immediately right into Everton Park. Meet at 13.45. R20.00 donation to Everton Conservancy. Hiking along cliff above Longshadow Gorge, down to river, a few rocky river crossings, steep ascent and a ladder to cliff path. Circular route. BYO sundowners to enjoy in the Park after hike.	083 666 5630	3 Mod. 7 km. Vertigo caution
Sun 10 Jan	Renishaw (recce)	Anne Wilson	
	A new hike – coastal forest and cane – various route options (tree top, mine shaft and mamba alley to be decided on day). Meet to start hike at 07:30 at lower car park on Mill Road, Renishaw, in front of pottery factory and next to the yacht. If unsure please contact Anne for directions. Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	079 850 0206	Grade 2-3; ±14km
Sat 16 Jan	Westville Eco Trails	Linda Smith	
	(Rained off last quarter). Park at Westville Country Club by 13.45. R20.00 for Conservancy. Hike along well cut trails through a tunnel, along lush river banks, and some grassland. Drinks at Club (outside) after hike.	083 353 8319	2, easy/mod. 6+km.
Sun 17 Jan	Kenneth Stainbank NR (Yellowwood Park)	Stella Wells	
	Hike through grassland, bush and across a few streams. Game and bird viewing. Use tick repellent. Finish around lunch time. ±R50 entry fee. Meet at 08:00 in the main parking area (follow road to left of entrance gate). Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	078 319 8979	Grade 2 Easy; ±10km

Sat 23 Jan	Burman Bush, Durban.	Philip Collyer	
	Park in Burman Drive at entrance to lower gate of Burman Bush, by 13.45. Car guard will be organised at R10.00 per vehicle. Will explore the many paths within the reserve, avoiding street walking.	082 417 0204 easy/mod.	2, easy/mod. 6+km
Sun 24 Jan	Dargle Mountain (iNhlozane) - recce	Roland Smith	
	A new hike, new leader! An adventurous and popular hike up iNhlozane (Dargle Mountain) starting from Mount Park Guest Farm. Initially through indigenous forest, then the hike is fairly exposed with quite a bit of clambering over rocky terrain. At the top, views on all sides are of Midlands farmlands, dams and rivers. On a clear day, views go as far as the sea. The circular hike ends with a BYO braai/ picnic or lunch back at the guest farm. Resort entrance R50 pp (R30 voucher issued which can be spent afterwards at restaurant). Meet 08:00 at Piggly Wiggly to start hiking at 08:30 from Mount Park Guest Farm. Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	066 111 1488	Grade 3-4 Vertigo; 12-15km
Sat 30 Jan	SPCA (Kloof) to Edgecliff Conservancy.	Ann Olds	
	Park in over-flow parking beyond market area (follow Exit sign & look for Ramblers in hiking apparel). Meet 13.45. R20.00 for SPCA. Hike through SPCA trails, into Kloof, pass St Mary's School, down to Edgecliff Conservancy. Views over Westmead towards Giba Gorge. Return to waterfall trail. BYO for afterwards in grounds.	083 666 5630	2, easy, 6+km,
Sun 31 Jan	Hillcrest Station Masters Arms to Botha's Hill - recce	Jenny Rooks	
	A continuation of our rail walks - along railway line from Hillcrest Station to Botha's Hill. Donation R20 to the Keep Hillcrest Beautiful Association. Meet 08:00 Hillcrest Station Masters Arms (4 Inanda Rd, Hillcrest). Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	084 952 0622	Grade 2 Easy; ±15km
Sat 6 Feb	Umhlanga Promenade, Dune Forest and Lagoon.	Merle Mackenzie	
	Park at Durban View Park parking lot (Marine Dr. and Durban View Rd) by 13.45. Walk along prestigious Umhlanga Promenade, through indigenous dune forest, and out onto beach to the lagoon. Return to car park along beach and Promenade. Choice of "watering holes" after hike.	082 454 0521	1, easy, 8 km.
Sun 7 Feb	Umdloti Beach Coastal Trails – new hike	Jon Stevens	
	(Rained off 1 Nov). Explore the newly developed trails between the beach and the M4 plus some other pieces. Meet 08:00 at the Umdloti Beach main car park (1 S. Beach Rd, Umdloti in front of Bush Tavern/ Mundo Vida/ Bel Punto). Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	082 459 1522	Grade 2; ±15m
Sat 13 Feb	AGM – no hike		

Sun 14 Feb	Everton Conservancy from Gillitts	Jonathan S.	
	Explore the Everton Conservancy in Acutts Drive following the Molweni River trail to Gillitts Falls where we will stop for lunch. Return along a different route where possible. Donation R30pp to Everton Conservancy. Meet and park 08:00 at The School Of Modern Montessori, 9 Anthony Dr, Gillitts. Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	082 420 9577	Grade 2; ±10km
Sat 20 Feb	Alverstone Wildlife Park	Ann Olds	
	Exit 33 from M13, right over M13 in Kassier Rd, left opposite Hillcrest (Busamed) Hospital into Alverstone Rd. (D435). Entrance R20.00. Hike over grassland, and through riverine forest, up and down some narrow paths passed waterfall. BYO refreshment and braai after hike in Boma.	083 666 5630	3, mod. 7 km.
Sun 21 Feb	Monteseel (Drummond)	Philip Collyer	
	Hike follows the contours of the escarpment and then steeply down to the valley and back. R20 donation to conservancy. Meet 08.30 at Drum and Bell (10 Old Main Rd, Drummond). Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	082 417 0204	Grade 3-4 Vertigo; ±17km
Sat 27 Feb	Stainbank Nature Reserve, Yellowwood Park.	Steve Verreyne	
	Coedmore Rd, Yellowwood Park. 13.30, as entry process is slow, R50.00 pp, or Rhino Card/Wild Card. Hike through pleasant grassland, bush, a few river crossings, grazing game. BYO refreshment for after hike.	083 956 1556	3, mod. 8 km.
Sun 28 Feb	Toti Trek (Toti Sports Club)	Anna Kapp	
	An exploration of Amanzimtoti, incorporating a walk along the Toti River. Drinks at the Sports Bar afterwards. Donation R30pp towards trail maintenance. Meet to start hiking promptly at 07:30 Lords & Legends, Riverside Rd, Amanzimtoti. Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	071 427 7139	Grade 2; ±15km
Sat 6 Mar	Summerveld	Colin Turner	
	Exit 33 from M13, left onto Kassier Rd, pass over N3, and pass Shongweni Dam sign, on Kassier Rd. Summerveld Jockey Academy, to right off Kassier Rd. (small factory bldg on right). Pass dams on right, under foot bridge, and Clubhouse on left, continue to open fields on left for parking by 13.45 (Dog training club). Walk on farm roads through horse country, through grassland and some cane. Colin's hikes are always varied. BYO for after.	031 708 3517 / 062 392 1818 (no Whatsapp)	3, mod. Longish 8 km.
Sun 7 Mar	Mt Moreland	Jon Stevens	
	Join Jon on one of his geographic expeditions of the Mt Moreland area – come prepared for adventure. BYO for post hike picnic/ drinks. Meet 09:00 Mt Moreland Village Green/ Barn Swallow View Site (N2 Verulam exit 190).	082 459 1522	Grade 2-3; ±15km
Sat 13 Mar	Giba Gorge to Cascades	Steve Verreyne	
	Meet at Giba Gorge Bike Park 13.45. Entrance R30.00. Hike along bike trails, in some shade. Some steep areas. Pleasant tea break at the Cascades.	083 956 1556	4, mod. +8 km.

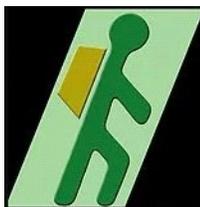
Sun 14 Mar	Giba Gorge	Jenny Rooks	
	Drive past St Helier dam, turn left under the bridge and park next to the security guard's hut to start hiking at 08:00. R10 to security guard to watch our cars and R30 entrance to Giba Gorge. We will walk to the main entrance and stop for coffee at the Café. Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	084 952 0622	Grade 2; ±14km
Sat 20 Mar	Hillcrest - Oxford Centre to cane fields and suburbs.	Ann Olds	
	Oxford Centre, off Old Main Rd, Hillcrest. Park on lower level towards back of centre near Bootleggers Grill, and Hillcrest Lawnmowers, by 13.45. Walk passed Plantations Estate, down into farmland, through some cane, and up behind Highbury. Return walk through Hillcrest suburb.	083 666 5630	2. easy/mod, but long 8+km.
Sun 21 Mar	Art Deco Walk from Wilson's Wharf	Jonathan S.	
Human Rights Day	Jonathan will lead a walk around central Durban pointing out some of our architectural heritage, specifically the Art Deco Style. Bring some money for refreshments along the way. Drinks afterwards at Wilson's Wharf. Park at Wilson's Wharf (Boatmans Rd) to start walking at 08.00. Booking preferably by Whatsapp.	082 420 9577	Grade1; ±12km
Sat 27 Mar	Clifton Tower (Shongweni area)to Giba Gorge.	Abdullah Dada	
	Exit 33 from M13, left on to Kassier Rd. Pass over N3, left at Shongweni Dam sign (MR599) to Denny Mushroom parking on left. Meet 13.45. Tip for Security guard. Hike through canefields and uphill to Clifton Look -out tower. Views to ocean in the east, and over Giba gorge. Continue down onto farm above Giba. A few steep areas. Well deserved drinks at Shongweni Club after hike.	084 478 6779	3, mod. 7km
Sun 28 Mar	Zinkwazi	Jon Stevens	
	Walk south from Zinkwazi Beach. Lovely beaches, rolling hills, shaded forest paths to Nonoti Estuary, eroded red sand dunes to see and a tropical bar to visit. Drinks after at the club. Meet 09.00 Zinkwazi Ski Boat Club (parking at the end of Seagull Drive). Booking preferably by WhatsApp.	082 459 1522	Grade 2-3; ±15km

OTHER HIKING OPPORTUNITIES

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS



Keith from **Midlands Hiking Club** has been kind enough to extend to our members, not only an invitation to his day hikes, but also to their weekends away, including New Year. You can view their schedule on their website: <http://www.gohiking.co.za/>



Johannesburg Hiking Club has entered into a reciprocity agreement with us to allow our respective members to be able to join in hikes and weekends away paying only member prices for these events. This means you can continue hiking even when you travel to Gauteng

TEL: 078 885 6505 - WEBSITE: www.jhbhiking.co.za



SANI PASS WILDFLOWER WALK



Sunday 31 January 2021

SPECIAL GUEST BOTANIST: doyen of Sani Pass flowers ELSA POOLEY!!

Cost: R550 per person includes:



- *Transport in 4x4 vehicles up Sani Pass.
- *COVID protocols; All vehicles will have sanitisers, windows will be kept open and all passengers are required to wear face masks.
- *A slow 8km walk down the Sani Pass enjoying the unique flowers, the superb views, and birds along the way with expert botanists to help identify the species to add to your appreciation and enjoyment.
- *Transport back from SA border post to Giant's Cup Café from 3pm.

ADVANCE BOOKINGS ONLY DUE TO LIMITED TRANSPORT!

Support a good cause – funds raised from this event go towards sponsoring teachers from this area on Environmental Education courses with WESSA at Umgeni Valley.

YOU NEED TO BRING:

- ***PASSPORT essential! You will be exiting SA at an official border**
- *Hiking boots
- *Packed lunch
- *Lots of water to drink
- *Hiking stick
- *Hat
- *Warm clothing
- *Raingear
- *Flower books/binoculars/cameras optional



Meet: 06h30 sharp at the Giant's Cup Café 10.5km down the SANI PASS ROAD on the left-hand side.

BOOKINGS: for the walk – contact Sani Lodge Backpackers 033 7020330 / 0839873071 or email info@sanilodge.co.za

ACCOMMODATION: for the night before is also available at Sani Lodge Self-catering cottages or Backpackers, on the same property as the Giant's Cup Café (www.sanilodge.co.za).

SALES: (before and/or after the walk): Snacks, sunscreen, caps, Elsa Pooley wild flower field guide books ; Sani Pass flowers, mammals, birds and reptiles posters; WESSA publications; local books and maps; indigenous plant species; artwork by local artists.

Indigenous Gardening Workshops available Saturday 30 January and/or Monday 1 Feb

Small groups (max 5), an opportunity to gain practical and useful advice by exploring indigenous gardens that demonstrate different environments to suit different plant species best, and to enjoy the surrounds. Price includes morning tea and a starter pack of 5 plants. 9am – 12 noon. Add this to your enquiry for the Flower Walk itself and we will send you more information.