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CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLINGS

Fellow Ramblers

What a great year we have had, from surviving floods in April and still doing hikes, to the 90th celebrations and three year end parties 🎉.

Season Greetings to everyone and their families on behalf of the Ramblers Hiking Committee, who have put on a wonderful spread of hikes and activities through the year!

Here is to fitness and happy hiking

Philip
Chair

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Our AGM is being held on the 11th February 2023. For newer members who are not au fait with our annual meetings, the club affairs are dealt with expediently and the event is then followed by a very social Bring & Braai. We hope members will attend as the Club values members' input. (See the AGM Notice and Agenda herewith as well as Nomination Forms). There will be three vacancies opening up on the Committee. In addition, one portfolio still remains vacant as no-one was willing to offer their services at the last AGM.

So we are giving members **Advance Notice** in order that some thought can be given as to who will be willing to put their hands up at the AGM in February to take over the following portfolios:

Chairman – Philip will have completed his 3 years

Magazine Editor – Merle will have completed her 3 years

Weekend Organiser - Jonathan Sampson will have completed his 3 years

Ordinary Member – currently vacant.

Rest assured that no-one will be thrown in the deep end, and proper hand-overs would be given to all those who are willing to take over from the above. Please give this matter some serious thought.

We are extremely grateful to our hike organisers who have ensured that we have a variety of hikes to tackle throughout the year. But what would we do without our **HIKE LEADERS? A huge big shout-out to this small band of people who are becoming a rare breed and here I must ask members to come forward and volunteer to lead some hikes.**

HIKING ETIQUETTE

A reminder of these few simple guidelines:

- **Follow your leader.** It's impolite to get ahead of the leader – he/she is called a **leader** for a reason!
- **Be Aware of your fellow hikers.** Keep an eye on the hiker behind you. If the gap is getting too wide, let the leader know so they the trailers can be given a chance to catch up. By the same token, don't lose sight of the hiker in front of you – attract their attention if you're falling behind.
- **Communicate.** If you want to leave the hike for any reason, make sure the leader knows and that it's safe to leave the group at that particular point.
- **Remember Your Manners.** Be kind, courteous and respectful. Don't hesitate to say hello and smile as you pass by a fellow hiker!
- **Respect the Peace and Quiet.** Keep noise to a minimum. Most people on the trail are looking to experience nature and its natural sounds, or lack thereof. Make sure your cell phone is on silent, and refrain from talking loudly or yelling amongst your group.
- **Absolutely no littering.** This includes orange peel, apple core and banana skin. While they are biodegradable, this is still littering and they are not good for wildlife.
- **Stay on the Path.** If you don't, you could get lost and/or encounter dangerous terrain. Plus, leaving designated pathways causes damage to the environment such as destroying vegetation, erosion and degrading soil quality.
- **Don't Disturb Plants.** Hikers should not pick or remove vegetation.

MEMBER NEWS

NEW MEMBERS:

Visitors are permitted to join Saturday and Sunday hikes, subject to limiting numbers in the group to a maximum of 30, but this is always at the discretion of hike leaders. Once visitors have done their three hikes, they may apply for membership and pay the required fees. It is important to state your name as a reference when doing the EFT payment.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Ahmed Abuarja, Ursula Wakeling, Gary Wakeline, Sudesh Dayanand, Tejal Dayanand, Waheeda Jan, Graham Cruschi, Nompilo Nzimande, Catherine du Plesis, Sharon Thiels, Jayne Helder, Wendy Writnch-Schultz, Hayley Tombleson, Janine Atkinson, Jacobus Britz. Sara Naidoo and Charmaine Roberts.

We wish you many happy years of rambling with the Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Alan Blundell and Este Shearer on their recent marriage.

PASSING:

RIP **George Carr** - Honorary Life Member - Died July 2022. Condolences to Mary.

Mike Serrurier Former member and social organiser, best remembered for a fun booze cruise on the Sari Marais. Died early November 2022. Condolences to Lisa.

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 printing and posting costs and possible delays with getting the magazine to you.

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 donations made in the first & second quarters in 2022:

Date	DRHC	PUB HOL	Hikers (Wed)	Hikers (Sat)	Hikers (Sun)	Hike
27 September				480		Westville Eco Trails
8 October				400		Palmiet
9 October	70				490	Isithumba (Old Baldy)
19 October			480			Springside Nature Reserve
23 October					200	Hill 'n Dale
29 October				40		Shongweni
2 November			260			Everton Conservancy
5 November				400		Nkonhka Trust
19 November				480		Umdoni Forest
10 December				870		Alverstone
Total	70		740	2670	690	Total = R4170

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. Should you wish to contribute photos to the Facebook page please send your contributions to Ana, our Publicity person. You may also ask Ana to remove photos you would rather not be there. The website also includes an archive containing lots of history of the Club which was formed way back in 1932

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. Ask a member of the committee for a card holder or a lanyard. Biff Maggs always has available.

HIKE REPORTS (a limited selection from recent hikes)

Wednesday 14 September - Winston Park

10 Ramblers gathered at the end of Jan Smuts Avenue and set off with Dave who gamely put himself forward as our leader. The descent is always a bit tricky and once down on the ridge walking is easier. It was a warm and sunny morning and as we walked, we enjoyed the



number of wild flowers that bloomed in the grassland. The path unfortunately ended at a "wash away". Dave and a couple of intrepid ladies attempted a path through the bracken venturing higher up the ridge. This sadly ended at fences and barbed wire so the group retreated back to the cars.



Dave then led us through the grassy verges of Winston Park. Once back and enjoying our picnic (and a birthday treat from Brian) we were pleased to note that we had walked a respectable 9km. Thank you very much Dave. It was a good morning.

Report by Coleen, Pics courtesy Mary and Coleen

Sunday 18 September - Valley of 1000 Hills (Bothas Hill)

The weather was very favourable for this hike but still we were still not too sure what to expect after the April floods. For a little variation at the beginning of the hike, we headed towards Valley Trust and from there back down to the river crossing and into the valley. Whilst there were signs of flooding, our path was still very clear with, thankfully, little water to cross.



Having had a tea stop at 'the boulders' we then retraced our steps back to our first steep climb up to the road and promptly back down again on a very slippery path. Not to be repeated! We then headed back to the dipping tank from where we took the even steeper biking/trail runners' path back up to the Pot and Kettle where we had parked. At this stage, one member was taking strain with severe cramping so the majority headed onward and upward whilst a few of us stayed behind to ensure everybody made it safely to the top. Once back on the road, Rob Krogh kindly fetched the stragglers in



his bakkie. This hike showed the camaraderie that exists in the club. Thanks to all for making it a success.

Distance: 15.6 kms; Climb: Min elevation 330. Max 745. So we climbed well over 400 metres; Participants: 21

Hike Report by Stella Wells, Photos courtesy of Sharm

Sunday 20 November- Nagle Dam

We met at the picnic site of Nagle Dam, and followed a loop trail that took us through the famous tunnel, past large thick bushes and a wide assortment of colourful flowers going around the dam. This was a beautiful hike with lots of scenery plus the weather was perfect. The highlight of the day was the Tunnel that goes across the dam. No hike is complete without enjoying some dinks/refreshments at the dam.



Hike report courtesy Mthobisi Ndlovu. Photos courtesy Stuart Duguid, Motho, Alan Blundell and Zuz (visitor).

Saturday 17 September - Westville Eco Trails



Thank you Linda for a lovely hike through newly re-vamped Westville Eco-Trails
Report & photos by Gil Krauspe

Wednesday 2 November – Everton Conservancy

Gosh. What an unexpectedly wonderful morning. Thank you Jenny. A couple of people never reached the starting blocks, but the rest of us set off on what turned out to be a bit of a muddy, slippery path in intermittent rain and mist.

The Everton Conservancy has done a great job of clearing the paths. We walked along to the falls, managed to cross the river went back up and then along the road. Lovely forests throughout. We nearly lost one of our party. She suddenly slid down off the path, and rolled down the hill! Luckily the undergrowth slowed her path and she ended up lying next to a tree. No bones broken!! No names mentioned!

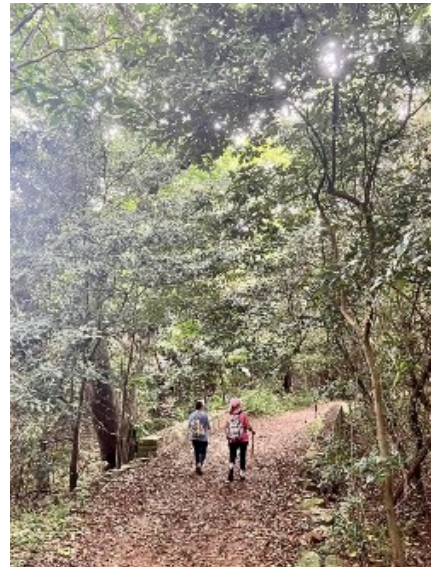


Report Biff, Photos courtesy of Phillipa

Saturday 19 November – Umdoni Nature Reserve



For a change it was decided to travel down the south coast for this hike which was led by Mary McKenzie from the Umdoni Golf Club, exploring the coastal forest and the gorge along the Nkumbane river. *Photos courtesy Gil Krauspe*



RAMBLERS SOCIAL EVENTS

New Year Weekend at Cumberland : Thursday 29 December – Sunday 1 January

As per e-mail sent out.

REPORT-BACK : YEAR-END FUNCTIONS

Sunday Group– 11 December

The weather was perfect for a 10km walk around Glenwood lead by Jonathan Sampson. Later all hikers met at Philip's home for lunch. We were treated to the aromatic flavours of hot curries cooked by Philip. No social is complete without coffee, chocolate cake and a few tunes on the piano.



Photos courtesy of Philip Collyer



Saturday Group - 10 December

29 people met at Alverstone Wildlife Park and set off at a brisk pace behind Ann. Up towards the top dam, where we saw Zebra, wildebeest and impala. Down through the forest, to the bottom Dam. Ann thought we could take a path, but it was too overgrown, so back to the dam for "tea", and then straight back to the lapa, getting back just in time before the rain. Some hills, some flat - well balanced. Rolf and Roy had the fires all lit, so we sat around, having a very jolly time. Had a lekker braai with some beers and wine. We are so very fortunate to have such a great place to go, and such a competent leader and organiser. Thank you for a great year-end hike.

Report by Biff Maggs

Wednesday Group – 24 November

The Wednesday hikers enjoyed a delicious year-end lunch at the Pot & Kettle in Botha's Hill. A big thank you to Biff for organizing. Colin Turner entertained the group with quite a tricky quiz which really had us racking our brains. He also rewrote the lyrics of a song that was originally sung by Julie Andrews when she turned 70. He then twisted Merle's arm to sing his version for the group:

*Eye drops and nose drops and needles for knitting
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings
Bundles of doctors' bills tied up with string
These are a few of my favourite things*

*Migranes, and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses
Alzheimers, steradent, false teeth in glasses
Pacemakers, wheelchairs and rockers that swing
These are a few of my favourite things*

*When the pipes leak, when the bones creak
When I think I'm mad
I simply remember my favourite things
And then I don't feel so bad*

*Knees that won't bend and new blood pressure tablets
Facelifts and wrinkles that old age begets
Heating pads, bath robes that nurses now bring
These are a few of my favourite things*

*Back pain, confused brain and too old for sinning
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning
Shrunken frames, loose skin that now hangs and clings
So let's remember our favourite things*

*When the joints ache, when the hips break
When the eyes grow dim
'Tis then I remember the good life I've had
And then I don't feel so bad*

As most of the Wednesday group are pensioners, there were a few of us that could relate to some of these favourite things!

Photos courtesy of Mary Furnivall



HIKING PROGRAMMES:

Every week members will be able to book a hike with the hike leader; booking cut off time will be the day before. Numbers on hikes will be limited to a **maximum of 30**, or less subject to discretion of hike leaders.

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.)

SATURDAY HIKES (AFTERNOON): Organised by Gil Krauspe.

- 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 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.
- 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, or ask for directions when booking.
- 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 Rani Reddy.

- **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.**
- **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. **You can also check on Facebook which may reflect changes or cancellations.**
- Please try to get to the meeting places at least 10 minutes earlier to help with arranging lifts. 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:

1. A flat even walk
2. A hike without big and steep inclines
3. A hike with some steep inclines - Fitness recommended
4. A hike with steep inclines and rock scrambling - Fitness essential
5. A hike with many inclines and rock scrambling - Fitness very essential

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY HIKING PROGRAMME 1st QUARTER 2023

(Check Facebook for any changes)

NB – IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT INDIVIDUALS HIKE AT ENTIRELY THEIR OWN RISK. THE CLUB, ITS OFFICERS, HIKE LEADERS AND MEMBERS CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY/LOSS SUSTAINED BY PARTICIPANTS IN CLUB ACTIVITIES

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF HIKE	LEADER	GRADE
Sun 1 Jan	No hike : New Year's Day		
Sat 7 Jan	Crestholme: Donation of R20.	Jenny Rooks	
	Meet at Crestholme Pony Club, Crestholme Drive at 13:45. Take Inanda Rd, pass Watercrest Mall, pass Crinkley Bottom in dip on left. Up hill, first left into Rainbow Dr. First right into Crestholme Dr, down hill, pass Chestnut Dr on left, Pony Club on right. Walk in delightful conservancy and along country roads. Views of Inanda Dam. BYO refreshments for afterwards.	084 952 0622	Grade 2-3, Easy, long 10km

Sun 8 Jan	Historical Homes of Durban North	Jonathan Sampson	
	Continuing the series of Historical Homes walks to identify the buildings of interest as identified by Prof. Brian Kearney in his book: A Revised Listing of important Places and Buildings in Durban, 1984. We will be visiting Old Battery and Japanese Gardens en route, time permitting. Park and meet at Hyper by the Sea to start hiking at 8am.	082 420 9577	Grade 1 Easy; ±10km
Sat 14 Jan	Springside Nature Reserve - Hillcrest : Donation of R20	Ismail Vahed	
	Note: Early start time of 13:00. From Old Main Rd in Hillcrest, right into Short Rd (robot at Shell Garage), right at T-junction into Springside Rd, reserve in the dip on the left. Meet at 12:45. Hike several loops along well-maintained paths and bridges. A favourite reserve with birders and wild flower enthusiasts. Contact Gil to book for this hike – 083 75 99199.		Grade 2, Easy/mod, +-6km
Sun 15 Jan	Morewood Farm Trails	Philip Collyer	
	An extended hike along bike trails through pine plantation, riverine bush and grassland. Bikers have “right of way”. Variety of refreshments on sale after the hike. Park at Morewood Farm in Springside Rd (short way past Springside Nature Reserve, on the right) by 7:45. Entry R30.00.	082 417 0204	Grade 2-3; ±14km
Sat 21 Jan	Westbrook Beach, Westbrook (Beach Bums):	Jon Stevens	
	Meet at Beach Bums, 65 Casuarina Rd, Westbrook, at 13:30. About 40km from central Durban. Directions: N2 to Umdloti, onto M4 (Leo Boyd Highway) through La Mercy, Desainagar. Casuarina Rd parallel to M4 on seaward side. Hike at 14:00 sharp. Some beach, some road, some cane. An undulating hike through farmland with lovely views. Drinks at Beach Bums afterwards.	082 459 1522	Grade 3, Moderate 9km
Sun 22 Jan	Umdloti Greet the Sun	Jon Stevens	
	Starting at 5 am precisely we will see the sun rise in the cool of the morning. To be followed by an exploration of the area around the casino. Finished by mid-morning. Park on Helenza Drive. Pin to be provided later.	082 459 1522	Grade 2-3
Sat 28 Jan	Parks of Westville: Donation R20	Linda Smith	
	Meet and park at 13:45 at the Westville Country Club in Link Rd. The hike will take us through the streets and suburbs of Westville to visit the 3 little gems of parks cared for by the Westville Conservancy. Drinks afterwards at the Westville Country Club.	083 353 8319	Grade 1, Easy, 8km
Sun 29 Jan	Kloof to Hillcrest rail walk	Jenny Rooks	
	Easy but long walk along a footpath from Kloof Station to Hillcrest Station and with Umgeni Steam Train running on the last Sunday of the month, we might get to meet up with it. Donation R20 to the Kloof Project. Meet 08:00 at Kloof Station (Stokers Arms). Please park at the shopping centre across the road. Book by WhatsApp	084 952 0622	Grade 2-3; ±18km

Sat 4 Feb	Virginia Bush Nature Reserve:	Tina Regnard	
	Meet at Virginia Airport parking by 13:45. Walk through suburb to Virginia Bush to enjoy old coastal sand dune forest vegetation and birdsong. Many paths and loops in this urban reserve. Possibly drinks at the Wings Club at Virginia Airport afterwards.	083 289 6276	Grade 2, Easy/mod. 9km
Sun 5 Feb	KKNR : Southern Loop	Peter McElwee	
	A strenuous but very scenic hike that takes in the southern side of Krantzklouf Nature Reserve. Great views of the immense kloof falls and of the gorge. Due to limited parking, ride sharing is encouraged. Entrance fee: R50 or valid Rhino card. Booking via whatsapp. Meet at 7:45 at KKNR picnic site (152 Kloof Falls Road) to start hiking at 8:00.	078 611 0752	Grade 3; ±15km;
Sat 11 Feb	No hike : AGM at 11am Krantzklouf Interpretive Centre followed by Bring & Braai		
Sun 12 Feb	Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve (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 18 Feb	Burman Bush: R10 per car for car guard.	Philip Collyer	
	Meet at 13:45 at Burman Bush, 101 Burman Drive, (lower security gate). Hike in this 55 hectare sand dune forest in suburbia. Philip knows all the loops and view sites.	082 417 0204	Grade 3, +-7km.
Sun 19 Feb	Pennington / Kelso	Shirley & Barry Moore	
	Explore the quaint little town of Pennington which has a little bit of everything. Some forest, some mangroves, a river crossing on a pont, some easy beach walking (about 1,5kms). Halfway turn at Happy Wanderers where you can buy refreshments. Meet in the parking area for Impithi Beach Kiosk at 8am.	082 717 6991	Grade 2; ±15km
Sat 25 Feb	Durban Whaling Station	Divesh Maharaj	
	Meet at Ansteys Beach car park by 13:45, Foreshore Drive off Marine Drive, Bluff. Walk to whaling station along shoreline. About 8kms return. Bring lots of water and sun hats. Short talk on history of whaling station.	074 162 6834	Grade 1-2 8km
Sun 26 Feb	Shongweni to Wekeweke falls	Rob Krogh	
	NEW HIKE LEADER: Circular route from Durban Shongweni Club to the top of Wekeweke falls with a short loop into Summerfeld. Drinks at the club afterwards Meet at the Shongweni Polo Club at 7:45 to start walking by 8am.	083 380 5278	Grade 2-3; ±17km
Sat 4 Mar	Everton Conservancy	Ann Olds	
	Everton Rd exit from M13, down Everton Rd, left at fork into Pearson Rd, continue left in Forest View downhill, across a stream, immediately right into Everton Park. Meet by 13:45. Hike along cliff above the Longshadow Gorge, down to river, a few river crossings, steep uphill and ladder to cliff path. BYO for sundowners in Park after hike.	083 666 5630	Grade 3, Moderate, vertigo 7+ km.

Sun 5 Mar	Burman Bush (Morningside)	Philip Collyer	
	Lovely hike through this 55 hectare reserve after brunch at Station Drive Precinct in Greyville. Some road walking involved. Meet at 07:30 Mitchell Park (Nimmo Rd). Please book with hike leader.	082 417 0204	Grade 2-3; ±14km
Sat 11 Mar	Delville Wood and Kirk Falls, Shongweni	Abdullah Dada	
	M13, Exit 33, over Toll Rd, left towards Shongweni Dam. Park at Denny Mushroom Farm on left by 13:15. Hike starts at 13:30. Hike through sugar cane, down to railway line and Delville Wood station, through tunnel to base of Kirk Falls. Long, rewarding hike. Tip for Security at the gate. Drinks afterwards at Shongweni Club.	084 478 6779	Grade 2-3, Long, 10+km
Sun 12 Mar	Everton Conservancy two waterfalls	Peter McElwee	
	Ideal easy and beautiful summer hike taking in both the Porcupine and Gillitts waterfalls and exploring Everton Conservancy. Bordering KKNR Longshadow, it's the oldest urban conservancy in South Africa with an incredibly rich biodiversity. Donation of R30. Meet to start hiking by 08:00. Parking is on the grass verge on Molweni.Road, just past Ocean View Drive intersection where it meets Everton Rd Conservancy. Book by WhatsApp.	078 611 0752	Grade 2; ±12km;
Sat 18 Mar	Edgecliff Conservancy, Kloof	Jon Stevens	
	Park at Kloof Country Club, (towards the back of car park) by 13:30. Road walk through Kloof to Edgecliff Conservancy near St Mary's School. Hike through grassland, through Motala Valley and uphill return through bush to Kloof Country Club. This hike has some bundu bashing and is not for the faint hearted! Drinks at the club afterwards.	082 459 1522	Grade 3, Moderate 9km
Sun 19 Mar	Bayhead Mangroves	Jon Stevens	
	This is a small reserve of the last remaining mangroves of Durban Bay. Durban Bay was once the largest forest of mangroves in South Africa. The walk is ideal for this time of year because it is short and flat. Parking site still to be determined. Starting at 9 am.	082 459 1522	Grade 1; ±10km;
Sat 25 Mar	Kloof – Nkonka Trust and Tanglewood: Donation R40	Jenny Rooks	
	Trails in 2 conservancies: Park at Nkonka Trust: Maytime Centre from M13, to end of Haygarth Rd. Drive down to parking area by 13:30. Walk to Tanglewood for talk at animal sanctuary, trail through indigenous bush to waterfall. Snack under trees. Steep ascent out of Tanglewood, return to Nkonka for grassland trail and sundowners at view site.	084 952 0622	Grade 3, Mod, vertigo caution. 9km
Sun 26 Mar	Wilson's Wharf to Point Waterfront (Art Deco)	Jonathan Sampson	
	Jonathan will lead a walk around Durban pointing out some of our architectural heritage, specifically the Art Deco Style. Visit the Durban Holocaust & Genocide Centre (North Beach); Warriors Gate at the Old Fort & Port Natal Maritime Museum (Time Permitting). There will be a R40 donation per person. Bring some money for refreshments/coffee along the way. Park at Wilson's Wharf (Boatmans Road) to start walking at 8:00.	082 420 9577	Grade 1 Easy; ±10km