



TRAILS CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA

Trails Schedule

01/02/2022 to 01/10/2022

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Date	Convenor	Meeting Details	Event Description	Notes
Friday 04/02/2022 to Friday 11/02/2022	Anthony Sneath Home Ph: 0217901671	Start Time: End Time: Phone convenor	<p align="center">TRANSKEI- HOTEL HOP FROM MAZEPPA BAY TO HAGA HAGA</p> <p align="center">Moderate Hike</p> <p>Slackpacking hike along the coast from Mazeppa Bay/Kob Inn to Haga-Haga with an additional day at Wavecrest.</p> <p>Itinerary: Sat 5/2: Depart CT and overnight at Rocky Road Backpackers in Natures Valley Sun 6/2: Travel to Haga Haga Hotel (cars and car-keys left here) Mon 7/2: Shuttle to Mazeppa Bay and hike to Kob Inn and back for lunch (13 km) Tues 8/2: Hike to Wavecrest (21 km) Wed 9/2: Day at leisure in Wavecrest Hotel (kayaking, estuary and beach activities) Thurs 10/2: Hike to Seagulls Hotel (16 km) Fri 11/2: Hike to Morgans Bay Hotel (14 km) (ferry crossing of Kei River en-route) Sat 12/2: Hike to Haga-Haga Hotel (16 km) Sun 13/2: Depart CT own arrangements</p> <p>Note that in general 5 day packs are carried by porters (2x persons sharing ok), except on the last day when packs are transported by bakkie. Accommodation is en-suite 2x persons sharing. Costs to be advised. The trail will be done at an average pace. If you have any queries phone Anthony on 021 790 1671</p> <p>Deposit of R 2 700,00 is due by the end of November 2021.</p>	Cost Member: R7400 Visitor: R0 Limit: Distance: 80km Fitness: Average Exposure: None Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No

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Saturday 05/03/2022 to Monday 07/03/2022	Barbara Kahn Home Ph: 0724710581	Start Time: End Time: Phone/email convenor	<p align="center">STANFORD- VOGELGAT & PHILLIPSKOP HIKES</p> <p align="center">Moderate Hike</p> <p>This weekend includes hikes at Phillipskop Private Nature Reserve and Vogelgat Private Nature Reserve, Hermanus, a place that is adjacent to Fernkloof Nature Reserve, but not normally accessible. Vogelgat is an area of great scenic beauty for the botanist (over 900 plant species) and hiker alike. The reserve constitutes of 35 km of breath-taking hiking trails, vistas of Walker Bay and Kleinmond, waterfalls, plunge pools, majestic gorges and awesome Cape Fold Mountains. Phillipskop Mountain Reserve provides hikers with expansive views, trails and spacious accommodation.</p> <p>- Saturday: Phillipskop: Hike up to the main ridge of the Klein River Mountains with spectacular views of the Steenboksberg and Babylonstoren. Hike down to Tesselaarsdal and on to De Poskantoor restaurant for lunch on the veranda. Return with the shuttle (extra cost). Distance: 7 or 9 km depending on the route, Hike duration 3 hours, Elevation: 400 m. For more information got to https://www.phillipskop.co.za/activities/hiking-trails/haarkapper-hiking-trail</p> <p>- Sunday: Vogelgat: Base Camp to Guys Pool led by Pat Miller (botanist and TCSA club member) Distance: 10,5 Km, Duration: 5/6 hrs, Elevation: 412 m. Guys pool is a beautiful rim like natural pool with small waterfall with superb views where we will stop for lunch and a swim. Possible swims along the way as well. NOTE: Both hikes will be done at a moderate pace. - Monday: return home OR Option to extend for another day: cliff walk in De Kelders with swimming Chalet accommodation at Phillipskop: Chalet Accommodation: bedding and towels are supplied - see: https://www.phillipskop.co.za/ - Comfortable fully furnished very spacious chalets with large viewing decks overlooking the valley in a private nature reserve with a backdrop of towering mountains and fynbos. - Two twin-bedded rooms sharing shower/toilet - One double bedded room ensuite shower/toilet - Fully equipped kitchen with gas stove - Spacious dining room and lounge area with fireplace - Outdoor braai area Facilities at Phillipskop - Hiking trails - Eco swimming pool</p> <p>Costs Per Person for 2 nights accommodation NOTE: Maximum 9 people in 2 chalets due to limit of 9 visitors to Vogelgat. Members only. The cost varies according to the numbers per chalet and the type of room occupied in each chalet as shown below: - 3 people: R1065 - 4 people: R800 (1 x couple in double en suite room + 2 x singles in twin rooms) - 4 people: R640 (2 sharing in a twin room) R960 (1 in twin room) R960 (1 in double room en suite) R896 (1 in twin room) R576 (1 couple sharing in double room en suite)</p> <p>*Note: the above cost does not include the admin fee of R25 per person, which must be added to the accommodation cost Bookings: email barbara3420@gmail.com or phone Barbara FULLY BOOKED: WAITING LIST ONLY.</p> <p>COVID REQUIREMENTS Only fully vaccinated people will be accepted on this hike.</p>	<p>Cost Member: R0 Visitor: R0 Limit: 8 Distance: 18km Fitness: Fit Exposure: None Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No</p>

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Monday 04/04/2022 to Friday 08/04/2022	Anthony Sneath Home Ph: 0217901671	Start Time: End Time: Phone/email convenor	<p align="center">ST BLAIZE TRAIL, MOSSEL BAY</p> <p align="center">Moderate Hike</p> <p>The St. Blaize Trail is a 13,5 km (6 hour) hike that follows the 30 metre contour along the cliffs westwards from the Cape St. Blaize Lighthouse. It begins at the cave below the Lighthouse, and ends at Dana Bay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mon 4/4 : Depart CT and check in at Pinnacle Point (PP) 16h00 - Tues 5/4 : Hike PP to Mossel Bay (car shuffle required) - Wed 6/4 : Explore the cliffs and caves at PP with guided tour - Thurs 7/4 : Hike PP to Dana Bay (car shuffle required) - Fri 8/4 : Depart PP 10h00 (own arrangements) <p>Accommodation at Pinnacle Point: villa with 3x ensuite bedrooms (sharing 2 per room) next to the pool with sea views. Bookings: email anthony@sneath46@gmail.com or call Ant on 0847056957 Cost includes the accommodation, trail and guided tour of the caves.</p>	Cost Member: R1275 Visitor: R1375 Limit: 6 Distance: 14km Fitness: Average Exposure: Mild Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No
Monday 11/04/2022 to Wednesday 20/04/2022	Mervyn Henderson Home Ph: 0737807882	Start Time: End Time: Phone convenor	<p align="center">DRAKENSBERG - ROYAL NATAL & CATHEDRAL PEAK</p> <p align="center">Moderate Hike</p> <p>Hikes in Royal Natal National Park and Cathedral Peak. Hikes will range from moderate to strenuous and from 5 to 15 km. A moderate to fit level of fitness will be required, depending on the hike. Accommodation cost in chalets is approx R480 to R700 pppn. Bookings: mervyn.henderson@gmail.com or call Mervyn. Availability depends on accommodation.</p>	Cost Member: R0 Visitor: R0 Limit: Distance: 60km Fitness: Fit Exposure: Mild Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No
Thursday 21/04/2022 to Thursday 28/04/2022	Mervyn Henderson Home Ph: 0737807882	Start Time: End Time: Phone convenor	<p align="center">TRANSKEI - PORT EDWARD TO PORT ST JOHNS</p> <p align="center">Moderate Hike</p> <p>This 8 day trail goes along the Pondoland Coast and it rated as an outstanding trail and cultural experience! Stay in different villages with the Pondo people. Local families will provide you with accommodation, bedding and three meals a day. Hikers stay with local families, where you get your own room. Water for drinking is available from fresh wells. Hot water for washing in a basin is provided. Meals are based on local staples as well as things like fried eggs, beans, red meat and rice. Toilets are normally long-drop style. The cost Includes: 7 nights accommodation, meals, guide's fee, ferries and shuttle back to Port Edward. See https://pondotours.co.za/hiking-options/ for more details.</p> <p>Attractions: Mzamba fossils, Red desert, Weolmi shipwreck, Mkhambathi falls, Strandloper falls, Mbaxeni falls, Grosvenor wreck site, Waterfall bluff, Mamba pools, Cathedral rock, Mfihlelo falls, Black sands, Ntafufu mangroves and Poenskop cave.</p> <p>Short itinerary - distance = 115 km Day 1 (14 km): From Wild Coast Sun hike to Mzamba bridge to Mphahlane river, Mnyameni and overnight at Mtolane village. Day 2 (14 km): Hike to Red desert and cross Kwanyana river. Lunch at Sikhombe and then overnight at Mtentu village Day 3 (19 km): Cross Mtentu river and hike to view Weolmi 303 shipwreck. Visit Mkhambathi falls and Strandloper falls. Lunch at Gwegwe and cross Msikaba river. Overnight at Msikaba village. Day 4 (11 km): Hike to Mbaxeni pools and falls to swim and on to the Grosvenor wreck site. Lunch at Lambasi beach and overnight at Rhole village. Day 5 (19 Km): Cross Mkwani river and hike to Luphathana, Waterfall Bluff and have lunch at Mamba pools. Visit the Cathedral Rock and Secret Falls. Overnight in Cutwini village. Day 6 (19 km): Hike to Shelly beach and Mbotyi with lunch at Ntlavana beach and cross Mzintlava river. Overnight in Manteku village. Day 7 (13 km): Hike to Dakane beach and Ingo beach. Cross Ntafufu River and have lunch there. Hike past the Dome bluff and get to Poenskop. Day 8 (6 km): Hike through the village to Long Beach. Cross Umzimvubu river to Port St Johns.</p> <p>Once booked, the deposit of 50% is non-refundable and travel insurance is advised. . Email mervyn.henderson@gmail.com or WhatsApp 0737807882. FULLY BOOKED. WAITING LIST ONLY.</p>	Cost Member: R5000 Visitor: R0 Limit: 13 Distance: 110km Fitness: Average Exposure: Mild Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No

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Friday 20/05/2022 to Sunday 22/05/2022	Mervyn Henderson Home Ph: 0737807882	Start Time: End Time:	MATROOSBERG Moderate Hike PREMIN DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Hike up the Matroosberg (2249 m), the highest mountain in the Hex River Mountains. Stay in accommodation on the farm. Hike to the peak passing Grootoekkloof. Spectacular views. Interested? Email mervyn.henderson@gmail.com or WhatsApp 0737807882.	Cost Member: R340 Visitor: R0 Limit: 10 Distance: 20km Fitness: Fit Exposure: None Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No
Thursday 16/06/2022 to Sunday 19/06/2022	Mervyn Henderson Home Ph: 0737807882	Start Time: End Time: Phone convenor	PIKETBERG - ZEBRASKOP Moderate Hike PREMIN DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Hike to Zebraskop and other day walks. Stay Noupport Resort on top of Piketberg. This will be a recce. Cost is approximate. Interested? Email mervyn.henderson@gmail.com or WhatsApp 0737807882.	Cost Member: R600 Visitor: R0 Limit: Distance: 15km Fitness: Average Exposure: None Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No
Saturday 06/08/2022 to Tuesday 09/08/2022	Debbie Marshbank Home Ph: 0734575121	Start Time: End Time: TBA	GIFBERG Moderate Hike A wonderful hiking retreat in Namaqualand (Vanrhynsdorp area). Amazing rock formations, authentic Bushman paintings and incredible beauty. Hike the Bushman Trail (10,5 km) and Gifboom Trail. There is also the Pothole walk. Home-from-home, well fitted cottages with electricity and beds & bedding. Bring food and winter hiking kit. Cost is approximate. Interested? Email dmarshbank@gmail.com or WhatsApp 0734575121	Cost Member: R1000 Visitor: R0 Limit: 10 Distance: 27km Fitness: Average Exposure: None Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No
Friday 02/09/2022 to Sunday 04/09/2022	Debbie Marshbank Home Ph: 0734575121	Start Time: End Time: TBA	KUNJE - 3 DAYS Moderate Hike Spend 3 days in the Kouebokkeveld on the Kunje farm (http://www.kunje.co.za/). Hike up to the top of Geelberg for great views and interesting rock formations. The Toy Story route has interesting rock formations and caves. Swim in the river, and wander around the farm orchards, or just relax in beautiful surroundings. Accommodation in the Gesthouse and Cottage and fully equipped inside and with a braai area outside. Cost is approximate. Interested? Email dmarshbank@gmail.com or WhatsApp 0734575121.	Cost Member: R700 Visitor: R0 Limit: Distance: 16km Fitness: Average Exposure: None Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No
Friday 30/09/2022 to Sunday 02/10/2022	Margarethe Schaefer Home Ph: 0827013105	Start Time: End Time:	PAT BUSCH MOUNTAIN RESERVE Moderate Hike PREMIN DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.. Hike in the mountains of this beautiful nature reserve in the Langeberg Mountain, near Robertson. Accommodation in self-catering cottages or farmhouse. 10% discount for pensioners. Cost is approximate. Interested? Email margaretheschaefer@gmail.com or WhatsApp 0827013105.	Cost Member: R1000 Visitor: R0 Limit: 12 Distance: 20km Fitness: Average Exposure: None Technical: Walk Booking Start: End: Children Welcome: No

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All persons participate in Trails Club activities entirely at their own risk.
- No smoking allowed on any hikes.
- Do not leave the hike party without contacting the Hike Leader.
- If your name, address, tel number, next-of-kin, email have changed, please notify the Membership Secretary Mervyn Henderson immediately at trails.club.sa@gmail.com or tel. nos 0737807882 or WhatsApp 0738493393..
- All visitors and members bringing visitors must phone the Convenor first.
- Hikers must bring at least 1 litre of water & full rain gear (raincoat and hood) on hikes.
- Payments for trails and weekends to: The Trails Club, P.O. Box 404, Bergvliet, 7864
- Prices of weekends and trails are subject to change without notice.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Mountain Rescue 107 or 021-9370300 Ambulance 10177 Flying Squad 10111 City Emergency 021-4807700 Mountain Fires 107

Emergency Codes: Need help: 6 Blasts/Flashes, Long Pause (Repeat). Have heard distress call: 3 Blasts/Flashes, Long Pause (Repeat)

BANKING DETAILS: Standard Bank Claremont (025109) Cheque Account Number: 072528451

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