

DATE		TYPE	GRADE	APPROX DIST	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVIES	LEADER	APPROX COST
SUN	03 Jul	DAY HIKE	2	+10 kms 200m climb	BULWER MOUNTAIN - Park at Bulwer - Mountain Park Hotel. Quite a steep climb to the top but great views. Bring warm gear. NB: I will be away from home from the 11-21 June.	Dave Sclanders email only: dave@bergfree.co.za Last bookings 29 June	
SUN	10 Jul	DAY HIKE	3	15 kms	NAGEL DAM - Hike through the tunnel and around the dam. REMEMBER TORCHES!! Bring own drinks and relax at the dam after the hike. Meet at Union Main Centre, 45 Old Main Road, Pinetown, at 7.30am. (Durban Ramblers combined hike)	Jon Stevens 0824591522	Entrance to Nagle Dam R25 pp
TUES-FRI	12-15 Jul	COTTAGE	2-3	12-15 kms each day	DRAKENSBERG GARDENS - Cottage - 3 nights MID-WEEK. Fully equipped and very comfortable. Beautiful area in the heart of the mountains. Max 10 members. Day hikes from cottage or simply unwind on the property (10 acres). Full DSTV for news & Sport etc. Hot baths and showers. Combined with other clubs. Please book early to secure your place. First come and paid first served. Last bookings by 1 July.	Keith Ashton 033 239 5023 keimarg@luncapped.co.za	R300 total pp (R100 pppn)
SUN	17 Jul	DAY HIKE	1+ FF	TBC	Hulley's farm, Nottingham Rd. Soft, rolling green hills, dams, farmland. Lovely views. Picnic lunch at farmhouse (bring packed lunch). Suitable for family and beginners	Penny Purchase 033 343 2162 / 078 948 3730 chrspenny@telkommsa.net	R20 towards Nott Rd Conservancy.
TUES	19 Jul	CLUB NIGHT			Church of the Ascension Hall, Brindly Road, Hilton - 7pm. Presentation by Andre Rutishauser. Invitation to be sent out in due course. Wine and light snacks available.	Presentation by Andre Rutishauser	FREE TO MEMBERS R20 for guests
SAT	23 Jul	DAY HIKE	2+	+ 12 km	Kloof Gorge via the beacon and then fairly steep down to Soreass Pool for our lunch spot. Back along the river with a fairly steep climb back up. Start at main picnic site at 08h30. Safe parking available. Please bring at least 2L of water - it usually very hot. (phone booking only) Due to poor weather and low turnout this hike has had to be cancelled twice. Please show your support for this one!	Margret Kirsten 0837837852	R25pp
SUN	31 Jul	DAY HIKE	2-3	15 kms	THORNRIDGE - Hike through African thornveldt, wetland areas, interesting urban areas and, of course, past the famous Chinese shop. Bring your own drinks for afterwards. Meet at Union Main Centre, 45 Old Main Road, Pinetown, at 8 a.m. or Cato Ridge turn off (exit 53) at 8.20a.m. (Durban Ramblers combined hike)	Jon Stevens 0824591522	
TUES	02 Aug	AGM			Church of the Ascension Hall, Brindly Road, Hilton - 6pm for 7pm sharp start. All members who pay their 2016/2017 subscription fees on or before 2 Aug 2016 will be entered into a lucky draw. Dinner will be served on the night. Please make an effort to attend - RSVP to Cathy	PLEASE RSVP TO CATHY cathy.stevens@kznidard.gov.za	MEMBERS ONLY - no charge -
SUN	07 Aug	DAY HIKE	2+	12-15 kms	UMGENI VALLEY NATURE RESERVE - Howick - Lovely local day hike in a beautiful area - great views & chance to see plenty of game & bird life. Several trail variations. Great winter venue. Combined hike with other clubs. Last booking by Fri 29 July as I am away from then.	Keith Ashton 033 239 5023 keimarg@luncapped.co.za	Entrance fee R30 pp
SUN	14 Aug	DAY HIKE	2+	+8 km	Satori/Nhlosane - Park at Satori to lunch at the top of Nhlosane. Bring own water. Pizza and beer at piggly afterwards (at your own cost)!	Carolee 078 482 5003	R10 pp
SAT-SUN	20-21 Aug	TENTING	3	14 kms return	HIGHMOOR Campsite. Offering 3 choices to hikers: 1. Tent at Highmoor on Saterday night, do 2 day hikes on Saterday/Sunday; 2. Day Hikers - Saterday - Mount Lebanon - New Route; 3. Day Hikers - Sunday - 1st time hike - along cliffs to top of Cleopatra	Dave Sclanders e-mail only: dave@bergfree.co.za Last booking 17 August	Camping R 65pp Day visitor R35pp
SUN	28 Aug	DAY HIKE	1 FF PF	+5 kms	“BEGINNERS HIKE” Slow easy hike through forested area in Boughton. Meet at top end of Ashby Road (by Prestbury police station). Family and pet friendly.	Katy Hart 0832776272 katyemma.hart@gmail.com	No charge
SAT-SUN	3-4 Sept	TRAIL HUTS	2+	5-8 km	BLINKWATER – on the Greytown road from Pmb. Land of indigenous forests, upland grasslands, vleis, streams and commercial plantations – home to the endangered Oribi and rare Blue Swallow. Island Dam is the breeding ground for the rare and endangered Wattled Crane. Max 12 people, so book early.	John Fourie 072 871 1252 john4me@gmail.com	R80 pp
SUN	11 Sep	DAY HIKE	2+	12-15 kms	KARKLOOF - Day hike through Everdon Estates led by the man who knows the area better than anybody - previously this hike has proved to be very popular and has some of the most spectacular views in the area including Umgeni and Karkloof rivers - Cecil Hackney will lead the hike but please contact Keith. - Combined hike with other clubs - Book early to secure your place - Last bookings by Fri 2 Sept: as I am away from then.	Keith Ashton 033 239 5023 keimarg@luncapped.co.za	R20 pp donation
SAT-SUN	17-18 Sep	CAVE HIKE	3	20 kms 100m climb	LOWER INJESUTHI - Walk from Injesuthi Camp along the Injesuthi River to the cave. Cave is very nice. There are a number of river crossings, but should be easy at this time of year.	Dave Sclanders email only: dave@bergfree.co.za Last booking 14 September	R60pp
SUN	18 Sep	DAY HIKE	2+	+ 6 hrs	Grey Mare's Tail falls. Come and see the wild clivias in bloom. Meet at Bushwillow Park in the Karkloof from 8 am. We start walking at 8.30 am sharp.	Neville Lee 083 626 9983	R25pp
TUES	20 Sep	CLUB NIGHT			Church of the Ascension Hall, Brindly Road, Hilton - 7pm. Presentation to be confirmed. Wine and light snacks available.		FREE TO MEMBERS R20 for guests
SAT	24 Sep	BRAAI	FF	n/a	Heritage Day Bring and Braai at Midmar dam - no hiking planned (though is an option for those who wish to), just a social get together from 12h30. Bring a small salad/snack/desert item to share which reflects your heritage!	Katy Hart 0832776272 katyemma.hart@gmail.com	R20pp (R40 if entering before 12pm)

ADVANCE NOTICE

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SAT-MON	31 DEC-2 JAN 17	MOUNTAIN HUT	2 - 3	12-16Km each day	BUSHMAN'S NEK - CELEBRATE NEW YEAR IN STYLE IN A STUNNING AREA - Short (just over 1.4 km) backpacking to Bushman's Nek Hut for a two-night stay. - Beautiful day hikes from this base to see waterfalls, bushmen's paintings, caves & lovely pools for swimming. Hut has lockable rooms with bunk beds & mattresses + flush toilets & showers (only cold water but no problem) - Combined hike with other clubs. Don't forget your drinks & goodies -Please book early to secure your place - last bookings by 16 Dec.	Keith Ashton 033 239 5023 keimarg@luncapped.co.za	R120 pppn (R240 Total pp)

GRADING OF HIKES		SOME IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT HIKING		CLUB NIGHTS	
FF	Family friendly	1. Hikes are graded so that members can select the activity best suited to their own level of fitness and do not cause unreasonable delay to fellow hikers.			
PF	Pet friendly	2. Contact the leader of a day hike at least 3 days in advance of your intention to participate.			
Grade 1	Very easy. Minimal fitness required	3. Contact the leader of a camping weekend at least one week in advance of your intention to participate.			
Grade 2	Not too strenuous. Moderate fitness	4. If accommodation bookings are required please contact the leader at your earliest convenience to secure yourself a booking.			
Grade 3	Moderate. Physical fitness advisable	5. Leaders have the prerogative to exclude a member if they doubt their health condition, physical fitness or suitability of their hiking gear for a particular activity.			
Grade 4	Strenuous. Physical fitness essential	6. Advise the leader of any medical condition prior to any hike & carry the necessary medication - The leader will not administer First Aid.			
Grade 5	Very strenuous - high level of physical fitness essential	7. Carry your medical aid, doctor and close family friend contact details in your backpack at all times.			

Our Club nights are held on the third Tuesday of every second month in the Church of the Ascension Hall starting at 19:00. Tea & coffee served. Come along early and meet your fellow members. Plenty of parking next to the hall, accessed from Brindly Road, Hilton.