

15 October 2020

Hogsback

Example Itineraries

3days/2nights

Ideas for making the most of your Hogsback Holiday

Important: These are not coordinated tours, only ideas.
Stay for 2-nights, which gives you 3 days in Hogsback!

**If a relaxing time away is what you are after -
with fresh air, nutritious food, sipping wine,
doing outdoor activities in the forest - then
this is the place to be!**

We look forward to welcoming you to Hogsback.

The Hogsback Vision:
“To Promote, Preserve and Protect our Pristine Environment”

Every resident and visitor to Hogsback has a role to play in protecting the wildlife and the environment. Help preserve and maintain our beautiful forests. No litter. No braais in public areas. Plant a tree.

[HOGSBACK.INFO](https://hogsback.info)

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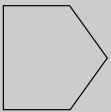
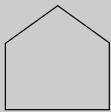
#WATERAWARE

**#COVID-19 - <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/> please adhere to policies:
No mask, no entry | Hand sanitise/wash frequently | Social distancing**










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Links

 FOOD	 FITNESS	 SHOWS
 OUTDOORS	 ART	 CONSERVATION
 WELLNESS	 BOOKS/MOVIES	 ACCOMMODATION

Activities and offerings grouped into 9 categories

Events calendar and schedules

Please post your events that are open to others onto the FB groups and events calendar

<https://www.hogsback.info>

The annual **open gardens schedule**, which is a worthwhile excursion, will be on <https://www.hogsback.info>

(1) accommodation • camping

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/714375216092089>

- 1. • b&b, hotel
 - 2. • self-catering
 - 3. • backpackers
 - 4. • dorms
 - 5. • camping
- hotel • bnb • self-catering cottage • dorm • hikers huts • camping • tee-pee • backpackers • eco-backpackers • caravan park • picnic area • outdoor braai area • indoor braai area • swings • fire wood • pool table • dart board • entertainment facility • events facilities for • wine tasting • retreats • conference • markets • workshops • yoga
- @swallowtail • caravan park

(2) art, craft • markets

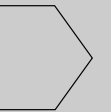
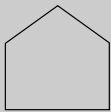
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- 1. • creativity circle
 - 2. • soapmaking • beading
 - 3. • pottery classes • workshops
 - 4. • art workshop • sculpture
 - 5. • exhibitions • markets
- artist • crafters • swapping • writers • saturday market • collaborating • pottery lesson • artist studio visit • art galleries • art and cards for sale • special events/exhibitions • sign writing • framing • wood craft • arts and crafts facilities/venus/get-togethers • scented candles • candle making course
- @hogsback adventures • art • jewellery • crafts • beauty products +
- @crystal corner & mirrors • shop • mirrors photo gallery • free slideshow • online shop +
- @woltree • books • toys • board games • hobbies • sewing • knitting • crafts • supplies • masks +
- @starwaysarts • pottery lessons/workshops • forest gallery/shop • online buying and courier • flame and electrictric fired pottery • artworks • ceramic jewellery • herbal oils +

(3) books • movies • indoor games +

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/261411348318859>

- 1. • book swapping • libraries +
 - 2. • popup movies +
 - 3. • games - board • cards • bingo +
 - 4. • writers • poets +
- book clubs • library/books • library lounges • movies• fireplace • lounge/venue • books • board games • card games • bingo • other games • writing, reading retreats • toys • finger puppets • colouring books • puzzles • library • reading room • education centre • virtual tours
- @woltree • books • games • gifts • crafts • slogan printing • beauty products +
- @thehoggestshop • gift • toys • finger puppets • hand puppets • beauty products +
- @touraco - movies, games, team-building, refreshments/catering - booking essential



(4) conservation • community

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/623931235153939>

1.

• wildlife • frogs • cape parrot • plant-a-tree! +
2.

• eco-touring • bee-keeping • permaculture +
3.

• recycling • eco-friendly • off the grid • solar +
4.

• community involvement • social impact • culture +
5.

• skills exchange • culture +
- recycling • renewable energy • local produce • farm animal interactions • indigenous tree nursery • plant an indig-enous tree • habitat restoration • reforestation • growing diversity • planting trees • education • removing invasive species • lift club • community police forum • chamber of business • historic sites
- @a hog’s life • animal rescue • animal shelter
- @elundini/terrakaya - african experience! • xhosa village tour • semi off-the-grid • sangoma visit • live like a local and get involved
- @essential amathole • nursery • essential oils • soap making • workshops • candles • lotions • cosmetics • bath products • agricultural/production activities tour/handson
- @hobbiton (voluntary and fun) • stretch mind and body • team-building • leadership skills • life skills • hikes • abseil for beginners • ballistics (pellet gun, blow pipes, catapult) • camping • canoeing • climbing wall • compass course • evening activities in recreation hall • games • group dynamics • hiking • sky frame • jacob’s ladder • king swing • log challenge • night hikes • orienteering • paintball • pony trails • rafting building • ropes courses • trapeze • zipline (fufi-slide) • library audio-visual • activities • group dynamics courses • events facility - conferences/seminars.
- @jikani community-based development organsation - a centre for growing jobs • engaging local expertise • intern-ships • computer skills • building skills - bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, electricals, plastering, painting, needlework beadwork • kiln firing • courses• first aid, home nursing, nutrition, literacy • charity shop • second hand clothing • books • household items. • soup kitchen
- @thrive centre • permaculture • seeds • plant growing products
- @parrot project • conservation • guided birding tour

(5) eat • drink • local produce

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4766816053332253>

1.

• tastings - wine, beer, gin, brandy +
2.

• pairings - food/cheese/chocolate/tapas +
3.

• classes - cooking, baking • kombucha +
4.

• bring-n-braai • spit braai • potjie • competitions
5.

• celebrations • tea-party • high-tea +
6.

• take-away • food deliveries • picnics+
- bar • restaurant • restaurant • the village pub • wine tasting • beer tasting • wine/beer pairing • gin tasting/pair-ing • xhosa meals with twist! xhosa bread making • sourdough bread making • cooking classes • braai areas • take-aways • deliveries • sundowners • sunsets! deli • pizza • burgers • eisbein • ribs • steaks • seafood • bespoke meals • sourdough bread • locally grown produce • fresh • preserved • pickled • dried • frozen produce on small scale • potjie competition.
- @whole hog • take away food • coffee • deliveries • catering for functions • sheep in a barrel • sushi sessions • curry and rice • roti with sambals • pancakes
- @woltree homemade • spices • sauces • cool drinks • cold/frozen food • smoked trout • boerewors rolls • sosati
- @savemor • groceries • atm • post office - no mask, no entry and hand-sanitation at the door
- @garage • petrol • diesel • gas • shop with basic groceries
- @elundini + @terrakaya • xhosa experiences
- @dogwoodlodge • boerewors
- @touraco • cooking classes • touraco activities • teambuilding • concerts • frozen meals • picnic basket for hike
- @thewizardssleeve • pub • restaurant • healthy smoothies • craft beer • pizza • live bands • meet the locals

(6) fitness • sport • games

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2157001964432497>

1.

• walking • running • swimming +
2.

• mountain biking • huskies +
3.

• gym • yoga • karate +
4.

• tennis • badminton +
5.

• volleyball • bowling +
- tennis court • bowling • bowling club • gym • jogging/running trails • yoga • physiotherapy • acupuncture • move-ment classes • sports massage
- @dogwoodlodge • participate in husky training or spectate
- @parkrun • walk • jog • run • volunteer • spectate

(7) outdoors • sites • trails

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1423450348045227>

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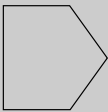
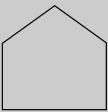
• hiking • walking • mountain biking +
2.

• photography expeditions • san rock art +
3.

• tour guide • birding • fishing +
4.

• horse riding • 4x4 • abseil • paragliding +
5.

• gardening • visit open gardens +
- activities • trails • attractions • sites • view-points • live music
- walking • sightseeing • mountain biking • running • horse riding • open 4x4 • quad bikes
- abseil • rock climbing • climbing wall • paragliding • hobbiton challenges
- fishing/fly-fishing, paddling • canoeing • paddling • standup-paddling (sup) • kayaking
- gardens • open garden tours • sculpture garden/eco shrine • labyrinths
- nurseries • garden centre • gardens
- market • medicinal/food plants • seedlings • dried herbs



- plant a tree • eco-living • holistic farming • permaculture • eco-workshops
- braai/barbecue • swimming • playpark for children
- photography • birding • guided birding walk • wild flowers • san paintings
- outdoor yoga • outdoor meditation • picnic
- st patricks • labyrinth • eco-shrine • cliff-edge bath
- forests • waterfalls • rivers • dams • paragliding spots • swimming pools
- arboretum • camping • braai • fire wood
- trail: 39 steps waterfall
- trail: arboretum • forest bathing trail • meditative walks • trail route board
- trail: big tree
- trail: bridal veil falls
- trail: cliff-edge bath @thefairies
- trail: cliff path @theedge
- trail: contour path
- trail: grasslands farm
- trail: kettle spout waterfall -- access via hobbiton only
- trail: madonna & child waterfall • mountain bike • abseil • hike
- trail: robertson dam • fishing • hiking/mountain bike/horse trail • braai facilities
- trail: swallowtail falls
- trail: tor doone • hiking • viewpoints
- trail: trout dam • fly-fishing • flora • san rock art • farm activities
- trail: waterfall cathedral • wedding destination
- **Garden tours:** The Garden Club produces an annual schedule of gardens with a map, which states the terms of visiting for each garden and also information about tickets and guided tours. You can also do a self-guided excursion, while keeping to the access terms stated in the garden club listing of gardens. Look out for the ‘season’ dates because many gardens are only open during those specific dates.

@siya-torisha • registered tour guides • hikes

@snow report • snow • forecasting

@robertsondam • mountain bike trail • bicycle rental service • guided mountain bike tours.

@crystal corner • stone circle • circles of light labyrinth • wishing tree • small fairy garden

@hogsback adventures • mountain bike/hike/horse trails • abseiling • archery • combo deals - bike-abseil-hike combo activity. • mountain bike rental • gifts • art • jewellery • beauty products • gear shop

@touraco hike options • guided mountain hikes • hog 1 • hog 3 • gaika’s kop - hiking supplies • water • picnic hamper

trail options: @away with the fairies, @terra kaya, @touraco, @siya-tourisa, @camohogs

(8) performance • show • dj • band

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3224822530906249>

1. • storytelling • readings • comedy • shows +
2. • live shows • music • dj +
3. • music making circle • choir • instruments +
4. • music lessons • singing lessons • other +
5. • lounge/fire-side gatherings • photo slideshows +

• music • storytelling • campfire stories • poetry readings • dj • live band • marimba • xhosa lessons • xhosa culture/entertainment/dancing

@therose theatre • movie club • full moon dance sessions dj floating grooves • movie club + braai

• storytelling • poetry reading • events • pizza • coffee • cherry • pottery lessons

live band venues @happyhogs, @thewizardssleeve, @therosetheater, @theedge, @saturdaymarket +

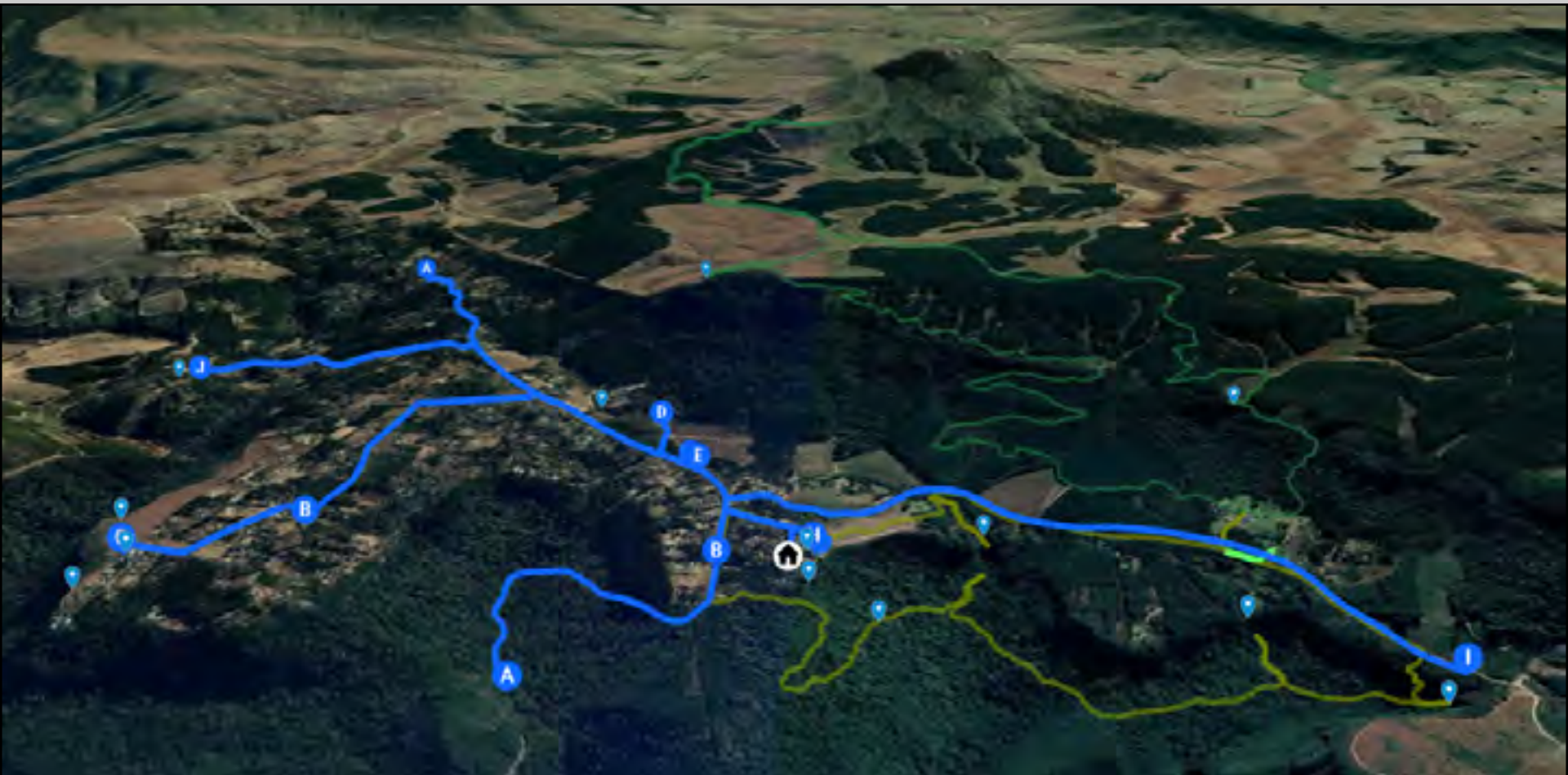
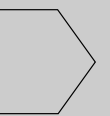
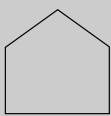
(9) wellness • grooming

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1. • massage +
2. • spa • treatments • therapies +
3. • grooming • haircuts • manicures • pedicures +
4. • nutrition • herbs • fragrances • essential oils +
5. • meditation +

• health spa facilities • treatments • natural beauty products • swimming pool • grooming • haircut • massages • holistic, tailored treatments • meditation • sound-scape meditations • yoga • group retreats • combo retreats • physiotherapy • acupuncture • movement classes • intuitive corrective body-work • sports massage • full body • back and shoulders vibration and sound therapy • reiki physio • manual lymph drainage • reflexology • craniosacral therapy • bower therapy • acupuncture • postoperative rehabilitation retreats • soul restoring getaways • cacao ceremony workshop • self exploration • forest bathing/meditative hike • picnic

wellness @simplesense, @samadhi, @hogsbackinn, @theedge, @arminel +



01 - “Mix it up” @awayWtFairies [fri]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

As you enter hogsback, the first sight in the Main road is the hog sellers who sell the beautiful clay hogs and walking sticks that they make. Turn off the main road to Away with the Fairies - a rustic, magical place in a magical forest with an incredible view. A great place to relax outside with a coffee or health-smoothy. Private chalets, rooms and backpacker dorms. Decor includes beautiful “Lord of the Rings” and fairy artwork and themes.

Highlights/ideas

- chill • learn • read • cook • create • hike • bike • swim

Day 1 - Fri o/n @awayWtFairies

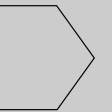
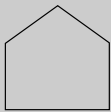
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **arboretum** - Stroll around the arboretum to 39 steps waterfalls or Tor Doone
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **main-road** - Explore shops in the mainroad stretch of Hogsback @Woltree @hoggest shop @wholeHogs pancakes
- 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** @happyHogs/@lighthouseRanch/@beerBrewingCo - many ideas
- 14:00-15:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - meet your hosts and settle into your accommodation.
- Ideas for the afternoon
 - * 15:30-18:00 | 02:30 - **spa treatment** - massage or other spa treatment and relax at the pool
 - * 15:30-18:00 | 02:30 - **hike** - hike from @awayWtFairies to the big tree, Swallowtail falls and madonna-child falls
- 18:00-19:00 | 00:30 - **cliff-edge bath** - ease into this ‘celebrity bath’ with warm water and a view - booking essential
- 19:00-20:00 | 01:00 - **sundowner cocktails**
- 20:00-22:00 | 02:00 - **dinner** - pizzas are amazing, artisan beers and bon-fire banter @whizardsSleeve

Day 2 - Sat o/n @awayWtFairies

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - make own breakfast at the facilities, 15 minutes meditation after breakfast or have hearty breakfast @whizardsSleeve
- 08:30-09:30 | 00:30 - **transfer** - drive to activities.
- Ideas for the morning • saturday market @happyHogs
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 03:00 - **cooking class** - @touraco - options available on their website - booking essential.
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 03:00 - **hike** - @touraco - Gaika’s Kop, Hog 1, Hog3 - pre-book your hike. Picknick hampers available at R100/person. Go by vehicle to the hiking starting point.
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **pottery lesson** + - @starways 2 hours Sat - booking essential + walkabout at StPatrics
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 03:00 - **wellness/chill** - @simpleSense, @serendipity, @spa+ - meditation, yoga, intro to personal development offerings, massage, spa treatment, relax by the pool with a book, tea-time or walk around in beautiful gardens or a forest setting.
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 03:00 - **hike/bike** - @hogsback adventures - scenic mountain bike ride past numerous waterfalls to hidden viewpoints, abseiling. (guided) Bring swimming gear and picnic goodies along. Hike through indigenous forests that lead to waterfalls, swimming and picnic spots. Take a refreshing swim in a rock pool. Archery. Return bikes to @hogsbackAdventures and head to Touraco to meet up with the group who made lunch during their cooking class.
- 12:00-14:00 | 02:00 - **lunch** - everyone meet up @touraco for appetisers and lunch prepared by your group
- 14:00-15:00 | 01:00 - **bike/archery** - cycle back to Hogsback Adventures and do some archery
- 15:00-18:00 | 03:00 - **hike** - @bluff - bluff circuit walk, labyrinth, eco-shrine, viewpoint - refreshments @theEdge, shopping, Crystal Corner, Mirrors, Circle of light labyrinth
- 18:00-19:30 | 01:30 - **labyrinth and viewpoint** - visit the labyrinth and nearby viewpoint for a magnificent view!
- 19:30-20:30 | 01:00 - **dinner** - delicious sundowners and pizza at the bonfire @whizardsInn

Day 3 - Sun

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - make own breakfast at the facilities, 15 minutes meditation after breakfast
- 08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - **birding hike** - early morning guided birding walk - path at Arboretum
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - from accommodation
- Ideas for after check-out:
 - * 10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - **explore nurseries/gardens/shops** - plant a tree - local nurseries have incredible plants for sale where you can buy plants for your garden or buy a tree to plant here in Hogsback.
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - many lovely restaurants and pubs to choose from



02 - Yoga, meditation, wellbeing retreat + [mon]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

Serendipity is in a serene setting where you can indulge in the soft humming and tranquility of the forest and the spectacular whims of the skies. Whatever the reason for needing to become more present, to recharge, to heal, find peace and be pampered. After a most scenic drive, on a winding road surrounded by thick forests, you will reach your destination.

Highlights/ideas

- yoga/meditation @samadhi@simpleSense • forest bathing • introduction to personal development @serendipity • QnA BBQ

Day 1 - Mon o/n @serendipity +

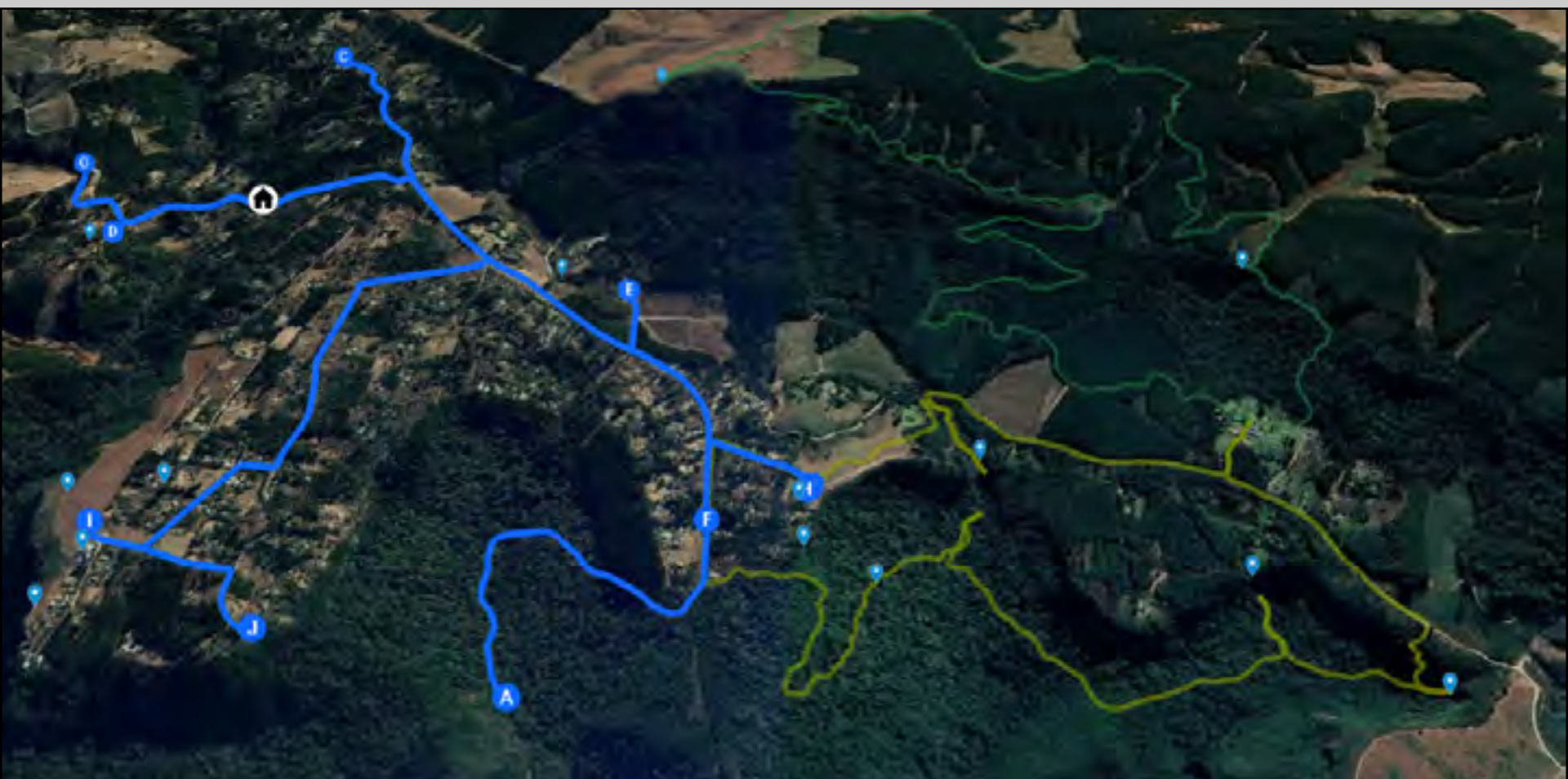
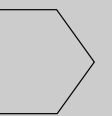
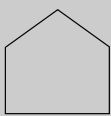
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **forest bathing** - the Arboretum is an ideal spot to enjoy the peace and serenity of the area with some easy walking routes. Near the entrance of the Arboretum, there are some hog-sellers who sell their wares like clay hogs and walking sticks.
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - @organicOrigins (booking essential) fresh food concept
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - to your accommodation
- Ideas for the afternoon
 - * 14:30-18:00 | 03:30 - **healing/growth** - discuss any growth/healing objectives with Charl, introduction to programme options
 - * 14:30-18:00 | 03:30 - **relax** - read a book in the garden or just relax and unwind at your accommodation (forest gazing)
- 18:00-20:00 | 02:00 - **bbq-dinner** - braai and stargazing

Day 2 - Tue o/n @serendipity +

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - cook a breakfast at your self-catering accommodation, 15 minutes meditation after breakfast.
- Morning ideas
 - * 08:00-09:30 | 01:00 - **yoga** - outdoor yoga/meditation @simpleSense or @fairies +
 - * 09:30-11:00 | 02:00 - **hike** - guided mindfulness forest bathing @bluff or @arboretum
 - * 11:00-12:30 | 01:30 - **massage** + - spa treatment / massage / aromatherapy / relax in the garden @organicOrigins
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - enjoying self-catering lunch at your cottage @serendipity
- 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - **sites/shops** - visit all the interesting places in Hogsback @starwaysArts @stPatrics @crystalCorner @mountainMojo +
- 18:00-19:30 | 01:30 - **labyrinth** - walk the 1.4km eleven-circuit labyrinth quiets the mind - walk to the viewpoint for a sunset in a beautiful setting.
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - **dinner** - @theEdge

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - enjoy breakfast at your self-catering accommodation
- 08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - **relax** - 15 minutes meditation after breakfast.and stretching in the garden
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - from your accommodation
- Ideas for after check-out:
 - * 10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - **guided birding walk** - forest bathing walk to 39steps waterfall or other hikes (guided or self-guided)
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - @happyHogs



03 - Sunny warm day @aHogsLife [fri]

Example Itinerary, 3days/2nights

Staying in a tee-pee - now that's exotic! A beautiful sunny day offers an abundance of things to do in the great outdoors of Hogsback.

Highlights/ideas

- summer • dinner on patio • stargazing • hiking • parkrun • labyrinth • pottery lesson • birding • sunsets

Day 1 - Fri @aHogsLife

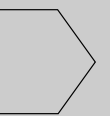
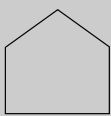
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **stretching legs** - in the fresh mountain air. Rent some mountain bikes, shoot a few arrows, or head into the forest on some easy hikes to beautiful waterfalls (some are easy and some are not - eg. going down to madonna and child falls might not be suitable with people who have knee or other mobility problems)
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - many options from gourmet style to pub-lunches, pizzas and takeaways to enjoy at a scenic viewpoint.
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - check-into your Tee-Pee! Yohoooo! and get to know your host
- Ideas for the afternoon:
 - * 14:30-16:30 | 02:00 - **sites/shops** - @starwaysArts pottery gallery, @stPatrics,
 - * 16:30-19:00 | 01:00 - **easy walk/hike** - heading for The Edge to stroll around the Bluff and the labyrinth.
- 19:30-21:00 | 01.30 - **dinner** - @organicOrigins, @theEdge +

Day 2 - Sat @aHogsLife

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - african-infusion breakfast - at Terra-Khaya, 15 minutes meditation after breakfast.
- Ideas for the morning
 - * 08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - **parkrun** - every Sat@8:00am on the Bluff - walk, jog or run a 5k route. Average finishing time - 00:38:30
 - * 08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - **yoga+meditation** - 45 minutes yoga + 15 minutes meditation - @terra-Khaya / Simple-Sense
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **pottery class** - at Starways including tea time
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **short hikes** - since the sun might come through, be ready to slip in a hike or three. 1. to a waterfall; 2. Hike past many small ones, then right to the top edge of a tall waterfall with a great valley view. 3. one followed a muddy path along a fence to a nice viewpoint.
 - * 09:00-12:00 | 03:00 - **bike-abseil-hike** / archery / cooking lesson / pottery lesson
 - * 01:00 mountain bike through the forest to the Madonna and Child Waterfall
 - * 01:00 Abseil down a waterfall and picnic (guided/assisted)
 - * 01:00 Hike back to the Village through the forest
- 12:00-13-30 | 01:30 - **eco-shrine** tour and walkabout the Bluff and Labyrinth
- 13:30-15:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** at The Touraco Table or get picnic hampers from Touraco to enjoy in the forest.
- Ideas for the afternoon
 - * 15:00-16:30 | 01:00 - **music circle** - choir/Jembe/Instruments/home-made instruments - jamming together - self-organised @garden /@eventsVenue
 - * 15:00-16:30 | 01:30 - **massage** - @simpleSense
- 18:00-19:00 | 01:00 - **labyrinth** - walk the labyrinth and enjoy the scenery and sunset.
- 19:00-20:00 | 01:00 - **sunset** - at Hogsback's Secret Waterfall
- 20:00-21:30 | 01:30 - **dinner** - @theEdge - sipping on some bubbly or a gin cocktail

Day 3 - Sun

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - make early breakfast in your teepee, 15 minutes meditation after breakfast and then put on your hiking boots!
- 08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - **guided birding walk** or other hike (guided or self-guided)
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out**
- Ideas for after check-out:
 - * 10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - **hiking** - do some hikes or walks that you didn't get to do yet.
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - after an energising hike, get some padkos to enjoy outside from @wholeHogs and @savemoreSpar - or enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants or pubs.



04 - Cold-misty-rainy-snowy-windy @laragh-on-Hogsback [mon]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

This is a very central place to stay and highly rated too. *Dress warm* + raincoat and rain/walking boots, but also in layers for occasional bursts of heat after a walk or when the sun pops out. Non-slip hiking boots/shoes are ideal for these conditions. Some hikes are not advised in wet conditions. The misty conditions are beautiful for taking photos/videos.

Highlights/ideas

• short hike • wood fire • views • indoor leisure

Day 1 - Mon o/n @laragh-on-Hogsback

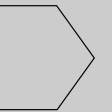
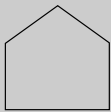
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * **11:00-11:30 | 00:30 - beer tasting** - with a most scenic drive up a windy road, you climbed up into Hogsback. Taste some locally brewed artisan beers. Get some pancakes @wholeHog
 - * **11:30-13:00 | 01:30 - forest bathing** - @bluff - easy stroll with raincoat/umbrell if not too windy, fill your lungs with mountain air and your senses with the forest. Beware that open wet clay is very slippery!
 - * **13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - lunch** - there are many options on the main road and a short drive away for lunch. Or get takeaways from Rory @wholeHog and head to your cozy cottage to check-in.
- **14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - check-in** - check-into your cozy cottage. Relax and unwind with some tea in the garden.
- Ideas for the afternoon:
 - * **15:30-18:30 | 03:00 - cooking class** - make hearty, warming curries directed by your cooking instructure, Laurent. For groups, Laurent is able to organise a movie night.
 - * **14:30-16:30 | 02:00 - explore** - take a drive around Hogsback to visit the arts and crafts shops in Hogsback - @starwaysArts @woltree @mountainMojo @hoggestShop - all stock some arts and crafts items and @Wol-tree you can get some craft and sewing supplies for creative projects.
 - * **16:30-18:00 | 01:30 - arboretum** - guided birding/photography hike - spend the late afternoon with the Cape parrots. Bring binoculars, camera. Booking essential.
- **18:00-19:00 | 01:00 - sightseeing** - labyrinth and viewpoint - keep umbrella handy - watch the mists rise out of the trees.
- **19:00-21:00 | 02:00 - dinner** - have dinner at one of the rustic restaurants with a fireplace @touraco @theEdge @happyHogs @whizardsSleeve (amazing Wazoogles)
- **21:00-22:00 | 01:00 - night-cap and stories** - snuggle in the lounge with a warm cup of hot chocolate, a sherry or some gluhwein in front of the fireplace of your cottage or at a restaurant. [Have your stack of books to read ready! or work on your poetry or creative writing projects]
- **22:00 | return to your accommodation**, ready for a good night's sleep.

Day 2 - Tue o/n @laragh-on-Hogsback

- **07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - breakfast** - relax in and around your cottage, make a fire, make breakfast, 15 minutes meditation after breakfast and then get ready for the day.
- Ideas for the morning:
 - * **09:30-10:30 - supplies** - Take a quick trip to the village to get any needed beverages, snack supplies and groceries. Get a great book or two to read or even a board game and cards! If you have a sweet tooth, get some Belgian chocolate and confectionary from The Chocolate Shoppe.
- **13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - lunch** - order takeaways like burgers and pancakes deliveries @wholeHog or picnic hamper @touraco - they also have delectable frozen food items. (best to book 24 hours in advance)
- Ideas for afternoon:
 - * **15:00-17:00 | 03:00 - cooking class** @Touracu - The Real Deal MayoMaking - Booking essential
 - * **15:00-17:00 | 03:00 - massage** and relaxation - @simpleSense/@spa - therapeutic, relaxation, scalp/back/full body
- **17:00-19:00 | 02:00 - braai/stories** - The Rose Theatre - Bring-n-braai and stories/heritage with locals - booking essential
- **19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - dinner** - enjoy some pizza / winter - dinner with a fireplace @happyHogs
- **21:30-22:30 | 01:00 - leisure** - kick back with a great read or play some board games with a good sherry until the sandman sprinkles his dust into your eyes.

Day 3 - Wed

- **08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - breakfast** - leisurely late start and stay warm by making a fire and have breakfast. 15 minutes meditation after breakfast.
- **09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - check-out** - check out of your accommodation.
- Ideas for after check-out:
 - * **10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - hikes** - if the sun emerged, it might be a good time for a hike @arboretum or @bluff, labyrinth, eco-shrine.
 - * **12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - lunch** - a hearty meal @happyHogs @theEdge @touraco @hotel @wholeHog takeaways - booking essential/advised



05 - Arts and crafts expedition @touraco [fri]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

Open gardens. Amazing nature photo opportunities and to take interesting photos during activities, such as walking the unhedged labyrinth at sunset, or photos at the amazingly unusual Rose Theater at StarwaysArts Centre or at the Eco-Shrine Centre for Art and Ecology.

Highlights/ideas

• university art collection • pottery lesson • soap making • eco-shrine • stwarwaysarts pottery gallery

Day 1 - Fri o/n @touraco

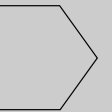
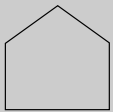
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **art collection** - on the way to Hogsback, visit the Fort Hare African art collection
 - * 13:00-14:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - book a lunch @touraco and get to know your hosts and find out more about Hogsback, hiking options and activities
- 14:30-15:00 | 01:00 - **check-in** - to your accommodation
- Ideas for the afternoon:
 - * 14:30-18:00 | 03:30 - **hike** - hike to Gaika’sKop or Hog1
 - * 14:30-18:00 | 03:30 - **cooking class** - curries that served for dinner
- 18:00-19:30 | 01:30 - **relax** - relax in the garden or on the verandah, with sundowner cocktails
- 19:30-20:30 | 01:00 - **dinner** - @touraco - art collection from local artists
- 20:30-22:00 | 01:30 - **bonfire** - relax at the fireplace

Day 2 - Sat o/n @touraco

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - make a breakfast at your self-catering cottage, 15 minutes meditation after breakfast.
- Morning ideas
 - * 09:00-11:00 | 02:00 - **pottery lessons** - @starwaysArts
 - * 10:00-11:30 | 01:30 - **visit open gardens** - visit by appointment some of the superb private ‘open’ gardens. In spring and early summer there are exquisite displays of azaleas and other flowering trees and spring flowers.
 - * 11:30-13:30 | 02:00 - **bluff hike, labyrinth and eco shrine** - when you reach the centre of the labyrinth, you sit down and meditate for a few minutes. Visit Diana Graham’s art studio, by appointment.
- 13:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - @theEdge
- Afternoon ideas
 - * 16:00-19:00 | 03:00 - **cooking class** - @touraco - curries or other bespoke meal
 - * 18:00-19:00 | 01:00 - **labyrinth** - walk the large labyrinth at The Edge for some meditation and absorb the scenery from a nearby right-on-the-cliff-side viewpoint.
- 19:00-20:30 | 01:30 - **dinner** - bespoke meal prepared during cooking class - curries/other
- 20:30-late | **relax with friends** - at your self-catering cottage in front of the fire

Day 3 - Sun

- 09:00-10:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - after sleeping in
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out**
- Ideas for after check-out
 - * 11:00-12:30 | 01:30 - **chill** - in the garden
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - really awesome Sunday buffet lunch @touraco



06 - Conservation/Community @hobbiton [mon]

Example Itinerary - 3days/2nights

Ideas for eco-travellers, nature conservation, social impact. Local conservation and community projects and subjects include: Research and conservation of Samango monkeys and baboons. Wild bird trust - CapeParrots, Yellow-wood trees / Tree planting / Reforestation / Invasive species management. Trees for bees. Recycle projects.

Highlights/ideas

• plant a tree • work with locals • learn and network with local projects • community building • support local community offerings • natural building • permaculture • leadership • team building • personal development • leadership • team building @hobbiton+@touraco • natural building training - @terra-Khaya @elundini

Day 1 - Mon o/n @hobbiton

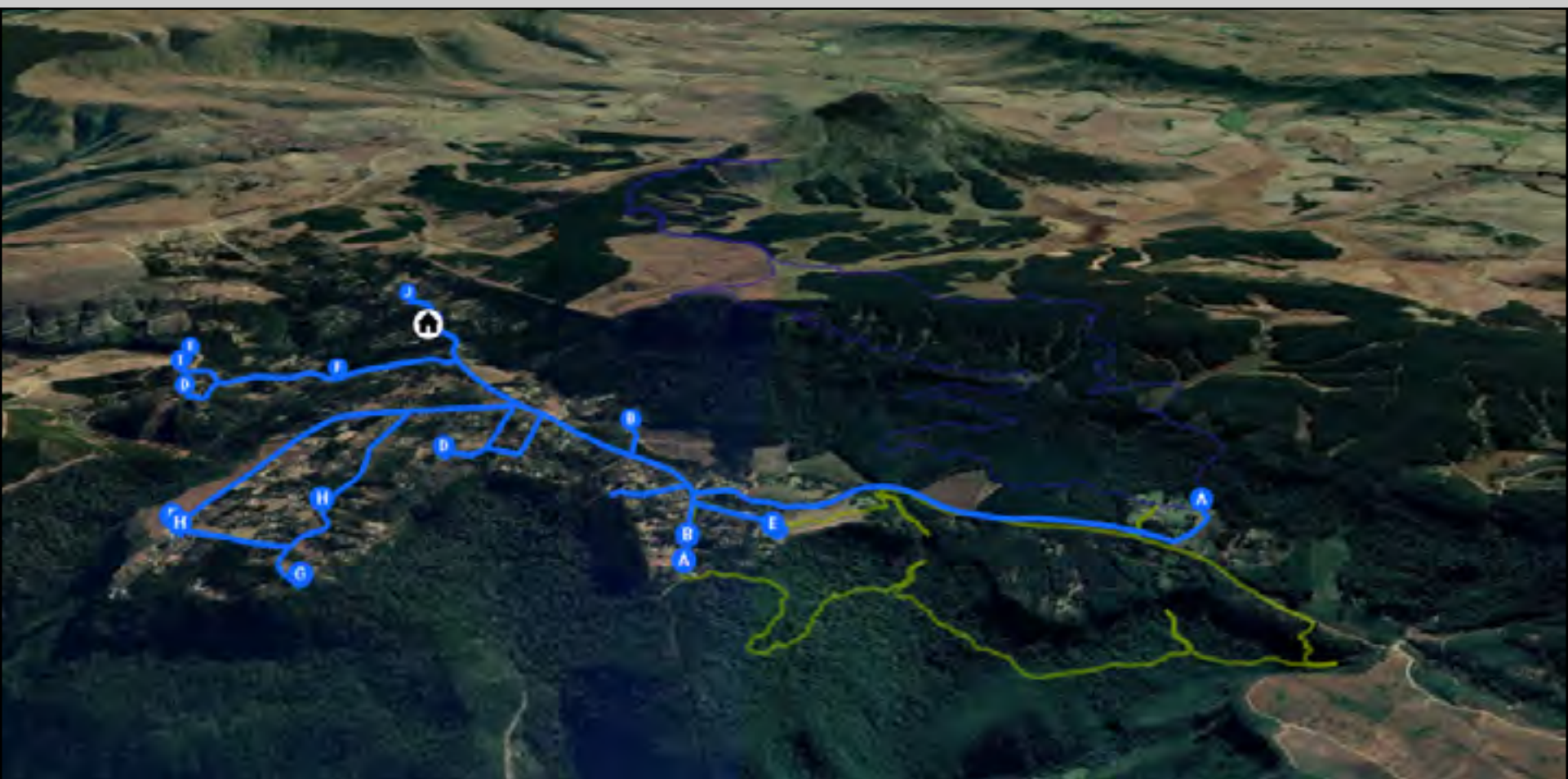
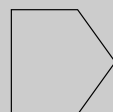
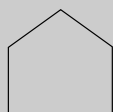
- 09:00-10:00 | 01:00 - **check-in** - arrive, everyone settles into their lodging and meet the hosts. (Early arrivals can book in the previous night for a nominal extra fee for one night’s accommodation.)
- 11:00-12:00 | 01:00 - **hobbiton tour** - a quick intro to the programme for the next two days.
- Ideas for the afternoon
 - * 12:00-19:30 | 05:00 - **local exploration** - take your time to get a feel for Hogsback
 - * **Lunch** at one of the lovely restaurants
 - * **Short hikes** - Labyrinth, Bluff-walk, Eco shrine, Crystal Corner,
 - * **Shops** - Starways Pottery Gallery, Mountain Mojo, Waltree, Hoggest shop
 - * **Hobbiton** - Explore the hobbiton audiovisual centre and library
- 17:00-18:30 | 01:30 - **birding** - guided birding walk starting at hobbiton - Hogsback is one of the last remaining habitats of the Cape Parrot.
- 18:30-21:30 - 02:00 - **dinner** + discussions - discussions and slideshows relating to topics of interest. Hobbiton promotes environmental and social awareness, self improvement and cross cultural appreciation, as well as life skills of disadvantaged children. Go over the programme for the next day to check-in with everyone’s preferences, since all activities are voluntary.

Day 2 - Tue o/n @hobbiton

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - hearty communal breakfast
- 08:30-09:00 | 00:30 - **briefing** - mental prep for an eventful morning
- 09:00-12:30 | 03:30 - **programme activities** - with 30 minute tea break.
- 12:30-13:30 | 01:00 - **lunch** - self-catering lunch using the facilities at Hobbiton
- 13:30-14:00 | 00:30 - **get ready for hike** - Relax and get ready for a hike - pack water and picnic snacks.
- 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - **hike with picnic** - Spend leisure time in the forest with or without a guide
- 18:00-19:30 | 01:30 - **unscheduled time** - relax on the grounds with group and prepare dinner
- 19:30-20:30 | 01:00 - **dinner** - self-catering braai or @theEdge, @happyHogs, @lighthouse
- 20:30-21:30 | 01:00 - **slideshow + discussions** - topics relating to conservation and community.

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - have breakfast with the group
- 08:30-09:00 | 00:30 - **debriefing** - wrapping up the learnings and experiences
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - of your accommodation
- Ideas for after check-out:
 - * 10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - **hike** - various hikes are accessible from or the village. Be sure to take water and refreshments/snacks/picnic and even swimming gear!
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - @theEdge, @happyHogs, @lighthouse



07 - Silent/mindfulness retreat @hogwartsForest [fri]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights - self-organised or guided

Take time out to be mindful, meditate and recharge. By retreating into a scenic forest, you can enjoy where you are and whatever you do without making extra effort. No need to kick out of your serene bed before sunrise or stay up until dawn. The beautiful forests will wait for you to rest out. It takes no extra effort to savour the fresh air, and silence, to be feet up and cozy, or enjoying a comfy stroll. You can spend an entire week in Hogsback doing simply nothing, and it will not be long enough!

Highlights/ideas

• meditate • yoga • hikes • chill • feet up • relax • sleep • lounge • read • dream • snooze • stargazing

Day 1 - Mon o/n @hogwartsForest

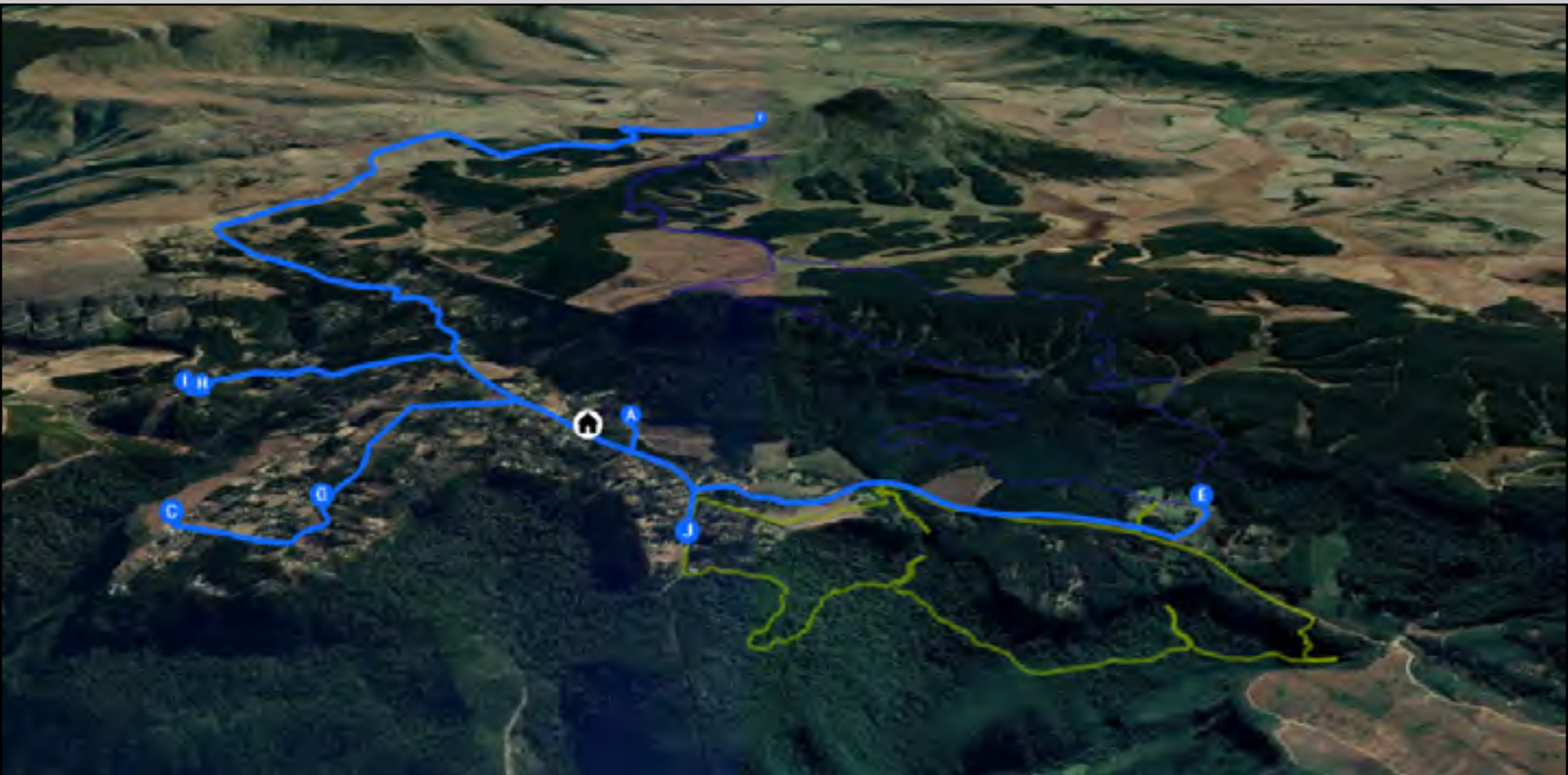
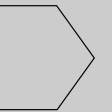
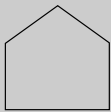
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **arboretum** - as always it is a good idea to peek in at the Arboretum and take an easy stroll to 39 steps waterfalls which could take anything from 15 minutes to 2 hours depending on your pace!
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - have a picnic at the waterfall or pop into one of the restaurants on the main road or @theEdge
- 14:30-15:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - arrive and meet your hosts and settle into your accommodation. Everything is right here so you don't have to do anything but mingle with nature. Find out from your host about all the fun, relaxation and recreation that are available at this location and others.
- 15:30-19:00 | 02:30 - **relax** - relax in the garden-forest
- 19:00-21:00 | 02:00 - **self-catering dinner** - cook a dinner while being mindful

Day 2 - Tue o/n @hogwartsForest

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - start early or late, and enjoy a healthy breakfast.
- 08:00-10:00 | 02:00 - **yoga+massage** - at your cottage or @simpleSense @samadhi @roots @spa +
- 10:00-11:00 | 00:45 - **tea time** - move tea-time and meditation to the outdoors
- 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **mindfulness** - exercises, meditation
- 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - get some takeaways from Rory @wholeHog delivered to you Julian from @flying-Pig.
- 14:00-16:00 | 02:00 - **short, slow hike** - don some hiking boots and take a walk right outside the cottage or a short drive away enjoy another part of the forest that starts at the Arboretum. There are numerous easy to do, well-marked trails that start at the Arboretum and lead through the indigenous forest to waterfalls. These easy, leisurely walks are also called 'forest bathing', and are supposed to be really healthy. To keep it easy, find out more from the outdoors people on the FB group.
- 17:00-18:00 - **bird rush-hour** - Keep an eye at the sky, looking out for the shy Cape parrot returning home from a long day of foraging at faraway places, and you might even spot the smallest toad in the world, the critically endangered Amatola toad.
- 18:00-20:00 | 02:00 - **sunset sightseeing** - @bluff - labyrinth, eco-shrine,
- 20:00-21:00 | 01:00 - **dinner** - @theEdge @hogwartsForest +

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - if the weather plays along, maybe it will snow :-)) or be sunny!
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - of your cottage
- Ideas for after checkout
 - * 10:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **massage** - book a massage at the spa and relax by the pool
 - * 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - @spa



08 - Team-building excursion @arminel [mon]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

Put together an exciting and relaxing team-building weekend. Follow your own programme or make use of existing materials offered @hobbiton or other local organisations.

Highlights/ideas

- team-building activities • swimming • hikes • sightseeing

Day 1 - Mon o/n @arminel

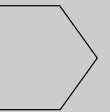
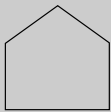
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **arboretum** - stroll around the Arboretum (forest bathing) to a nearby waterfall (39 steps)
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - get takeaways or enjoy lunch at the hotel where you will be staying
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **checkin** - settle into the comforts of the hotel and you can explore the hotel grounds with extensive gardens, enjoying the fresh air and friendly country hospitality.
- 14:30-15:00 | 00:30 - **explore** - take time at your leisure to explore the hotel's property.
- 15:00-18:00 | 03:00 - **team dynamics** - introduction seminar on team dynamics and other subjects of interest by @hobbiton + @serendipity
- 18:00-22:00 | 02:00 - **dinner** - welcoming barbeque @arminel with continued discussions

Day 2 - Tue o/n @arminel

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant.
- Ideas for the morning:
 - * 08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - **parkrun** - every Sat@8:00am on the Bluff - walk, jog or run a 5k route. Average finishing time - 00:38:30
 - * 08:00-11:30 | 03:30 - **hike-a-hog** - hike up to Hog1 or Hog3 or Gaika's Kop with Laurent @touraco.
 - * 08:00-11:30 | 03:30 - **hike-around** - hike around the forest with a tour guide or self-guided
- 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - picnic lunch in the mountain or at a waterfall or @Touraco
- 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - **team building** - activities with coffee-break @hobbiton or @touraco or @serendipity
- 19:30-20:30 | 01:30 - **buffet dinner** - after an abundance of fun in the sun, settle down with a delicious buffet dinner.

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - at hotel
- 09:00-10:30 | 01:30 - **birding** - venture into the great outdoors for some um... forest bathing and an exciting and informative guided birding hike.
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - of the hotel by 10:00
- Ideas for after check-out
 - * 10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - **site seeing stroll** - take a stroll around the bluff and to the labyrinth - walking the labyrinth and then walk to the eco shrine.
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - The Edge is a great place to enjoy a leisurely lunch.



09 - Katberg/Hogsback golfing/combo holiday @katbergEcoGolf [fri]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

You can combine Hogsback and Katberg, both being beautiful natural mountain retreats. Katberg is a 01:20 hours drive from Hogsback, where you can overnight at a self-catering villa or the hotel. Enjoy a round of golf at the 18-hole championship golf course, with spa and other facilities for the entire family.

Highlights/ideas

• golf • pro-shop • tennis courts • swimming pool • horse riding • fishing • spa • hiking • restaurant and bar • self-catering cottages • hotel

Day 1 - Fri o/n @katbergEcoGolf

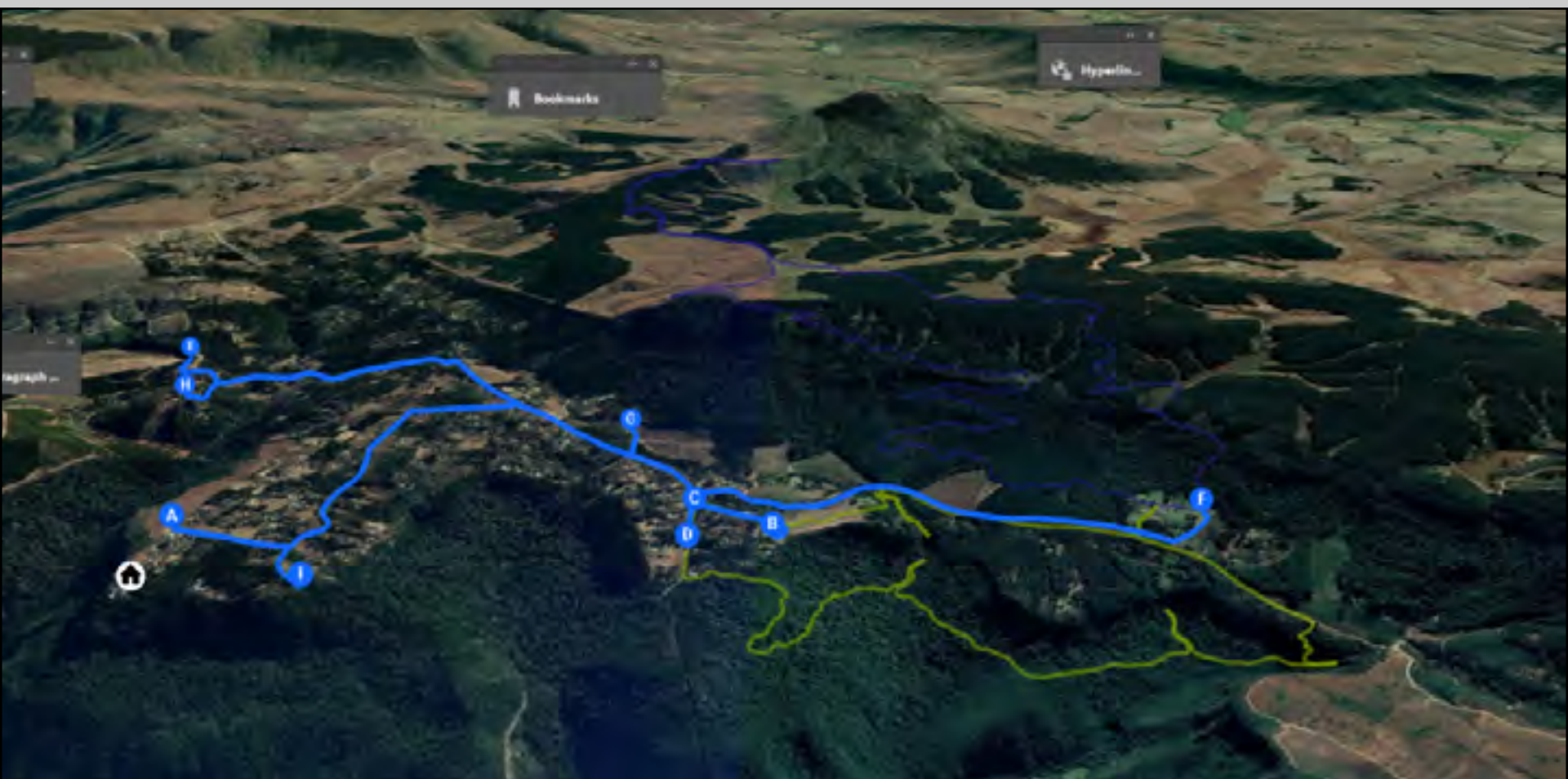
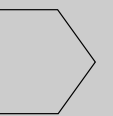
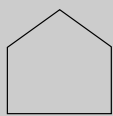
- Ideas in Hogsback before driving to Katberg:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - forest hike - Arrive early in Hogback and embark on a hike from the Arboretum to forest bathe and visit some of the waterfalls. You can book a guided hike @touraco or guided birding walk or take a self-guided hike. Mountain bike trails and other ideas.
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - lunch - at one of the great restaurants in the village eg. @touraco @theEdge @happy-Hogs or others and brows the shops in the vicinity for souvenirs.
 - * 14:00-15:00 | 01:00 - explore - visit other shops and attractions such as @starwaysArts forest gallery +
- 15:00-16:30 | 01:30 - drive to @katbergEcoGolfEstate - there may be cows in the road, so it is best to drive in daylight.
- 16:30-17:00 | 00:30 - check-in - check into your accommodation @katberg
- 17:00-20:00 | 02:30 - activities - you may arrive in time for pre booked activities or spa treatment, relax at facilities.
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - dinner - at the hotel's restaurant

Day 2 - Sat o/n @katbergEcoGolf

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - breakfast - at the Hotel buffet
- 08:30-17:30 | 07:00 - golfing day, 9 or 18 holes of golf and other activities at Katberg. The non-golfers can enjoy some fishing, horse riding, spa treatments and relax at the facilities.
- 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - lunch - lunch at the hotel or club-house.
- 17:30-20:00 | 01:30 - relax at cottage - return to cottage to refresh and relax
- 20:00-21:30 | 01:30 - dinner - at the hotel's restaurant.

Day 3 - Sun

- 08:00-09:30 | 01:30 - breakfast - enjoy breakfast at the hotel or make breakfast in your cottage.
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - check-out - checkout from Katberg accommodation
- Ideas for after checkout
 - * 10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - drive - enjoy another very scenic drive up to Hogsback
 - * 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - lunch - and afternoon at TheEdge - labyrinth, shops, hike to eco-shrine, bluff hike, view-points



10 - Forest & Mountain Adventure @theEdge [mon]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

Immerse yourself into a world of forests and fantasy!

Highlights/ideas

- archery • hiking • biking • horse riding • fishing • 4x4 forest cruise • abseil • climbing wall

Day 1 - Mon o/n @theEdge

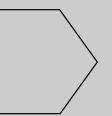
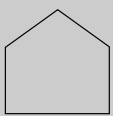
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **nature walk** - get in touch with nature by taking a stroll around the Bluff area, which includes the eco-shrine, the labyrinth, viewpoints and a cliff-path.
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **massage** - if you would like to have a massage or other type of spa treatment, be sure to book one ahead of time @simpleSense @hogsbackInn @theEdge +
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - @theEdge - a great selection on the menu, as well as friendly atmosphere in the heart of nature.
- 14:00-14:30 | 03:00 - **check-in** - settle into your accommodation
- 14:30-18:30 | 04:30 - Ideas for the afternoon
 - * **kick back** - spend the afternoon at your accommodation or find a place in nature to relax and unwind.
 - * **options** • archery • hiking • biking • horse riding • fishing • 4x4 forest cruise • abseil • climbing wall
- 18:30- 19:30 | 01:00 - **sunset** - picnic with sundowner cocktails and artisan beers
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - **dinner** - home-cooked comf dinner, warm fires and bed before the adventures begin.

Day 2 - Tue o/n @theEdge

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - on a sunny day, enjoy a bbq breakfast at the braai-facilities, while working out the details of everyone’s plans for the day. (remember to pack refreshments/picnic and water)
- 09:00-13:00 | 04:00 - Ideas for the morning
 - * **hikers** - after breakfast, embark on a forest bathing hike into the mysterious and magical Tyhume Indigenous Forest or take a comfortable 15 minute stroll to 39 steps waterfall and a 40 minutes stroll to Swallowtail Falls and another short hike to visit the big tree. You may see the Cape parrots, Knysna turacos or loeries, playful samango monkeys and hordes of singing cicadas.
 - * **explorers** - plenty of exploring to do in Hogsback. Visit library to get some books, visit the quaint little shops in the village - also spa treatments, haircut, beer tasting, even cooking classes @starwaysart Pottery shop.
 - * **eco shrine** - meet at parking area and drive to eco shrine.
 - * **fishing** - Some say that in warmer seasons the best times to fish are early morning and late evening. In the spring and fall, it’s best to go out around dusk, but do check with the locals on when is the best time.
- 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - return to the village and visit a local pub for lunch or enjoy take-away food in a secret spot. A big variety from Pizza to Calamari Burgers.
- 16:30-17:00 | 00:30 - **starwaysarts** - browse the pottery-gallery and check out the Rose Theatre
- 19:00-20:30 | 01:30 - **dinner** - returning to Terra-Khaya for dinner
- 20:30-22:00 | 01:30 - **storytelling** around the bon-fire @terra-Khaya @theEdge @awayWtFairies

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast**
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - of your accommodation
- Ideas for after checkout
 - * 10:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **more nature** - now that you had a good taste of nature, you will know what you want more of.
 - * 12:30-13:30 | 01:00 - **padkos** - get some ‘padkos’ from WholeHog takeaways



11 - Camp-fish-n-ride/hike @grasslandsDam [fri]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

Either go directly to the dam or arrive early for fitting in Lunch in Hogsback and even a quick hike too. Then off to the dam for some camping and fishing. @robinsonDam you can do fishing and mountain biking - scenic guided or self-guided mountain biking along well established trails that reach numerous waterfalls and viewpoints. Bring your own bike or rent bikes (adult and child bikes available.) take a dip in a refreshing rock pool. Enjoy a quiet picnic at Robinson Dam. @grasslandsDam - horse riding available. Also other dams in the area please find out more via the FB group for outdoor stuff.

Highlights/ideas

• fishing • hiking • mountain biking • horse riding • scenic drives • 4x4

Day 1 - Mon @grasslandsDam

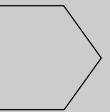
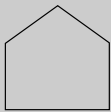
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **scenic drives** - go on some scenic drives in the region (you might need a 4x4 or book with camohogs for a 4x4 excursion in the forest)
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - Taste some locally brewed beers at the beer garden of Hogsback Brewing Company and try their legendary 'bunny chow' and beer.
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - meet your hosts and set up camp or settle into self-catering accommodation.
- Ideas for the afternoon
 - * 14:30-17:30 | 03:00 - **fishing** - late afternoon fishing
 - * 14:30-17:30 | 03:00 - **hike/bike** - explore the trails around the dam
 - * 14:30-17:30 | 03:00 - **horse riding** - horse riding excursion available at grasslands dam
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - **dinner** - trout fish braai for dinner, relax by the fire

Day 2 - Tue @grasslandsDam

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - make breakfast at the kitchen facilities
- 08:00-13:00 | 05:00 - **fishing, lunch and other activities at the dam** - spend the morning and lunchtime at the dam, fishing and picnic. Non-fishers can do hiking, biking, horse-riding, cooking class or explore the village
- 13:00-14:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - leisurely picnic lunch at the dam. Pre-order a picnic hamper @touraco at R100/person
- Afternoon options
 - * 14:30-16:30 | 02:00 - **pampering** - enjoy an afternoon spa treatment like a massage, relax by the pool
 - * 16:30-19:30 | 03:00 - **fishing** - late afternoon fishing and the non-fishermen have choices like hiking @touraco, biking, horse riding @grasslands farm, cooking classes @touraco.
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - **dinner** - back at the homestead relax around the braai for dinner under the stars.

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:30-09:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - camp-style breakfast or have one once packed up - somewhere in Hogsback (often great breakfast specials available and in any case well priced).
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **pack up the camp** - hopefully you have some fish to pack in too!
- Ideas for after packing up the camp
 - * 10:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **shops/sites/hikes** - check out all the shops and sites in Hogsback and take a stroll in the fresh forest air at the Arboretum to the 39 steps waterfalls.
 - * 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - quite a few options for lunch, ranging from takeaways @wholeHog, or restaurants/pubs or even extend your afternoon, but camping and braaing @swallowtail or @hogsbackInn camping sites from where there are some easy hikes into the forest.



12 - Bespoke horse riding excursion [mon]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

Every ride is personalised to indulge you and to suit your riding experience. You can swim, picnic and dine with horses. Enjoy a ride during the day, at sunrise, sunset or under the full moon. We have full public liability insurance and offer helmets for riders. Suitable for both the experienced and first time rider.

Highlights/ideas

• natural horsemanship • horse riding • combo experiences • picnic • swimming • dining

Day 1 - Mon o/n @terra-Khaya

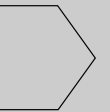
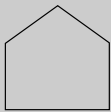
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **hikes/shops** - browse the town and take a short hike into the forest and at the Bluff - walk the labyrinth.
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - at the bluff, you can dine @touraco or @theEdge
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - @terraKhaya
- 14:30-19:30 | 03:00 - **meet the horses** - learn about natural horsemanship
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - **dinner** - home cooked fresh produce at the bonfire

Day 2 - Tue o/n @terra-Khaya

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - scrumptious Terra-Khaya breakfast options
- 08:00-09:00 | 01:00 - **greet and saddle up** - begin the practise of natural horsemanship by forming a trusting partnership with the friendly well-trained, easy to ride horses. Pack water and picnic lunch. If you are going to swim with the horses bring dry clothes in 'dry bags'. Put on your riders helmet, gaiters/chaps.
- 09:00-13:00 | 04:00 - **horse riding** - choose an easy or more challenging trail on mountains paths, through forests and the countryside or into the quaint village. Swim with horses in the dam. Make a pitstop for snacks, grab a coffee and stretch your legs. Grab a beer in the Hogsback Brewing Company's beer garden.
- 13:00-14:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - head back into the mountains for a picnic lunch with the horses
- Afternoon options:
 - * 14:30-8:00 | 03:30 - **natural building** - Introduction to natural building
 - * 14:30-8:00 | 03:30 - **massage/spa** - treatment @simpleSense @hogsbackInn (Hogsback) relax by the pool
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - **dinner** - let the chef know in the morning if you will be dining at Terra-Khaya
- 21:00-22:30 | 01:30 - **bonfire** -

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - relax on the verandah with a great coffee and brekkies
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out**
- Ideas for after checkout:
 - * 10:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **birding walk** - Guided birding walk and plant a tree.
 - * 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - **padkos** - one last coffee stop visit getting Rory at The Whole Hog to whip up some padkos and then it is time to head home.



13 - Forest adventure (hike/horse) @terraKhaya [fri]

Example Itinerary: 3day/2night

Terra-Khaya Eco-lodge for a true off-grid, natural living experience, with warm fires, healthy cooking and cozy cabins.

Highlights/ideas

• hike • horse-ride • cycle • cultural experience • stargazing • eco-living

Day 1 - Fri o/n @terra-Khaya

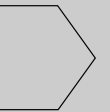
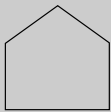
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **forest bathing** - @bluff or @arboretum pack a picnic and find a nice spot to enjoy a picnic - please do not litter.
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **picnic lunch** - have lunch in the forest
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - check into your accommodation.
- 14:30-15:30 | 01:00 - **meet+greet** - Meet your host, the horses and other animals in the vicinity and enjoy refreshments on the veranda
- 15:30-19:30 | 04:00 - **hike/ride** - around in the forests near Terra-Khaya, something for everyone to do.
- 19:30-22:00 | 02:30 - **dinner** - delectable dinner +bonfire (book dinner 6 hours in advance)

Day 2 - Sat o/n @terra-Khaya

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - enjoy a hearty Terra-Khaya breakfast, meditation on the veranda.
- Ideas for morning:
 - * 09:00-12:30 | 3:30 - **hikes** - entering and experiencing our ancient indigenous forest - hiking boots on and ready to step into nature. big tree, mountains streams and waterfalls. Abseiling the Madonna & Child Waterfall @hogsbackAdventures
- 12:30-13:30 | 01:00 - **lunch** - after a busy morning, grab a bite at one of our local restaurants
- 14:30-18:00 | 02:00 - **rides** - setting out on a 2.5 hour ride through the Amathole escarpment before/at sunset.
- 18:00-19:00 | 01:00 - **sundowners** - ride/hike to a nearby viewpoint to view spectacular scenery and sunset
- 19:00-21:00 | 02:00 - **bonfire dining** - relax around a bon-fire till late. If you brought your vegan or non-vegan food to braai, you can put it on the coals - overnight @terra-Khaya

Day 3 - Sun

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - wake up to the aroma of coffee and a scrumptious breakfast
- 08:00-08:15 | 00:15 - **meditate** - in nature for 15 minutes while letting the food digest
- 08:15-09:30 | 01:15 - **hike/bike** - jump on your bike and head onto one of the self-guided forest trails to get blood pumping for the day.
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - of your accommodation
- Ideas for after checkout
 - * 10:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **labyrinth** - visit the labyrinth and eco-shrine, as well as Edge viewpoint and walk the Bluff circular path for a last and potent dose of nature. And visit some of the shops/sites in Hogsback.
 - * 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - @theEdge @organicOrigins@touraco @happyHogs



14 - Ride to XhosaVillage on horseback @terra-Khaya [mon]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

After breakfast, saddle up the horses or climb on your bike and start the ride to Elundini - enjoy a picnic en-route, as well as a swim in the dam with the horses.

Highlights/ideas

- Xhosa living • shebeen • horse riding • hike/bike/4x4 • shops • beer tasting

Day 1 - Mon o/n @terra-Khaya

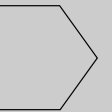
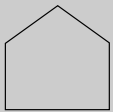
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-12:00 | 02:00 - forest bathing - fill your lungs with mountain air and other goodness by taking a stroll @ arboretum or @bluff
 - * 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - lunch - pick a nice place for lunch - quite a variety of options, including a picnic in the forest by a beautiful waterfall or viewpoint
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - check-in - drive up to @terra-Khaya and check-into your accommodation
- Ideas for the afternoon:
 - * 14:30-15:30 | 01:00 - meet animals - meet the horses and other animals @terra-Khaya
 - * 15:30-19:30 | 04:00 - hike/lounge - either lounge around @terraKhaya or step out into the forest, drive to the dam for a swim. Find a good place to watch the sunset. Touraco offers great 3 hour hikes to TorDoone, or Hog1 or Hog3 - and they also have 3 hour cooking lessons that end with dining (lunch/dinner)
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - dinner - braai at the Terra-Khaya bonfire.
- 21:00-22:30 | 01:30 - bonfire - Enjoy the company of friends around a cozy bonfire

Day 2 - Tue o/n @terra-Khaya

- 07:00-08:30 | 01:30 - breakfast - really good coffee and breakfast options@terraKhaya
- 08:30-14:00 | 03:30 - horse/bike trail - to ride to Elundini on horseback or mountain bikes @terra-Khaya. Pack a picnic and a set of (dry) clothes.
 - * 08:30-09:00 | 00:30 - saddle up and get on the horses.
 - * 09:00-10:30 | 01:30 - horse riding - head through beautiful plantations towards Elundini. Stop for a swim in the dam with the horses
 - * 10:30-12:00 | 01:30 - picnic - stop at the Secret Waterfall for refreshments from a spectacular view point
 - * 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - ride into Elundini - we proceed over the escarpment, down into the valley below the Hogsback mountains. We ride into the Xhosa village with breathtaking views of the Amathole Mountains.
- 13:30-14:30 | 01:00 - lunch - @Elundini - traditional Xhosa food made to order by your talented host
- Ideas for the afternoon:
 - * 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - village tour and activities - a local guide can show you all there is to see and do in the village of Elundini
 - * 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - short hikes - head up into the mountains to the secret waterfall or enjoy any of the interesting activities that the village has to offer, such as a 3 hour Xhosa bread making course
 - * 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - camo-hogs - embark on camo-hogs 4x4 vehicles for forest excursion
- 18:00-18:30 | 00:30 - freshen up - enjoy a refreshing shower after a good workout
- 18:30-19:30 | 01:00 - sunset - Elundini is perfectly situated with spectacular scenery and sunsets
- 19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - dinner - everyone can meet up back at Elundini for dinner. Decently hungry after an eventful day it is time to enjoy a delicious dinner - cooked by Lieve - the host.
- 21:00-21:30 | 00:30 - drive to @terraKhaya - short drive back to terraKhaya
- 21:30-22:30 | 01:00 - bonfire - @terraKhaya - relax at the bonfire

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - yoga, meditation - rise early for some yoga and meditation
- 08:00-09:00 | 01:00 - breakfast - make your pic from @terraKhaya breakfast options
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - check-out - of your cottage or the dorm.
- Ideas for after checkout
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 03:00 - explore - opting for an activity that is offered at the village, or drive to Hogsback to explore the village or enjoy a spa treatment.



15 - Trek into Hogsback on horseback @elundini [fri]

Example itinerary - 3days/2nights

The Elundini area is fast being discovered by local and international tourists in search of peaceful stays, wide open spaces and fresh air. While the natural attractions dominate the tourism menu here, man’s insatiable desire for adventure in the great outdoors is well covered, with any number of out-door and adventure activities to choose from.

Highlights/ideas

• Elundini • horse riding • Hogsback • hiking • biking • 4x4 camohogs • shopping/souvenirs

Day 1 - Fri o/n @elundini

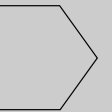
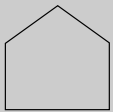
- Ideas for before check-in (detour to Hogsback)
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **hike** - take a hike in the forest @arboretum or at the cliff edge @bluff
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - pick from a range of restaurants in the village
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - at Elundini Village and book into your accommodation.
- 15:00-17:00 | 02:00 - **Elundini village activities** - Tour and/or activities - like breadmaking, learn Xhosa
- 19:00-21:00 | 01:00 - **dinner** - traditional Xhosa bonfire potjie dinner in the heart of Elundini Village
- 21:00-22:00 | 01:00 - **relax** by the fire and listen/tell stories. Overnight - in comfy Xhosa rondavel.

Day 2 - Sat o/n @elundini

- 06:30 - **sunrise views** - early risers can get going with some coffee, and then take a short walk through the village and up the hill to enjoy a spectacular 360’ view sunrise. A great place for meditation.
- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - return to the village to enjoy the legendary Elundini “breakfast-in-a-cup” with vetkoek
- Ideas for the morning
 - * 08:30-12:00 | 03:30 - **saddle up** - the horses and start the trek into Hogsback. Pack a picnic and a fresh set of clothes.
 - * 10:00-11:00 | 01:00 - **picnic** - stop for refreshments from a spectacular view point
 - * 11:00-12:00 | 01:00 - **horse riding** - head through beautiful plantations towards Terra-Khaya.
 - * 08:30-09:30 | 01:00 - **4x4 or self-drive** - camohogs excursion through the forest to Hogsback village and through the forest. Ideas for stops in Hogsback:
 - * @hogsbackBrewingCompany - Taste some beers and get a bite to eat.
 - * @wholeHog - get some padkos and visit Spa for supplies. Be sure to have at least 1 liter of water.
 - * @woltree - selection of treats for your picnic, condiments for a bbq/braai and lots of other goodies.
 - * @hogsbackAdventures - shoot a few arrows at and browse their shop - bikers can rent bikes at hogsback adventures and head off into the forest and then to @terraKaya where lunch will be enjoyed by the group.
- 12:00-12:30 | 00:30 - **change clothes** - when horse riders, hikers, bikers arrive @terraKhaya, take a hot shower and change of clothes.
- 12:30-14:00 | 01:30 - **lunch** - @terraKhaya with the group or visit one of Hogsback’s pubs or restaurants for lunch, local beer breweries has interesting artisan beers and meals.
- Ideas for the afternoon:
 - * 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - **shops/galleries** - afternoon visiting places, artists, artisans in Hogsback - @starways-Arts @Woltree @Jikani @ecoShrine, @mirrors @crystalCorner @mountainMojo +
 - * 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - **forest bathing** - stroll around in the magical Tyhume indigenous forest to find ‘the big tree’
 - * 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - **active/adrenalin** - Mountain bike to Madonna and Child Waterfall, and abseiling down the side of the waterfall into the forest below. Continue with a hike to the big tree, ending up @awayWtFairies cliff-edge bath - where you can enjoy a refreshing health smoothy at the pub.
 - * 14:00-18:00 | 04:00 - **easy nature stroll** - start off at the edge and walk all around the Bluff to the Labyrinth, viewpoint then onto the Eco Shrine.
- 19:30-21:30 | 02:00 - **dinner/braai** - return to Endulini for a delicious home-cooked Xhosa-pizza dinner, then back to your rondavel or the dorm for a hot shower and comfy night’s sleep.

Day 3 - Sun

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - enjoy a scrumptious village breakfast and coffee
- 08:30-09:30 | 01:00 - **meditate/yoga** -do 15 minute meditation and yoga on the verandah. Plant a tree - if you have a tree to plant, you can plant the tree at Elundini
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out** - of your rondavel
- Ideas after check-out
 - * 10:00-12:00 | 02:00 - **activities** - hikes and other activities in the village or in and around Hogsback
 - * 12:00-13:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - you can enjoy lunch in the village or make a detour into Hogsback for lunch



16 - Xhosa experience @elundini [mon]

Example itinerary - 3day/2night

Elundini gives you the opportunity to experience the Xhosa way of life, culture and traditions. The people from Elundini village have activities that can be arranged by locals through their 100% self owned businesses. A true Xhosa African experience guaranteed.

Highlights/ideas

- village tour • hikes/biking • bread making • Xhosa lessons • traditional dancing/stick fighting • volunteer • traditional cooking and dining • bead-making/beading • arts and crafts

Day 1 - Mon o/n @elundini

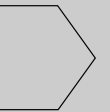
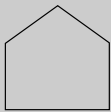
- Ideas for before check-in:
 - * 11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - **hikes** - detour via Hogsback to stroll around in the forest
 - * 13:00-14:00 | 01:00 - **lunch** - arrive back in Elundini in time for lunch and meeting your hosts
- 14:00-14:30 | 00:30 - **check-in** - check-in at the village lodge and settle into your rondavel
- 14:30-16:00 | 01:30 - **orientation** - a warm and welcoming start to your journey is a village tour with local guide Vuyani. Visit the school, kindergarten, shop, while Vuyani tells you about how the houses are built and how people live their lives and their culture. Enjoy a beer in the shebeen.
- 16:00-18:00 | 02:00 - **short hike** - take a short hike to a spectacular viewpoint to see the sunset
- 19:00-21:00 | 02:00 - **dinner** - at the village lodge

Day 2 - Tue o/n @elundini

- 07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - Xhosa breakfast in a cup
- Morning ideas
 - * 08:00-13:00 | 05:00 - **natural building** - learn more about Xhosa/eco-friendly building methods
 - * 08:00-13:00 | 05:00 - **hike to Hogsback** - hike with the local guide all the way to Hogsback in a 4-6 hour climb.
 - * 08:00-13:00 | 05:00 - **hike to Elundini** - via Arboretum, hike with a local guide, via the 39 steps waterfall, descent down through the indigenous forest, pass traditional Xhosa villages on the way to Elundini.
 - * 08:00-13:00 | 05:00 - **bike to Hogsback and back** - starting in Elundini, we mountain bike through local villages on single track cattle paths (or shuttle to Hogsback) and then descend via Seymour back to Elundini. A big thrill guaranteed - exciting, safe and filled with high quality adrenaline. Get more info about where to bike from the Hogsback Adventures shop. They also have bikes for rent (adult and child bikes) and offer combo-tours, as well as archery.
 - * 08:00-13:00 | 05:00 - **ride to Hogsback** - horse riding or 4x4-camohogs
 - * 10:00-13:00 | 03:00 - **Xhosa Bread making** - go with a village host to her home to learn the secrets of Xhosa bread making. Make your own dough and let it rise, collect fire-wood in the forest, which you will bind and carry on your head. Bake 'rostirs' on an open fire. Always a treat at the bbq/braai.
- 13:00-14:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - enjoy a home made lunch that includes your freshly baked bread and learn some basic Xhosa phrases.
- Ideas for the afternoon
 - * 14:30-15:00 | 01:00 - **learn Xhosa** - If you want to learn more Xhosa, then book some time with one of the Xhosa speakers for one-on-one lessons.
 - * 15:00-18:00 | 01:00 - **drive/4x4** - siteseeing in open 4x4 vehicles
- 18:00-19:00 | 01:00 - **lazy hiker** - an easy stroll takes you to a nearby viewpoint where you can see an amazing sunset. On a hot day, you can also take an ice cold shower at a nearby waterfall.
- 19:00-21:00 | 02:00 - **dinner** - end your day with an amazing dinner with a Xhosa family at their home
- 21:00-22:00 | 01:00 - **local pub** - enjoy a cool beer at the local pub.

Day 3 - Wed

- 07:30-08:30 | 01:00 - **breakfast** - make breakfast at your Rondavel or join your host for breakfast
- 08:30-09:30 | 01:00 - **walk about** - quick chat and greeting your friends in the village and short hike - see yoga options on the events calendar.
- 09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - **check-out**
- Ideas for after check-out
 - * 10:00-11:30 | 01:00 - **hike/shop in Hogsback** - take the short drive to Hogsback and browse interesting shops, like @starwaysArts pottery gallery, @woltree, @hoggest shop, @beerGarden, and relax at one of the restaurants in the village, do another hike on the Bluff (including the labyrinth, eco-shrine and the cliff viewpoint) or starting at @cliffEdgeBath with spectacular view and onto the Big Tree and Swallowtail Falls.
 - * 11:30-13:30 | 01:30 - **lunch** - start the bbq fire early for a leisurely bbq/braai



17 - Historic excursion @historicHogsbackInn [fri]

Example itinerary - 3day/2night

For this type of excursion it is advised that you have a registered tour guide . Some roads are 4x4 only.

Visit historic sites in and around Hogsback and combine it with leisurely hikes in the forest. The most satisfactory way to do this type of tour is a combination of driving and walking - since the distances are too far for just walking. Trevor Webster wrote: “The story of Hogsback”. His book is for sale @starwaysArts, @Woltree, @theEdge +

- * **Khoisan:** They were the earliest inhabitants of the region, and left behind rock paintings @lowestoffe +
- * **AmaXhosa:** The AmaXhosa came to the region and it became their homeland.
- * **British:** The British followed the AmaXhosa into the mountains (1835). Michell’s Fort at Ngqika’s Kop. Kaffraria was established. After the 1846 war, military villages were established in the Tyhume valley. (Battle sites)
- * **Missionaries:** After the Hogsback pass was built (1935), missionaries in the Amatola valleys started building holiday homes in Hogsback. In 1935, Summerton built the St Patrick’s chapel, now a popular wedding venue and doors are open at all hours.

Highlights/ideas:

- historic site drives and hikes • Xhosa/San culture • forest walks • historic hogsback inn • rock art

Day 1 - Fri o/n @historicHogsbackInn +

- Ideas for before check-in (some historic sites can be visited en-route to Hogsback)
 - * **11:00-13:00 | 02:00 - Arboretum** (1884) after the scenic drive to Hogsback, take a stroll at the historic Arboretum, and you can walk up to a waterfall - eg. 39 steps waterfall. The forester’s house at the end of Oak Avenue was built in 1897. Forestry is a major industry in Hogsback.
 - * **13:00-14:30 | 01:30 - lunch** - @historicHogsbackInn (1850) formerly Hydro, an ever popular hotel since its beginnings.
- **14:30-14:30 | 00:30 - check-in** - at @historicHogsbackInn which is a historic site
- **15:30-19:00 | 3:30** - Ideas for afternoon - visiting historic sites - a tour guide would be able to suggest more sites
 - * **Cherry Orchard** - visit the oldest residence built in 1880 - house, cemetery, chapel.
 - * **Hurry** - Garden - many of the Hogsback gardens are famous for their beauty and diversity. (also Little Timbers and Hidden Away - each garden has specific terms of access)
 - * **Hunterstoun park** (1920) David Hunter established a public park. Upper Swallowtail falls is located on Hunterstoun estate.
 - * **St Patricks Chapel** (1935) a wonderful place to be in nature and reflect.
 - * **Library rondavel** - in Redcoat Lane Village Green - was the smallest library in the southern hemisphere. The library is now at Jikani in the Main Road.
 - * **Waylands** - has an incredibly rich history, being the site of the Siege of Hartebeestfontein 1851.
 - * **Legendary Maqoma** - legacy and grave site (Ntaba kaNdoda)
 - * **Rock art** - Lowestoffe farm - there are San paintings to see on a cliff overlooking the Klipplaat River. Pack a picnic and head off to the river to view these relics of a bygone age.
 - * **Hobbiton** - the first hobbiton camp was held in 1945
- **19:00-21:00 | 02:00 - dinner** - @historicHogsbackInn

Day 2 - Sat o/n @historicHogsbackInn +

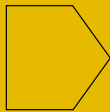
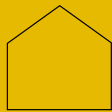
- **08:00-09:00 | 01:00 - breakfast** - breakfast at hostel, pack hiking boots and picnic lunch, water, binoculars, camera +
- Ideas for the morning - historic sites and hikes
 - * **09:00-11:00 | 02:00 - hike big tree** - walk to the big tree starting @awayWtFairies
 - * **11:00-12:30 | 01:30 - history drive** - scenic drive to historic sites of interest
- **12:30-13:30 | 01:00 - lunch** - find a suitable spot for enjoying a picnic lunch
- **15:00-17:30 | 3:30 - historic sites** - see ideas list in Day 1
- **17:30-19:30 | 01:30 - hike** - bluff - Easy circular walk around a field, on the edge of a cliff, passing by the Labyrinth and then onto the Edge viewpoint. Perrybar lane leads through to the eco-shrine.
- **19:30-21:00 | 01:30 - dinner** - @theEdge @touraco @happyHogs or @hotel +

Day 3 - Sun

- **07:00-08:00 | 01:00 - breakfast** @hotel
- **08:30-09:30 | 01:00 - guided birding walk** @arboretum
- **09:30-10:00 | 00:30 - check-out** - of your accommodation
- **10:00-12:30 | 02:30 - historic sites** - visit any of the remaining historic sites by hiking/driving

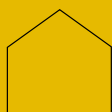
Historic excursions that require travel by car sometimes 4x4:

- * **Battles:** • Battle of the Amatholes • Attack on Fort Armstrong • Attack on Fort Beaufort • the war of the ax •
- * **Museum:** • Martello Tower • Attack on Fort Hare • Besieging Fort Cox • Boomah Pass • Castle Eyre
- * **Great Places and Chiefs:** • Nqika • Maqoma • Sandile • Tyali
- * **Missions:** • Chumie • Ncera • Lovedale • Fort Hare University • Healdtown • Joseph Williams • James Read, Philipton • St Matthew’s



Eats/Drinks





1. ChefsCauldron ----- Unsure

@Hogswarts Forest • restaurant

Wholesome delicious home cooked 3 course meal, prepared fresh from the farm - organic and free range as far as possible. • fresh garden salad • vegetarian or meat dish on a bed of potatoes, rice or noodles • hogwarts themed desert. Enjoy in the comfort and ease of your cottage. Popular with families with younger children, honeymooners or hikers.

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2. Edge shop

• condiments • jam • wine • port • bubbly +

We stock t-shirts, hoodies, wines, ports, jams, and other delicious goodies. Trading hours: Monday - Sunday 9 am- 4pm. We look forward to your visit.

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3. FlyingPig

• delivery service

Deliveries of food from @wholeHog @happyHogs +

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Contact: Wayne Kent | cell: +27 83 333 1902



4. Gerald

• boerewors

The hogsback boerewors-guy - and he has many happy customers.

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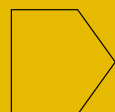
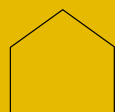


5. Happy Hogs

• restaurant • the village pub • books • board games • patio • braai area

Many choices on the menu, ranging from burgers and pizza to good-value breakfasts and comfy foods like curries and Moroccan dishes. Big outside area for enjoying the warm summer days and cosy inside with a fireplace for cold days. Chilled outside garden venue for live music.

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Contact: Jonathan and Rudi | landline: +27 45 962 1380 | cell: R: +27 83 275 0030 J: +27 82 865 7697



6. Historic Hogsback Inn

• restaurant • bar • venue - events/weddings/conference

Delicious country-style cooking in either the main dining room or in the cosy pub area. Come and enjoy a meal or a drink with some of the locals and visitors alike. We have two open fires to keep the chill off even the coldest Hogsback evening.

Breakfast: 08h00am – 10h00am | **Lunch:** 12:00pm – 14:00pm | **Supper:** 18:00pm – 20:00pm

Tavern: 11:30am -15h00 and again from 17:00 till close

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7. Hogsback Berries + Jam ----- Unsure

• jam +

Fresh & Frozen Super Fruit, Raw Nuts & homemade Jams.

Mixed Berry, Blueberry, Raspberry, Gooseberry, Strawberry, Naartjie Marmalade.

Gordon's jams and preserves are AMAZING, he even got a mention in Country Life which featured Hogsback

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| cell: +27 76 334 4856 | email: hogsbackberries@gmail.com



8. Hogsback Brewing Company

• restaurant • bar • beer tasting • cooldrinks

Now you can enjoy one of our cold crafty pints, light meals, homemade cooldrinks and of course our merch at the Hogsback Brewing Company Tasting Room & Beer Garden on the corner of Wolfridge & Main Road, Hogsback. We are now pouring and on tap! Tasting flights, half pints, pints, light meals and delicious homemade cool-drinks. The Hogsback Brewing Company uses the finest ingredients & mountain spring water to hand craft small batches of hop forward quaffable ales. Mon + Tue: 12pm-5pm | Fri: 12pm to 8pm | Sat: 10:30am-8pm

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Contact: Stu and Gem | cell: +27 72 492 6868 | email: beerme@hogsback.beer



9. Lighthouse

• restaurant • bar

The best burgers, eisbein, ribs, steaks, seafood and pizza's. The place to eat! Try the Lighthouse Delux Burger and Chips :-) Thank you for visiting us and for your loyal support. We at The Lighthouse Ranch really appreciate everyone.

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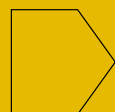
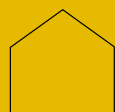


10. Organic Origins

• bespoke meals • locally grown produce • sourdough bread

Meals are created to the tastes and interests of the guests by a very creative chef who has traveled for 15 years to interesting places. They grow herbs, vegetables and fruit on a small scale - however, enjoy the delights of harvesting a bounty. In future, the grow house will be a food forest. Fresh, preserved, pickled, dried and frozen produce on small scale.

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11. Tea Thyme

@theEdge • restaurant • shop/market • events venue take aways

Venue for • wine tasting • retreats • conference • markets • workshops • yoga • Takeaway menu: Wed+Sat only. Delivered to your gate in Hogsback. Restaurant: Tea Thyme, our cozy, informal restaurant in the garden, offers breakfasts, excellent dining and wines, as well as teas and coffee, homemade cakes and scones with thick farm cream! Good food, based on locally grown organics, and tea-time treats. On those cold and snowy days, hot chocolate and gluhwein is served in front of the log fire!

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12. Terra-Khaya

• restaurant

Excellent food - African fusion/traditional breakfast. Healthy eating, permaculture. On this eco-farm, we practice conscious sustainable living - mindful way of life. Meet new people, share ideas and learn about our various cultures. Hours: Breakfast always open. For lunch or dinner, booking essential - **please book 6 hours in advance.**

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| landline: +27 45 962 1143 | cell: +27 82 897 7503, +27 72 615 7899 | email: info@terrakhaya.co.za



13. The Arminel

• restaurant • bar • events venue

Spend your days walking through some of the Eastern Cape's most beautiful indigenous forests, and your nights beside a crackling fire after a delectable meal in our cosy restaurant. The Arminel hotel and restaurant is an idyllic natural setting.

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14. The Chocolate Shoppe

• chocolate

Fine handcrafted Belgian Chocolate and Confectionary. Chocolate doesn't ask silly questions... chocolate understands! x only natural ingredients and no added preservatives - therefore best enjoyed within 10 days of purchase. Can be refrigerated or frozen in an airtight container for a longer period. Chocolate makes the perfect wedding favours! **Hours:** Tues-Sat 9am - 4pm | Sun 9am - 1pm

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15. The Touraco Table

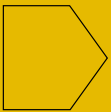
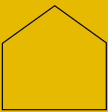
• restaurant • picnic space • events • conference venue • concerts • frozen meals

The Touraco Table specialises in cuisine from France, India, Iran, Italy, Morocco, South Africa and Thailand. The restaurant opens to the public when we have bookings for 4 guests or more.

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16. Whole Hog

• take away food • coffee • deliveries • catering for functions

We have a world class take away! Nutritious and Affordable. Rory prepares everything from scratch and his burgers are spectacular! and also very well priced. You can order takeaways and have them delivered to your door by our local delivery service: The Flying Pig! Rory also does catering for functions - Sheep in a barrel, Sushi sessions, curry and rice, roti with sambals. 9am until 6pm (fedup)

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Contact: Rory | cell: +27 64 429 5792



17. WizardsSleeve

@Away with the Fairies • pub • restaurant • healthy smoothies • craft beer • pizza • live bands • meet the locals

A popular destination for all ages, especially young adults. Come and try their scrumptious Fairy Fry up or famed Flapjacks'n Bacon during our breakfast service. In the evenings we serve up stone-ground flour (or a gluten free option) pizzas with delicious fresh toppings. Outside guests are welcome though please book for groups larger than six people.

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18. Woltree

• smoked trout • boerewors rolls • spices • sauces • cool drinks • cold/fronzen food

Glenn goes out of her way to stock the items that her customers need! The smoked trout is a very popular item.

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Contact: Glenn | cell: +27 71 873 4500 | email: woltreehogsback@gmail.com

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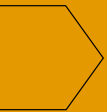
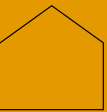
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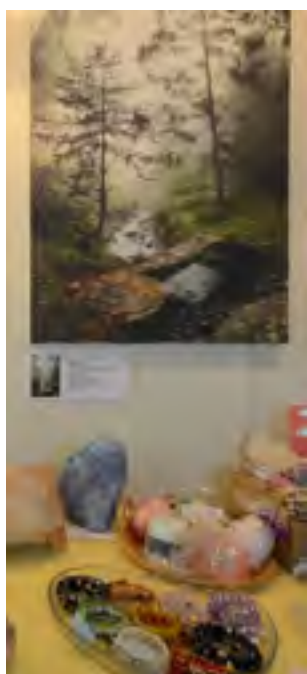
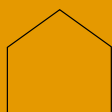
Sawpit - [Permanently Closed](#)

The Hog & Hornbill - [Permanently Closed](#)



Businesses/produce





1. CrystalCorner +Mirrors

• shop • mirrors photo gallery • free slideshow • online shop

Crystal Corner tucked away on the Bluff in Hogsback - a gem of a shop that sells an enormous variety of crystals and other souvenirs! Here you will find crystals and minerals from all over Southern Africa. Anything from rough and tumbled stones, to gem jewellery and mineral gifts. View the Ken Harvey Gallery of stunning Photographs. You can also walk the Circles of Light Labyrinth and make a wish at a Wishing Tree. Daily 10am-4pm - or phone for appointment.

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| email: info.crystalcorner@gmail.com



2. Garage

• Shell Garage • petrol • diesel • gas • basic groceries

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3. Hog Sellers

@mainRoad • clay hogs • clay dragon/horses • walking sticks

Beautiful hogsback ornamental hogs and other clay souvenirs, as well as great, beautifully carved walking sticks made by the Xhosa tribesmen.



4. Hoggest Shop

• shop

Gift, toys and more. Situated right next to, next to the entrance Happy Hogs restaurant. Amazing hand and finger puppets for the kids!

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5. Hogsback Adventures

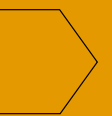
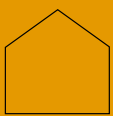
• mountain bike rental • gifts • art • jewellery • beauty products • gear shop

Shop - Rent a mountain bike or bring your own bike. We have adult and junior mountain bikes for rent, including map, helmet and tools. We also sell spares and other goodies. Pop in for a free map and riding/hiking advice and get your combo-deals!

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Contact: Janice | cell: +27 74 275 2667 | email: info@hogsbackadventures.co.za



6. Hogsback Market

• saturday market

Next to Happy Hogs, Socially distanced market and socialising at and after the market. Amazing treats, seeds, produce and other products.

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7. Imonti Tours

• tour guide

GPS: | East London, 9 Chamberlain, Road East London
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Velile Ndlumbini | landline: +27 43 721 2082 | cell: +27 83 487 8975 | email: info@imontitours.co.za



9. Mountain Creek

• natural beauty products

Mountain creek products made with love in Hogsback. Mountain Creek is a range of body products which uses no paraben preservatives, petrochemicals, propylene-glycol, synthetic colours & is cruelty-free.

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Contact: Tonya | cell: +27 84 840 0617 | email: tonyaburton07@yahoo.com

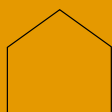


10. Mountain Mojo

@theEdge • shop • clothing, incense, lotions, potions...

A cool one of a kind shopping experience! Himalayan - shirts, pants, jackets, skirts, ponchos, scarves, backpacks, bags, beanies, shawls, gloves, mandala throws. sheepskin slippers, funky dog/cat collars, one of a kind tie-dye shirts / hoodies, buffs, funky socks, CBD products, jewelry, throw rugs, mushroom coffee/cocoa, incense, books, candles/ holders, rasta pipes / rollers / grinders and lots more.

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| cell: +27 71 678 0070



11. SaveMor

• SPAR • groceries • atm • post office

They are adhering to strict sanitising protocols. You will need to wear a MASK - no mask, no entry - and they provide hand sanitiser at the door.

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| landline: +27 45 962 1176



12. Second Time Around @Jikani

• charity shop • local crafts

Charity Shop • second hand clothing • books • household items. **Soup Kitchen. Home for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children**, registered Non Profit organisation number 126-277- NPO. Also has new items and is an outlet for local crafters.

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13. Siya-Torisha

• registered tour guides • hikes

#comewalkwithus - book your tour for a group of family.

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14. StarwaysArts

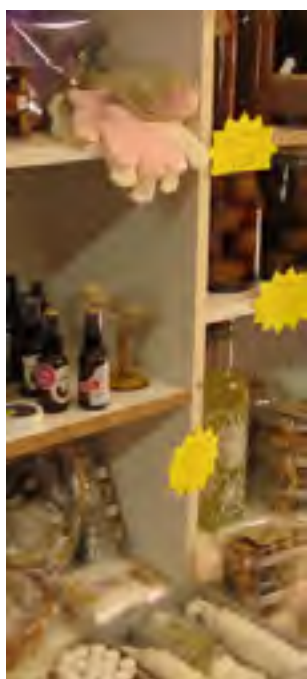
• forest gallery, shop • online buying

• flame and electric fired pottery • artworks • ceramic jewellery • herbal oils.

GPS: -32.58737, 26.91297 | Starways Art Center, Booysen Crescent, Hogsback

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Contact: Gwyneth Lloyd | cell: +27 82 928 5770 | email: info@starwaysarts.com



15. Woltree

• games • gifts • crafts • slogan printing+

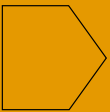
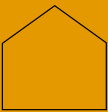
• books • spices • sauces • cool drinks • cold/frozen food • masks • crafts • fabric/sewing supplies • knitting supplies • toys and board games • and many more goodies. What a selection! pop in and see! Slogan printing on t-shirts/aprons/etc - Hogsback Brewing Company had their aprons printed by Woltree and they are fantastic! **Hours:** Daily 10am-3pm

Please pay a **Hiking Trail Maintenance and Forest Conservation contribution** to help with preservation and maintenance of the beautiful Hogsback forests. Only R10 per person over the age of 16, for the duration of your stay.

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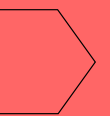
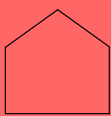
16. Woodlands Center

• hardware store
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Accommodation





1. A Hog's Life

• tee-pee accommodation • self-catering • animal rescue • animal shelter

The Teepee's measure 6m high, so it is comfortable to walk around inside. It's a unique experience and not comparable with tented camping at all • animal shelter - animal rescue farm that provides quality care to our family of animals in need. At the animal shelter, they experience so much happiness when their furry kids are adopted or fostered at loving homes.

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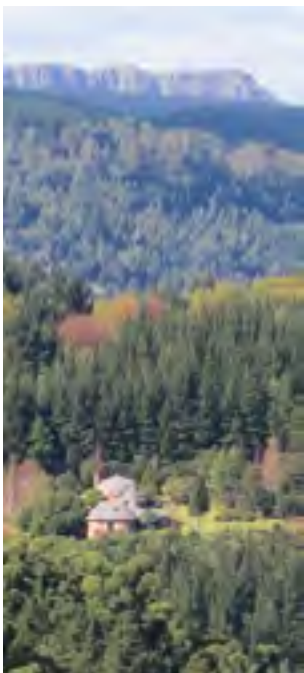
2. Above the Clouds

• self-catering cabin

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Contact: Tonya • artist • natural body products • Hobbiton • nature lover | cell: +27 84 840 0617 | email: abovetheclouds@hogsback.info



3. Athanor

• self-catering cottages

Off the beaten track. Open space, beautiful view down the Thyume Valley, lots of Bird life, lovely garden • barbecue • near 39 Steps Waterfall • free private parking. Highly rated by couples. The cottages 'Loerie' accommodates four guests, and 'Piet-my-Vrou' six. At the end of Nutwood drive.

GPS: -32.59029, 26.9184 | 10 Waterfall Dr, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Naomi du Plessis | landline: +27 45 962 1023 | cell: +27 82 444 7145 or +27 66 225 2655 | email: bookings@athanor-hogsback.co.za



4. Away with the Fairies

• self-catering cabins • rooms • dorm • camping

• licenced bar • restaurant • delicious pizza and artisan beer! • swimming pool • hikes that starts in the garden • cliff-edge bath • fairies • scary tree house • camp fire stories. Very relaxed backpackers with stunning view of the Hogsback mountains. A favorite hang-out place for the locals of all ages.

GPS: -32.60186, 26.94112 | 24 Hydrangea Lane, Hogsback, 5721

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Contact: Dan Cornick | landline: +27 45 962 1031 | cell: +27 76 230 9352 | email: hogsback1@gmail.com



5. Back O'The Moon

• self-catering cottage

A historic home with a cosy fireplace, beautiful kitchen and tastefully furnished lounge, three bedrooms and two bathrooms with a stunning garden.

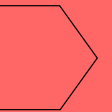
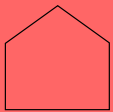
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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Norma Fivaz | landline: +27 45 962 1017 | cell: +27 82 414 7743 | email: back-o-the-moon@hogsback.info



6. Blue Moon ----- Unsure

• self-catering accommodation

“Blue Moon” is situated at the foot of Tor Doone and set in an attractive garden, the cottage is tastefully decorated, complimented with antiques and French Style country decor. We offer a self-catering cottage that has a queen bed, mahogany antique wardrobe, paddle ceiling fan, electric blankets and doors leading onto the verandah. There is 2nd room equipped with 2 single beds and the cottage boasts a bathroom with an old Victorian bath in the centre of the room and has a mounted wall heater. A living room with games, puzzles, wood burning stove and a fully equipped kitchen with a microwave, hob and an oven.

GPS: | 24 Main Road, Hogsback | landline: +27 45 962 1316 | cell: +27 83 625 5756 | email: kearneyr@mweb.co.za



7. Bramber

• cottage

Modern self-catering accommodation on the Bluff plateau. It is set in a tranquil , beautiful park-like garden bordering the indigenous forest and offers complete privacy. The cottage has two bedrooms and sleeps up to 4 people.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Gloria | cell: +27 82 934 3474 | email: gloria@bramber.co.za



8. Bredon

@Applegarth • self-catering cottage • garden • nursery

Bredon Cottage at Applegarth is a lovely thatched stone cottage, tucked away at the edge of the indigenous Afro-montane forest, with excellent views of the Tyhume Valley and surrounding mountains. Quality self-catering accommodation for 4 situated in one of South Africa's finest gardens

GPS: -32.59817, 26.92656

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Sandy and Rob Wicks | landline: +27 45 962 1228 | cell: +27 79 496 3076 | email: applegarth@bredon.co.za



9. Bubuhle

• self-catering cottages

3xcottages • Heron, Loerie and Hadeda Cottage offering you a quiet romantic retreat. 15 acres of secluded valley and offers complete privacy and tranquility. A stream borders the whole property and its wildness attracts bird-life. Each of the cottages has its own outside braai, and we supply firewood.

GPS: -32.58156, 26.91534

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Contact: Doug Muroye | landline: +27 45 962 1108 | email: dougmyl@mweb.co.za



10. Corrieghlas

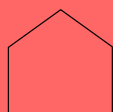
• self-catering cottages

Situated at the foot of Tor Doone Mountain with a stunning view of the three Hogs. Easy access off the Main Road, 2 km from the Village. Relax and unwind in the peaceful surroundings of our gardens. Enjoy our fully equipped Thatched Cottages with Indoor Fireplaces, Electric Blankets,Feathers duvets and all the luxuries of a Home away from Home. Azalea, Jasmine and Oak Tree Cottages.

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Contact: Christine and Mike Mullins | cell: C: +27 82 453 3091 M: +27 82 493 6929 | email: corrieghlas@hogsback.info



11. Daneswold

- self-catering accommodation

[Danesworld upmarket cottage sleeps-4] High up, with a wonderful 270-degree panoramic view of the village, the mountains, and the valley. This historical cottage is newly renovated and refurbished, and offers secure and private accommodation. Pet friendly.

GPS: -32.57709, 26.91094 | Holly Ln, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Mike & Christine | cell: +27 82 453 3091 or +27 82 493 6929 | email: daneswbookings@gmail.com



12. Dogwood Lodge

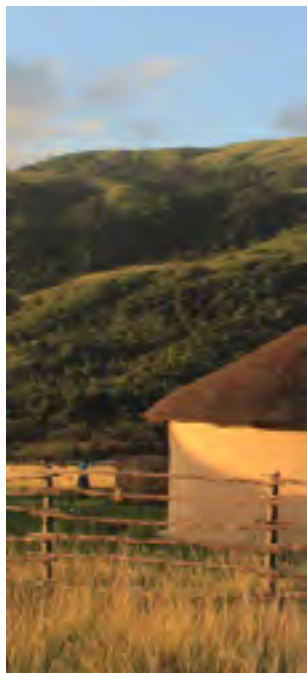
- dog hotel • self-catering cabin

Dogwood Lodge is a holiday home for dogs visiting the mountain.

GPS: -32.58536, 26.9136 | 9 Plaatjieskraal, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Gerald | cell: +27 82 928 2785 or +27 83 527 3009 | email: geraldgoosen102@gmail.com



13. Elundini

- backpackers • dorm • rooms • cottage • indoor/outdoor activities

• combo tours • fishing • Xhosa meals with twist! • bread making lessons • village tour • semi off-the-grid • horse riding • Xhosa lessons • Xhosa culture • sangoma visit • excellent service. A true African experience! Home of the Xhosa people with 360° views. Get involved in the community. Live like a local.

GPS: -32.663713, 26.792724 | Lushington road, Elundini Village

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Elliot and Lieve | cell: + 27 78 357 32 85 | email: info@elundinibackpackers.com



14. Fantasia

- accommodation

Relaxing, healthy time away - sipping red wine, hiking and mountain biking... this is the place to be! Fantasia has two options (1) Diana's house - beautiful old stone house - fireplaces, jacuzzi, underfloor heating. [sleeps 6] (2) The Lantern: Upmarket unique double story glasshouse with a living garden on the roof.

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Contact: Ryan and Suewellyn | cell: R: +27 76 710 9273 | email: deeneb@expressel.co.za



15. Gracchus

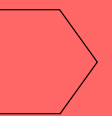
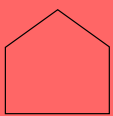
- self-catering cottage

A rustic 2 bedroom cottage (sleeps 4) with views over Tor Doone and the Hogs, situated close to town. [1 cottages sleeps max 4] "Make Yourself at Home!". Gracchus Cottage is fabulously warm and cosy in Winter with it's internal fireplace warming all the rooms. Beautiful private, raised deck overlooking the garden, stream and Tor Doone. Partially covered so you can enjoy the outdoors in all weather. There is a lovely sound of rushing water after the rain. Wonderful birdlife on your doorstep and buck on occasion. Pots filled with fresh herbs for cooking.

GPS: -32.59509, 26.93245 | 24 Main Road, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#)

Contact: Clair and Shane | cell: +27 72 225 1770 | email: clairdurow@gmail.com



16. Granny Mouse House

• guest house • self-catering units

A full-service guesthouse, catering for the discerning travellers in a sophisticated, yet tranquil country atmosphere.

GPS: -32.59048, 26.92257 | 1 Nutwoods Drive, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Ingrid Luyt | landline: +27 45 962 1259 | email: ingi@iafrica.com



17. Hidden Away

• b&b

Cosy accommodation, hidden away in a magnificent garden. Our comfortable flatlet, is nestled away in a magnificent hillside garden of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons and spectacular trees. Gourmet Breakfasts.

GPS: -32.57918, 26.92274 | 29 main Road, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Jeanette and Quinton Dick | landline: +27 45 962 1238 | cell: +27 83 449 8960 | email: info@hiddenaway.co.za



18. High Goonvrea

• self-catering cottage

High Goonvrea on Hogsback is a beautiful wooded property of 20 acres in Tor Doone Lane. It has three self-catering units: the charming thatched Cottage, the pretty Garden Flat and the peacefully secluded Woodland Cabin. See individual photo albums.

GPS: -32.57895, 26.92555 | 11 Tor Doone Lane, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Nick | cell: +27 64 694 5866 or +27 83 604 6660

email: highgoonvrea@gmail.com



19. Historic Hogsback Inn

• hotel • suites • rooms • self-catering • camp site

• swimming pool • games room • Country charm and elegance that is steeped in history and tradition - offering a wide variety of accommodation to cater for your needs.

GPS: -32.59555, 26.94034 | 1 Wolfridge Road, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

| landline: +27 45 962 1006 | email: hotel@hogsbackinn.co.za



20. Hobbiton

• rooms • dorms • camping • activities

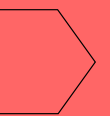
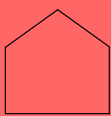
• library audio-visual • activities • group dynamics courses • events facility - conferences. • paint ball • hikes • trapeze, climbing wall 9m • more...

A registered NPO operating as an Outdoor Education Centre. We host UPCs(Under Privileged Camps) for disadvantaged youths. Bookings to facilitate corporate team buildings, school camps, religious & social group camps helps the centre to self-sustain.

GPS: -32.59782, 26.96063 | Wolfridge Road, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Tonya or Mell | landline: +27 45 962 1193 | email: hobbitons@telkomsa.net



21. Hog Island

• self-catering cottage

A cozy cottage that features a living room and a fully equipped kitchen. There are beautiful views over the mountains and a river running through the property, with a waterwheel as a lovely feature. It is situated close to the town centre and walking distance to some waterfalls and popular hiking trails. [4 guests · 3 bedrooms · 3 beds · 1 bath]

GPS: -32.59301, 26.92939 | Wolfridge Road, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#)

Contact: Ernest | cell: +27 60 792 8711



22. Hogrock Falls

• self-catering cottages

Self-catering cottages nestled in the forests of the Magical Kingdom of Hogsback - close to enchanted waterfalls - Waterfall Cottage, Copper Aloe and Silver Birch cottages • Hogsback Country Weddings - you will never know if you don't ask.

GPS: -32.57505, 26.91553 | 42 Main Road, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Leigh | cell: +27 83 293 6187 | email: hogrockfalls@gmail.com



23. HogsArc Star'Wester ----- Unsure

• self-catering cottage

The Cottage has it's own garden with a pond far away from the main house, it is it's own shire land.

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| cell: +27 83 6611 750



24. Hogwarts Forest

• self-catering cottages

Hogwarts Forest... the worlds first muggle and wizard friendly accommodation. Gryffin Cottage. While the cottage is suited to all travelers, young families with kids will particularly enjoy the magical world of Harry Potter right here at Hogwarts Forest. Whether you are a Potterhead and enjoy the spellbinding and fun decor of the cottage, or whether you just want to unwind in nature, we've got something for everyone. Little people (and big ones too) will enjoy hunting for wild berries during the summer months. Animal lovers are welcome to feed the tortoise Norbert, visit our chickens and Vietnamese Potbelly Pigs and make friends with our canine and feline house elves.

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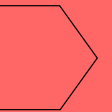
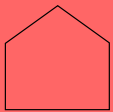
• self-catering cottages

Romantic, comfortable and quaint self-catering cottages and wooden cabin. Equipped to be your "home away from home" for an unforgettable stay. Overlooking an English garden, the Thyme Valley and forests below.

GPS: -32.58016, 26.9177 | 7 Winding Lane, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Maggie | cell: +27 83 556 6962 | email: maggie@maggie.co.za



26. Imagine Dragons

- self-catering cottages

Self-catering cottages that sleeps 8 to 13 guests.

GPS: -32.58754, 26.92324 | Waterfall drive, Hogsback, 5721
| [facebook](#)

Contact: Michelle | cell: +27 76 243 6846 | email: nolman09@gmail.com



27. Innisfree ----- Unsure

- self-catering accommodation

Innisfree, one of the original Hogsback homesteads. It is next door to St. Patricks-on-the-Hill Chapel, ideal for wedding guests. [homestead sleeps 8, braai area]

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Nic | cell: +27 64 694 5866 | email: cobber321@hotmail.com



28. Jaya's Place

- self-catering cottage

Charming fully equipped self-catering cottages with private gardens, fire places, dstv for short-term rental in a 5-acre garden situated on the Bluff. Dog friendly.

GPS: -32.60164, 26.9228 | 14 A Summerton Dr, Bluff, Hogsback, 5721
[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Ian & Vannessa | cell: +27 82 374 4296 | email: ianweir@mweb.co.za



29. Katberg Eco Golf Estate

- golf • pro-shop • tennis courts • swimming pool • horse riding • fishing • spa • hiking • restaurant and bar • self-catering cottages • hotel

A top100 golf course in SA. Golf enthusiasts can take a 01:20 hours drive to Katberg eco golf estate for a quick 9 holes or 18 holes of golf. And the 19th hole to extend the time with good company. Overnight at self-catering villa. Contact the golf manager at the club house for golf bookings. Cell: 083 796 8270 | email: katgolf@katleisure.co.za.

GPS: -32.489460, 26.6669438 | Katberg, near Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape
[website](#)
| landline: +27 40 864 1010 | cell: +27 83 796 8270 | email: info@katleisure.co.za



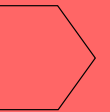
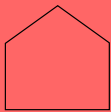
30. King's Lodge

- hotel • self-catering cottages

• restaurant • bar • venue hire • swimming pool • playpark for children • bowling • cosy fireplace • 2 x TV's for sport • bowling green - may be used with permission.
Country hotel with cozy en-suite hotel rooms (B&B) and self-catering cottages. The cottages are pet friendly.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#) | landline: +27 45 962 1024

cell: +27 63 104 0721 | email: info@kingslodgehogsback.co.za



31. Laragh-on-Hogsback

• self-catering cottages

3 cottages with 2 bedrooms each. Fully equipped for self catering - includes a wood burning fireplace & DSTV and free WiFi. Kick back and savor the enjoyment. Relax on your covered patio; listen to the sounds of the forest around you – birdsongs in the morning, the chirping of insects in the evening. Enjoy the stupendous full moon rising over the three Hogs or get-up early and watch the glorious sunrises.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Jenny | landline: +27 45 962 1187 | cell: +27 82 781 0470 | email: jenny@laragh-on-hogsback.co.za

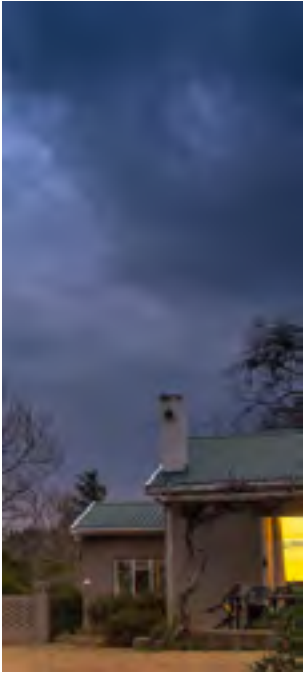


32. Liquid Amber

• self-catering house • garden rooms

Open-plan lounge-dining-room with a fire place, fully equipped kitchen. Pretty garden with a patio and outdoor braai surround by large liquid amber, plane and tulip trees, as well as beautiful azaleas and rhododendrons.

GPS: -32.59425, 26.9358 | 5 Redcoat Lane, Hogsback, 5721
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| cell: +27 82 603 5246 | email: hogsbackla@gmail.com



33. Little Dene

• self-catering accommodation

A large family house, cottage and semi self-catering unit (The Den) on an old established spacious garden. Mossy paths wind amongst rhododendrons, silver birches, camellias and azaleas, an oak-walk with a splendid chestnut tree, alongside a newly established indigenous patch and an orchard with apple, pear and plum trees.

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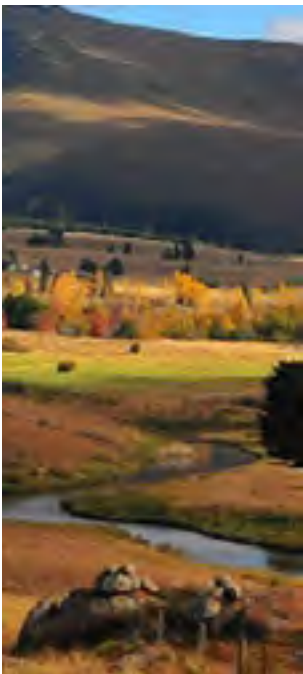


34. Lothlorien

• self-catering cottage • board/card games

Lothlorien is a large charming thatched cottage (double storey) situated on a spacious two hectre plot of land in the midst of an orchard ensuring complete privacy and serenity. Ideal romantic getaway for honeymooners and couples or families wishing to escape to the refreshing and magical atmosphere of the mountains. Some of the games are: • playing cards • monopoly • puzzles • chess • backgammon • drafts • snakes & ladders • a collection of books and magazines that should suite most peoples reading needs.

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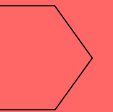
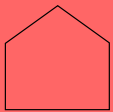


35. Lowestoffe

• country lodge • self-catering houses • camping

• horse trail rides • birds • wild flowers • san paintings • hikes • mountain bike and running trails • fly-fishing in Klipplaat river • farm activities • holistically farmed cattle and sheep farm. (3 houses) The gardens around the houses have large lawns and the views are all spectacular. The decor is tasteful and simple, providing a “home away from home” experience.

GPS: -32.44507, 26.90347 | H8 & H11 Farms on the Cathcart to Hogsback road
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
| landline: +27 45 843 1716 | cell: +27 83 651 9224 | email: lowestoffe@hogsback.com



36. Maple Grove

- self-catering cottage, cabin, chalet

Maple Grove Cottage, Chalet and Cabin, tucked away behind an avenue of Maple Trees, offer rustic luxury affordable self-catering accommodation. Collection of warm and homely cottages with thoughtful touches. Fireplace = electric blankets, 1xthree-sleeper, 1xtwo-sleeper, 1xfour-sleeper.

GPS: -32.5785, 26.91842 | 3 Winding Lane, Hogsback, 5721
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Lindsay | landline: +27 45 962 1116 | cell: +27 82 922 5988 | email: thewalkers@maplegrove.co.za



37. Maylodge

- self-catering cottages 5 • house

A jewel of Hogsback, Maylodge Country Cottages has tranquil park-like surrounds and is ideal for folk who wish to be far from the crowds. Our gardens are a show throughout the four distinct seasons.

GPS: -32.59589, 26.93814 | 4 Dinwiddie Lane, Hogsback 5721
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Viv | landline: +27 45 962 1016 | cell: +27 83 301 9080
email: info@maylodge.co.za



38. Mon's

- self-catering cottage • nursery and garden centre

A beautifully decorated self-catering two-bedroom cottage set in a calming environment within Hogsback, boasting a wonderful backdrop of an exquisite rose nursery. They always make sure that visitors get 5-star treatment.

GPS: -32.59517, 26.93225 | 36 Main Road, Hogsback, 5721
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Monika | cell: +27 82 836 7414 | email: info@monsgardencottages.co.za



39. Never Daunted

- self-catering cottage • house

4 cottages - to the brim with character, nestled away in a beautiful garden overlooking the Hogsback mountains. Sleeping 6, 4 and 2 respectively. We are right across the road from the Arboretum. Redwood Chalet: A self-contained holiday chalet accommodating five guests, featuring a beautiful fireplace in a spacious open-plan lounge, dining and kitchen space. The main bedroom has a full en-suite bathroom located on the ground floor of the chalet. Twin beds can be found in the loft room along with a wash basin and toilet accessible by stairs, and additional single bed can be found in the lounge area. The lounge opens up to a porch setting among the beautiful flowers and garden scrubs.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Genna Sonnenberger | landline: +27 45 962 1026 | cell: +27 67 407 6527 | email: neverdauntedhogsback@gmail.com

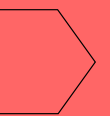
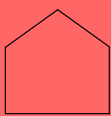


40. Nibelheim

- self-catering cottage

The one bedroomed self catering wooden chalet built on stilts, is set in a beautiful park like garden. The garden consists of many exotic trees and abounds in fruit and nut trees. It is a level property within a kilometer from the centre of town and close to the forest walks and waterfalls. The cottage has its own driveway and is very private .There is abundant bird life and the Samango monkeys enjoy swinging through the trees. Grey Duiker and Scrub Hare are often see in the evenings.

GPS: -32.59193, 26.92841 | 5 Orchard Ln, Hogsback, 5721
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Graham | landline: +27 45 962 1084 | cell: +27 82 374 6583 | email: bookings@nibelheim.co.za



41. Organic Origins

- self-catering cottages, cabins

One cottage and two cabins. Everything has been crafted and handmade to capture the element of reusing, upcycling and recycling. Have a look at their [Gallery](#) to see some pictures.

GPS: -32.5851, 26.91075 | Plaatjieskraal Road, Hogsback, 5721

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Contact: Jaco & Dayle | landline: +27 71 233 8008 | cell: +27 78 238 9116 - J, +27 71 233 8008 - D | email: info@organicorigins.co.za



42. Prairie Wind ----- Unsure

- self-catering cottages

GPS: -32.59513, 26.93892 | Main Road, Hogsback, 5721

| [facebook](#)

| cell: +27 73 417 1712 or +27 83 665 1984 or +27 83 734 2162

email: prairiewind@afrihost.co.za



43. Samadhi

- cottages • camping

Limited accommodation and camping is available on the property. Samadhi Hogsback yoga studio and property is a non -smoking, non alcohol and meat free establishment.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Wendy | cell: +27 83 458 3898 | email: tsarariaka@gmail.com



44. Serendipity

- self-catering cottages • meditation garden

The home of Live Light. (ser-en-dip-i-ty) - The faculty of making happy/fortunate discoveries by accident; a pleasant surprise.

GPS: -32.58956, 26.91404 | 16 Booyens Crescent, Hogsback, 5721

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Contact: Elizabeth and Charl | cell: +27 72 301 4370 | email: serendipityhogs@gmail.com



45. Simple Sense

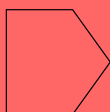
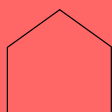
- self-catering accommodation

Romatic cottage for 2, the best view and right next to massage and yoga studio.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

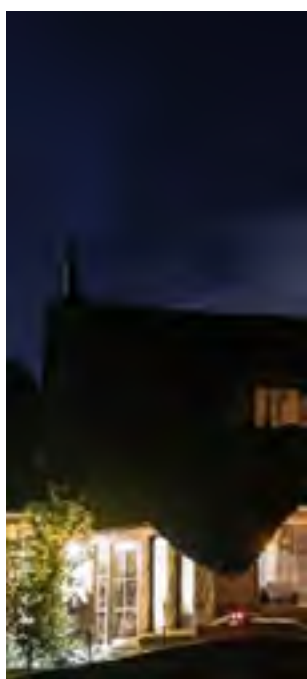
Contact: Miki | cell: +27 76 721 7956 | email: miki@simplesense.co.za



46. Swallowtail

- country estate • self-catering cottages • eco-backpackers • camping • caravan park
- picnic area • braai • swings • fire wood • pool table • dartboard • indoor braai and entertainment facility and is free for use to all our guests • family units with own kitchen and ablutions.

GPS: -32.60151, 26.937607 | 1B Main Road, Hogsback, 5721
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Fritz and Ansi | cell: +27 82 800 8731 | email: info@swallowtail.co.za



47. Terra-Khaya

- rooms • backpackers • camp • dorm

Eco-friendly family and traveler’s lodge which is also 100% off the grid! • horse rides • bring and plant an indigenous tree. The simple, creative, comfortable structures are 100% off the grid and were built from nature and recycled materials. Vibrant community spirit.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)
| landline: +27 45 962 1143 | cell: +27 82 897 7503, +27 72 615 7899
| email: info@terrakhaya.co.za



48. The Arminel

- hotel • self-catering cottages • spa • sauna • poolbar • pool +
 - restaurant • bar • swimming pool • tennis court • garden walks • lounge with library • events facility - conferences, weddings
- A tranquil mountain retreat in a beautiful, natural setting.

GPS: -32.59218, 26.93322 | 15 R345, Hogsback, 5721
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
| landline: +27 45 962 1005 | email: arminel@katleisure.co.za



49. The Edge

- self-catering cottages • b&b • hikers huts • retreats
- braai/BBQ packs • wine. Tranquil mountain retreat surrounded by cliffs, dramatic views and indigenous forest. Cottages and thatched rondavels have character, are cozy and luxuriously appointed self-catering units. The Edge offers a real “feel good” experience, and we are sure your stay with us will be the highlight of your vacation, - never to be forgotten!

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)
| landline: +27 45 962 1159 | cell: +27 82 603 5246 | email: info@theedge-hogsback.co.za

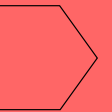
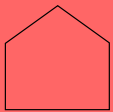


50. Thistledoo ----- Unsure

- self-catering cottage/house

Secluded and private luxury accommodation, nestled near the heart of Hogsback.

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| [facebook](#)
Contact: Nonkie | cell: +27 82 5955 780 | email: nonkiebarnes@telkomsa.net



51. Touraco

• self-catering cottage • garden room (semi self-catering)

Upmarket accommodation with a restaurant on a beautiful property with a beautiful indigenous and exotic garden. The non-smoking free Wi-Fi accommodation on Touraco Property consists of a two-bedroom four-sleeper cottage (Touraco Cottage) and a two-sleeper en suite garden room (Touraco Room). The private parking can fit up to three cars comfortably.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Lourent or Angus | cell: Angus: +27 82 923 6053 or Laurent: +27 83 568 8271 | email: angus.park2@gmail.com



52. Trenzwainton

• self-catering house • cottages

Your generous hosts have considered your every domestic need. In winter snuggle in front of wood fires and enjoy electric blankets on every bed. Both the house and the cottage have verandahs from which you can enjoy sundowners whilst taking in the fabulous views.

GPS: -32.59641, 26.91955 | 8 Woodside Drive, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Joanne Campbell | cell: +27 76 158 6722 | email: info@trenzwainton.co.za



53. Trewennan

• self-catering cottage and house

Trewennan self-catering accommodation is centrally located in a quite cul de sac in Hogsback, and comprises a Main House and the Hydrangea Cottage. Great views over the three Hog mountains.

GPS: -32.59492, 26.93041 | 6 Trewennan Lane, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: John | cell: +27 79 492 6193 | email: johndavies1@mweb.co.za



54. Valley View ----- Unsure

• self-catering cottages

GPS: -32.59255, 26.92018 | 11 Waterfall Drive, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#)

Contact: Zanele +27 82 200 3473, Zoleka +27 83 481 4202

cell: +27 82 200 3473 or +27 79 648 5725



55. Wild Fox Hill

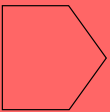
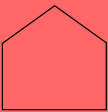
• eco-cabin

Cozy yet spacious eco-cabin, nestled in the Mountains with a spectacular view of the three Hogs as well as Tor Doone. The cabin is named the Fox Den, and is located on a small holding, Wild Fox Hill, a self-sustainable living project. Pet friendly.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Helen Fox | cell: +27 84 960 0898 | email: wildfoxhill@gmail.com



56. Windrush

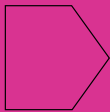
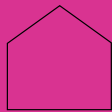
• self-catering accommodation

Do no harm policy. Come enjoy the green season! (1) The Birdhouse. Sleeps 2. (2) De Vine View Cottage. Sleeps 6-8. De Vine View cottage is a beautiful alpine styled thatch sleeping 6 adults and can accommodate 2 more kiddies. Three double bedrooms with percale bedding, 2.5 bathrooms, cosy fireplace, everything you could wish for for a stunning mountain getaway. Minimum two night stay applies.

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Contact: Darrin and Geneva Buttner | cell: +27 82 432 9481 | email: windrush@mweb.co.za

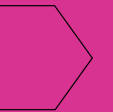
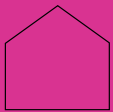
Temporarily or permanently closed

- Ashfield** - [Temporarily Closed](#)
- Belmont** - [Temporarily Closed](#)
- BirchGrove** - [Permanently Closed](#)
- Camelot** - [Permanently Closed](#)
- Fallow Park** - [Permanently Closed](#)
- Far Beyond** - [Temporarily Closed](#)
- Fourfields** - [Temporarily Closed](#)
- Mistyfell** - [Permanently Closed](#)
- Nutwoods Park** - [Permanently Closed](#)
- On Eagles Wings** - [Permanently Closed](#)
- Rivendell** - [Permanently Closed](#)
- Solitude Of Elsweyr** - [Permanently Closed](#)



Activities





1. Essential Amathole

• nursery • essential oils • soap making • workshops

• room spray (mist) • candles • lotions • cosmetics • bath products • oil diffusers • delicious preserves

Essential Amathole is an essential oil farming operation. This is a sustainable rural economic development with both direct and indirect beneficiaries, addressing severe unemployment in the region, and has established a community trust that holds 24.8% of the profits, the proceeds of which go into a wide range of community-based organisations and initiatives. A lot of exciting possibilities emerge daily.

Workshop group of at least 10 people. Booking essential.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Ian | landline: +27 45 962 1094 | cell: +27 82 374 4296 | email: info@essentialamathole.co.za



2. Fort Hare Art Collections ----- Unsure

• African art and artifact collections • historic site

NAHECS - a broad-based heritage institution which focuses on archival, museum, academic and heritage transformation, as well as a developing research unit. The objective of the centre was to accumulate, document and preserve oral and written literary material pertinent to the isiXhosa Language with the purpose of making it accessible to various researchers and the public. The University of Fort Hare houses one of the most significant collections of African Art on the continent.

GPS:

[website](#) | landline: +27 40 602 2277



3. Hogwarts Forest

• writing, reading retreats

Booking essential.

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| cell: +27 72 798 2507 | email: Hogwartsforest@gmail.com



4. Hogwarts Forest

• yoga

Booking essential

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5. Library+

@Jikani • library • reading room • education centre

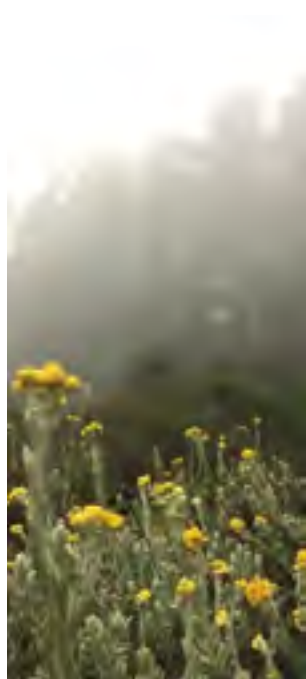
Library: A well stocked library run by community volunteers, open to all residents and is FREE. **Jikani community-based development organsation** - Current active projects of Jikani are as follows: • computer training for adults and grade 7s • English classes for grade 7s • office admin to the community (e-mails, assistance with CV) • vegetable garden development at Boldpoint & Esikhuluweni • Recycling.

Library: Wed 14:00-15:00 | Sat 09:30-10:30

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Ann Webster (Library Coordinator) | landline: +27 45 962 1147 | cell: +27 76 228 7749 | email: jikani.hogsback@gmail.com



6. Rooted Wellness

@organicOrigins • massage

Variety of massages - holistic, tailored treatments.

GPS: -32.5851, 26.91075 | Plaatjieskraal Road, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Jaco & Dayle | landline: +27 71 233 8008 | cell: +27 78 238 9116 - J, +27 71 233 8008 - D | email: info@organicorigins.co.za



7. Samadhi

• yoga studio • small group retreats • cottages • camping

Our studio is yoga specific with tranquil surroundings for yoga and meditation. Yoga retreats for small groups can be arranged. Limited accommodation and camping is available on the property. Samadhi Cottage is available for holiday rentals, sleeps 4, self-catering accommodation, meals can be arranged on request. Stunning views of hogsback mountain, cosy fireplace, yoga classes on request. Samadhi Hogsback yoga studio and property is a non-smoking, non alcohol and meat free establishment.

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Contact: Wendy | cell: +27 83 458 3898 | email: tsarariaka@gmail.com



8. Simple Sense

• therapy Centre • physiotherapy • acupuncture • massages • yoga • movement classes

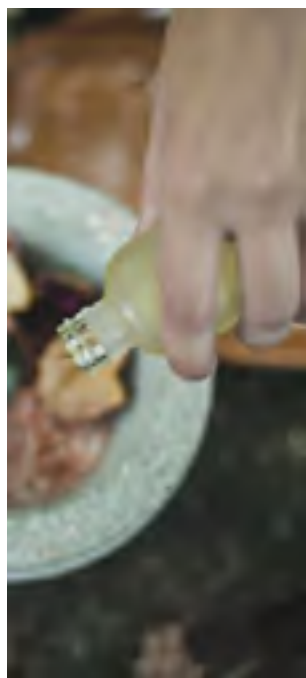
Holistic healing - therapy centre - a space to take care of everything from your thoughts to your toes. Not just ...a massage to relax, not just ...a workout and stretch session.

• Intuitive corrective body work • sports massage • full body • back and shoulders vibration and sound therapy • reiki physio • manual lymph drainage • reflexology • craniosacral therapy • bower therapy • acupuncture • post operative rehabilitation retreats • soul restoring getaways • cacao ceremony workshop • self exploration • and more

Daily yoga for all levels (typically 45 minutes). Please book 48 hours in advance. <https://www.fresha.com/simple-sense-dw2rdg5w/booking>

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[website](#) | [facebook](#) | Contact: 'massage Miki' - physical therapist and yoga teacher | cell: +27 76 721 7956 | email: miki@simplesense.co.zam



9. Spa

• spa@historicHogsbackInn (re-opening soon) • facilities • swimming pool •

• massages • spa treatments • hairdresser. Pamper and indulge yourself at the Hogsback Spa situated at the Hogsback Inn

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| landline: + 27 45 962 1006



10. StarwaysArts

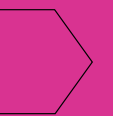
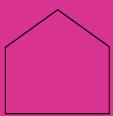
• pottery lessons • pottery workshops

Starways Pottery has regular pottery classes every Saturday morning from 09h00 to 11h00. Every two months there is a full weekend workshop. Aprons, clay, glazes and equipment are provided. Every Saturday 09:00am-11:00am. Periodic weekend workshops.

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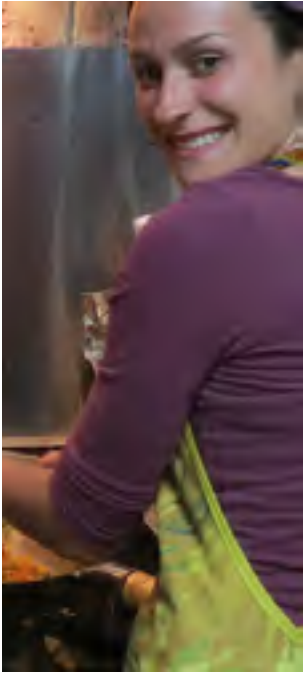
Contact: Gwyneth Lloyd | cell: +27 82 928 5770 | email: info@starwaysarts.com



11. Terra Khaya

• yoga • meditation

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)
landline: +27 45 962 1143 | cell: +27 82 897 7503, +27 72 615 7899
email: info@terrakhaya.co.za



12. The Touraco Table

• cooking classes • Touraco activities • teambuilding

Current [cooking classes](#) include: • **Merry Mayonnaise** - 3-hour hands-on • **Ramequin Revolution** (complete meal served in three ramequins) - 3-hour class • **Crazy Curry** - 3-hour hands-on - make two different styles of curry from scratch • **Persian Rice & Dhal** - 3-hour hands-on - make the perfect shivid polo. • **Fancy French 'teamwork'** (1) 3-hour hands-on class - chubby cheese soufflé, - bœuf bourguignon - gratin savoyard requiring good organisational skills, timing and team work. (2) **3-hour hands-on class** - bœuf bourguignon - gratin savoyard - chocolate mousse - requires organisational skills, timing and team work. - To avoid disappointment, please book early.

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Contact: Laurent | cell: +27 83 568 8271 | email: info@touraco-hogsback.co.za

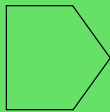
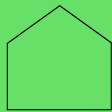


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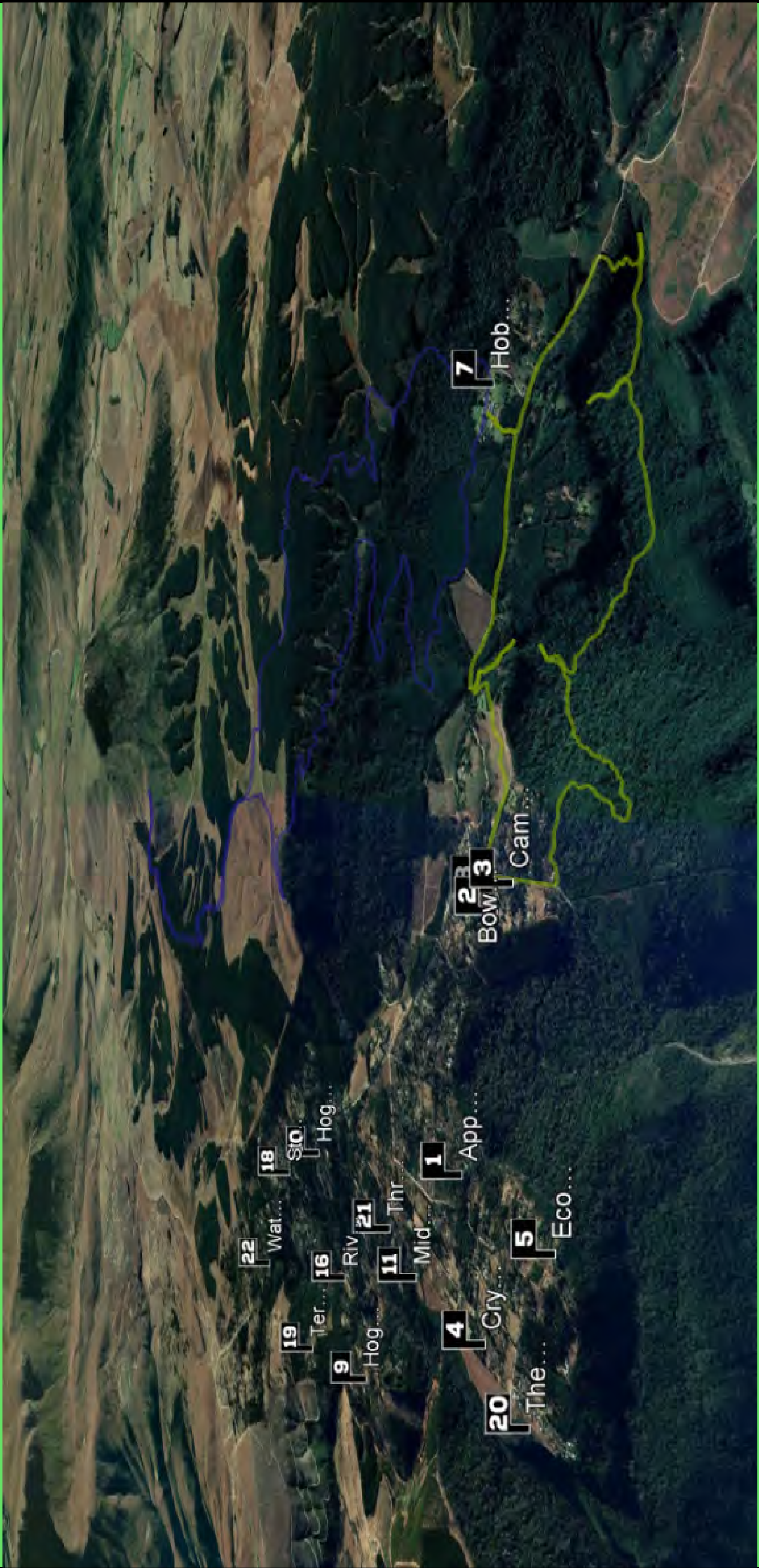
• theatre @starwaysArts • full moon dance sessions • shows • movie club + braai

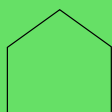
• story telling • poetry reading • events • classes and more. The Rose theatre hosts productions during festivals and festive season, such as singing performances, poetry readings an story telling and the annual solstice trans party. It also doubles up as a small market and hosts the local movie club. A favourite event is the Fireside Stories from South Africa and elsewhere, served with Spekulaas and gluhwein.

GPS: -32.58737, 26.9127 | Starways Art Center, Booysen Crescent, Hogsback
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
Contact: Gwyneth Lloyd | cell: +27 82 928 5770 | email: info@starwaysarts.com



Outdoors activities





1. Applegarth

• gardens • nursery

Gardens: The gardens exemplify the beauty and serenity of Hogsback and are approximately 4 ha in extent, and the owners justifiably take great pride in them. **Nursery:** Find frost hardy shrubs and trees from the garden, many of which are relatively rare in South Africa and not readily found in large commercial nurseries. There is in particular a good variety of deciduous azaleas.

GPS: -32.59677, 26.92597 | Orchard Lane, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Sandy and Rob | landline: +27 45 962 1228 | cell: +27 79 496 3076 | email: applegarth@bredon.co.za



2. Bowling

• bowling • bowling club

A pretty green set among large established trees that teem with Samango monkeys and are also home to some very special birds. Playing social bowling on the Kings' Lodge green. It is very relaxed and casual and the members-only wear a uniform when playing in competitions at other clubs. Our only request is that players wear flat-soled shoes after rain as bare feet can damage the green's surface! Spare woods available for visitors and the nominal fee for the afternoon includes the hire of woods, tea and the green fees.

Club: tues at 1:30 in winter and 2:30 in summer - and Sat afternoon. Only heavy rain, snow, lightning stop play.

GPS: -32.59876, 26.93774 | Main Road, Hogsback, 5721 @King's Lodge



3. CamoHogs

• hiking • open 4x4 • sightseeing

Hike or ride in an open-air 4x4 through indigenous forests and other scenic trails. Just what the doctor ordered! [Cool packages](#) - especially 'reverie' one. Your local chaperones are Eldor & ST. Always open * Some activities are weather permitting.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Eldor & ST (Esti) | cell: +27 72 349 0309, +27 71 879 8968 | email: camohogs@gmail.com



4. Crystal Corner

• stone circle • circles of light labyrinth • wishing tree • small fairy garden

Visit the large stone circle and labyrinth, walk the Circles of Light Labyrinth. Make a wish under the Wishing Tree. View the Ken Harvey 'Mirror's' Gallery of stunning photographs. Magnificent gardens - mature park-like Arboretum, with many unusual plants and shady trees. Views of the Hogs and Amatholas.

GPS: -32.59932, 26.91946 | 1 Bramble Close, Hogsback, 5721

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

| landline: +27 45 962 1331 | cell: +27 76 147 7345 | email: info.crystalcorner@gmail.com



5. Eco-Shrine

• garden • art studio • garden/art tour • cards and art for sale • Centre for Art and Ecology

• garden tour • art, cards and posters for sale. Prices on request • venue for special events. Outdoor art installation that portrays the inter-connectedness of all life, created by Diana Graham, overlooking Hogsback mountains. The garden has won several international and local awards. Large oil paintings are displayed in sculpted niches joined by a seemingly flowing, low wall of cement relief. Art studio is open to the public. Large oil paintings and small wooden icons, there are always new paintings on the easels. For special events in the Eco-Shrine, you are welcome to discuss your requirements with Diana.

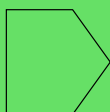
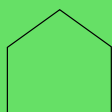
Opening times: 9.30 am to 3.30 pm - Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun, Public Holidays. Open daily during school holidays.

Entrance: Adults R30, Children free. Dogs are not allowed.

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[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Contact: Diana Graham | landline: +27 45 962 1136



6. Garden Club

- open garden tours

The Hogsback Garden Club is a social club which encourages our community members to enjoy fellowship and a shared passion for gardening. We also have a major role in maintaining some wonderful public areas in Hogsback and the Arboretum. Look out for the annual Spring Celebration and open gardens calendar.

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| cell: +27 76 334 4856 | email: hogsbackgardenclub@gmail.com



7. Hobbiton

- climbing wall • abseil for beginners • hiking trails • zipline • trapeze • team-building +

Fun activities for the whole family when visiting Hogsback! Holiday and educational camps for underprivileged children.

Team Building and education provider. Leadership and life skills. Outdoor education camps for schools, corporates and other organisations. A core philosophy is that all activities offered at **Hobbiton** must be voluntary and fun. Stretch mind and body through activities that promote teamwork and leadership in the beautiful outdoor • Abseil • Ballistics (Pellet gun, Blow pipes, Catapult) • Camping • Canoeing • Climbing Wall • Compass Course • Evening activities in the Recreation Hall • Games • Group Dynamics • Hiking • Jacob's Ladder • King Swing • Log Challenge • Night Hikes • Orienteering • Paintball • Pony Trails • Rafting Building • Ropes Courses • Trapeze • Zip Wire (fufislide) - Hobbiton offers a comprehensive Corporate Development programme for businesses wanting to improve co-operation in the work place.

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[website](#) | Contact: Tonya or Mell | landline: +27 45 962 1193



8. Hogsback Adventures

- mountain bike/hike/horse trails • abseiling • archery • combo deals

Combo Trails - Bike-Abseil-Hike combo activity.

- * **Mountain biking** - 5km self guided bike ride which takes you past waterfalls, and through pine plantations ending at Madonna & Child Waterfall.
- * **Abseiling** - Abseil 35m down the Madonna & Child Waterfall into the indigenous forests below.
- * **Hiking** - Hike back through the forest to the village.
- * **Archery** - Fun for the whole family. Learn the ancient skill of archery in at a magical destination. Meet some locals.

Office: 09:00 to 15:00 Tues - Sun

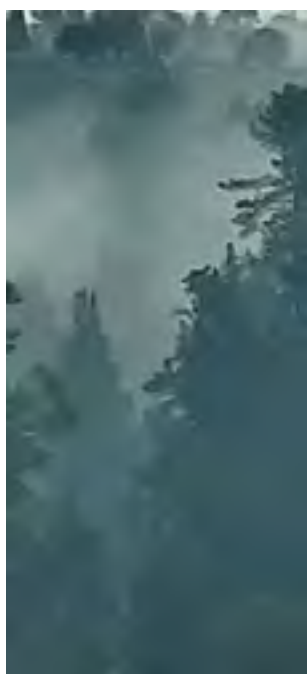
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9. Hogsback4x4

- 4x4 • sightseeing tours • guide • quad bikes

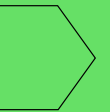
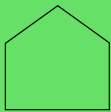
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10. Hogwarts Forest ----- Unsure

- mist meander • farm animal interactions

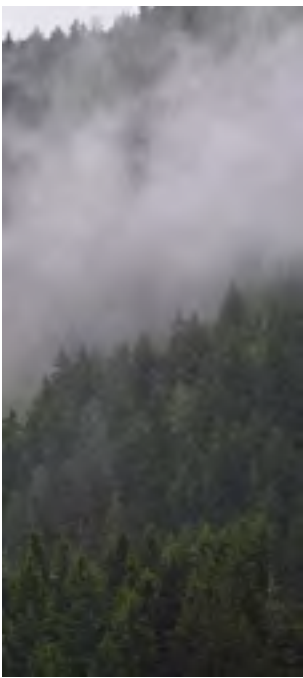
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| cell: +27 72 798 2507 | email: hogwartsforest@gmail.com



11. Middle Earth ----- Unsure

• nursery - organic
• medicinal/food plants • herbs • seedlings • dried herbs
GPS: -32.59251, 26.92008 | Waterfall Drive, Hogsback, 5721

Contact: Carol | landline: +27 45 962 1149 | cell: +27 82 636 8632



12. Mist Rising ----- Unsure

• nursery
This nursery specialises in Azaleas/Bonsai.
GPS:

Contact: Etienne and Lois Paroz | landline: +27 45 962 1152



13. Mistlea

• nursery • garden tour
Garden club nursery, guided tours by appointment during open gardens period. Enchanting mature garden – deciduous azaleas, award-winning rose-garden, water features, indigenous forest. **Nursery**. It is wonderful to stroll around the gardens with someone who can tell you about the plants that are in them. Booking essential
GPS: | Orchard Lane, Hogsback, 5721
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Contact: Pledger | cell: +82 570 6951



14. Paragliding

• paragliding • paragliding festival
Brilliant winter flying site. Paragliding Training camps and fun comps. Good food, lots of laughter, plenty of flying and a positive vibe are what it is all about!
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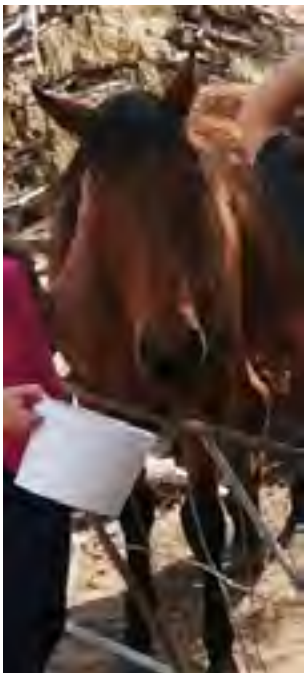
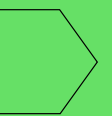
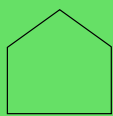
Contact: Justin Anderson | cell: +28 76 954 0431



15. Plant a tree

• tree planting • arboretum @terraKhaya +
Today is the perfect day to plant a tree. Plant an indigenous tree or edible plants whenever visiting Hogsback. Contact Leigh to plant a tree in support of the Cape Parrot Project that will have your own plaque or plant ‘trees-for-bees’ and rehabilitation of wattle invaded land. Hogsback 4x4 challenges everyone to head out and plant a tree! [Look out for the next **Tree festival** • hikes in the forests • eco-workshops • yoga • plant trees • delicious meals • live music • camping • market]
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Contact: Leigh | cell: +27 83 293 6187



16. River Running

• horse riding • guest farm

Horses for Healing, Guided Outrides and Learning to Ride. Hogsback Horse's for Healing, interacting with the horses, learning to ride and guided outrides.
Contact: Mark 063 241 2732, Tiepie 084 504 1073, Christean 074 268 6094, Kathleen 063 831 9672. Operate daily from 9am and at 2pm. Closed on Sundays.

GPS: -32.58321, 26.91707 | 10 Winding Lane, Hogsback, 5721
[website](#)
| cell: +27 63 241 2732



17. Rock Climbing

• Hog 1, 2 & 3 • many lines set

The rock climbing in Hogsback is simply fantastic! Hogsback has 37 sport & 249 traditional lines set on vertical to on-balance dolerite. 60 bolted routes in the area. There are also a few boulder problems. There is still plenty of potential to open new routes.

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[website](#) | email: info@easterncaperockclimbing.co.za



18. St Patrick's

• chapel • prayer/Meditation walk • view points • church services

"St Patrick's on the Hill" - a small chapel and interdenominational church with prayer walk and amazing views. During COVID-19, they offer online communal messages of hope.

GPS: -32.57742, 26.9214 | Main street 5721 Hogsback, South Africa
[website](#) | [facebook](#)
| landline: +27 45 962 1107



19. Terra-Khaya

• eco-farm • eco-building workshops • arts and crafts facilities

Explore natural building techniques with natural and recycled materials - Cobbing, Wattle & Daub, Adobe Bricks, Cord Wood, Rammed Earth, Rocket Stoves / Rocket Mass Heater, Cob Pizza Ovens. Earth Home Project - Get inspired to build your own handmade home.

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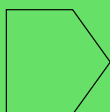
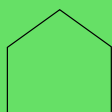


20. The Edge

• labyrinth

The enchanting eleven-circuit Labyrinth has a diameter of 29 metres, circumference of 91 metres - The length of the pathway is 700 meters, and the distance of the walk to the centre and out is about 1.4 kilometres. Symbolising a path to spiritual discovery and fulfillment, the design is meant to enhance prayer and meditation, with the paths leading inwards symbolising forgiveness and moving on, and the outgoing ones representing empowerment and healing.

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21. Thrive Centre ----- Unsure

• permaculture • seeds • plant growing products

Visit us @thrivecentre to learn more about self-sustainability and permaculture. Come stay with us, do a course in self-sufficiency, eat real and awesome food, and start thriving. Gain the skills and knowledge to live a more peacefully. We cater for all your compost, super soil, seed and plant needs - take action with practical, residential courses on permaculture and self-sufficiency - access online courses, books and papers to stimulate mind and spirit - sustain your body and immune system with our healthy food and drink offering.

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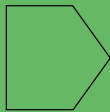


22. Waterfall Cathedral

• outdoor venue • wedding destination

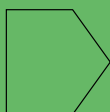
A popular wedding desination. Hogsback Country Weddings offers you personalised, all-inclusive packages that are tailor-made to suit your taste and budget. We have a variety of Ceremony & Reception Venues, Decor/Styling, and Wedding Services that will provide you with all that you need to create your Dream Country Wedding.

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Trails





1. @39 Steps Waterfall

- hiking

15 mins, easy walk that starts at the Arboretum in Oak Avenue and leads through the Arboretum (trees from round the world, including Californian Redwoods) up to the 39 Steps Waterfall.

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2. @Arboretum

- arboretum • forest bathing trail

The arboretum was planted 130 years ago. This is the perfect, quiet and beautiful spot under the trees for a special occasion or romantic picnic. Designated parking in Oak Avenue. Many hiking trails start at the Arboretum - some easy and some difficult. Follow the maps and quaint pathways to find the 39 Steps Waterfall, Circular walk (01:30), TorDoorne Circular walk (03:30) and more • meditative walks • waterfall • open air church • garden of love • labeled trees • 5 largest and fastest growing Californian Redwoods in South Africa.

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3. @Big tree

- tree • hike trail

A 1-hour hike leads up the Main Road and through the rainforest. The Big 800 year old Yellowwood tree is the largest tree in the Eastern Cape, standing at 36.6 meters tall, and is home to an abundance of bird life. Many of the trees are labeled for identification. You can also start from @Fairies leading into the indigenous forest to the Big Tree. (From there an additional route of 4 hours can circling back via Swallow Tail Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Madonna and Child Falls.)

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4. @Bluff

- walk/hike • picnic • sundowners

45 minute comfortable scenic stroll along the circular Bluff path that is next to a cliff and goes up to the eco-shrine. Views of Tyume Valley below and Gaika's Kop. Enjoy the watsonias, proteas and other wild flowers, yellow crassula and satyrium orchids. Ideal for late afternoons or early evenings and a perfect location for a picnic or for enjoying a sundowner. Suitable for everybody.

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5. @Bridal Veil Falls

- viewpoint • hike

GPS?

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6. @Cliff-edge bath

@Away with the Fairies • view point • bathing

The world's most scenic (and most famous) bathtub... imagine that. Fancy taking a nice warm bath on the edge of the cliff at Away with the Fairies, dropping straight into the oldest forest in South Africa? Book a half hour time slot when you arrive. You can also buy an environmentally friendly bath pack so the forest is happy too.

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[website](#)



7. @Gaika's Kop

• viewpoint • Touraco guided hikes

Gaika's Kop is a 3-hour hike (drive to the starting point from where to hike there and back) @touraco guided hike and picnic hamper options.

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8. @Kettlespout

• waterfall • hiking (see precautions)

While there are various access points, it is recommended to access via Hobbiton side (east side). You can park at Hobbiton and will have to ascend and descend on the Hobbiton side and will not be able to hike a loop. A map will be displayed at the start of the hike. (Do not access from the arboretum)

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Contact: Tonya



9. @Lowestoffe Dam +

• fly-fishing • trails • hiking • running • mountain bike • horse riding • birding • flora • san rock art • farm activities

They specialise in horse trail rides, mountain biking, hiking, birding and fly fishing in any of a number of fully stocked trout dams - for trout, Bass and Yellow fish. Horse trail rides are conducted from the stables. Vast open spaces and diverse topography. Guided hiking, riding and wildlife viewing. Numerous scenic spots to enjoy a picnic.

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Contact: Robyn Conroy or Neil Evens | landline: +27 45 843 1716 | cell: +27 83 651 9224 | email: lowestoffe@hogsback.com

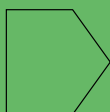


10. @Madonna & Child

• waterfall • hiking/mountain bike trail • abseil

One way of reaching the waterfall is from Wolf Ridge Road, which is a 1-hour hike, leading through indigenous rainforest with a moderately steep downhill (the board reads: 460m-steep boardwalk descent to the forest floor then 130m walk to the falls - it sounds close but it is quite an exertion). It can also be reached via The Big Tree, which is a longer route that includes Swallowtail falls and Bridal Veil falls. If the waterfall doesn't resemble a madonna and child, it is because the madonna part fell of about 50 years ago. From Wolf-ridge road it is a 3km walk into the village. Lots to see like • birds • butterflies • moss • ferns • forest creatures.

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11. @Robertson Dam

• fishing • hiking/mountain bike/horse trail • braai

Dam Trail: 8km Time: +/- 3-4 hours. - This trail makes for a fun filled day out, grab a picnic basket and/or fishing gear. The 8 kilometer walk is easy and suitable for all people at all fitness levels. The walk in total will take you 3 to 4 hours there and back, but why rush and get it done - spend a bit longer and stop along the way at the dam where you can take advantage of the beautiful Kologa picnic area. Braai spots, ablution blocks and picnic tables are here making this a convenient spot for lunch with everything you need.

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12. @Swallowtail Falls

• hiking

In front of Away with the Fairies there is the inverted v-shaped Swallow Tail falls. Short hike or loop trail: Swallow Tail Falls, Big Tree, Bridal Veil Falls, Madonna and Child Falls Circuit is a 6.3 mile lightly trafficked loop trail. Coming from the Big Tree, and following an unmarked trail - then scramble up the steep/slippery banks of the Swallowtail River. Return the same way.

30 minute - from Wolfridge road you can reach the top of Swallows Tail falls with an easy, shady stroll. Enjoy a spectacular view over the valley. For those with a fear of heights, you can choose not to go and peer over the edge. **Strenuous:** To see the full tail you have to climb down further which is quite a strenuous endeavour.

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13. @Tor Doone

• hiking • view point

Arboretum to Tor Doone (hill-trail): A short hike starts at the Arboretum up to TorDoone on the contour path. The Tor Doone (circuit-trail) via the Arboretum, is 21.6 km and ~03:00 and is considered difficult. From the top of Tor Doone mountain you get spectacular views and scenery. Well worth the climb.

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14. @Upper Tyume Falls

• hiking

This waterfall is above the Madonna and Child waterfall.

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15. Birding

@Cape Parrot Project • guided birding walks • indigenous tree nursery • community involvement • concervation

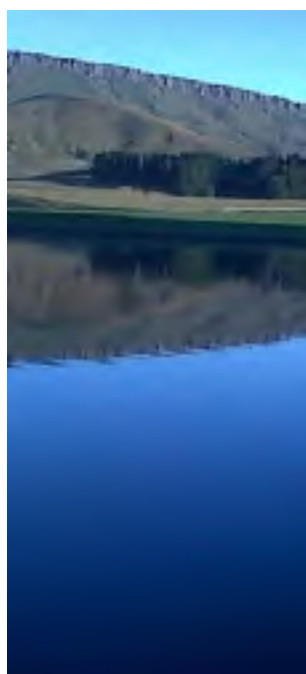
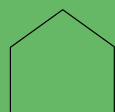
• birding walking trail • indigenous tree nursery • multiple community/micro-nurseries

Morning/afternoon guided birding walks starting at the Hogsback Aboretum. They are saving the endangered and endemic Cape Parrot through daily monitoring conservation research, forest dependence - habitat restoration, reforestation and community involvement. Education to community about the vulnerability and importance of the Cape parrot. Planting trees and other vegetation, growing diversity - supporting and enhancing the eco-systems of these forests and removing invasive species like wattle trees. Cape Parrot Project - Wild Bird Trust.

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[website](#)

Contact: Dr Cassie and Dr Kate Carstens, The Cape Parrot | cell: C: +27 82 321 3302, K: +27 79 621 8677 | email: cassie@wildbirdtrust.com



16. Grasslands Farm

- fishing • walks/hikes

Set in the foot hills of the Hogsback mountains, Loch Lochy offers quality trout fishing in a beautiful, secluded and tranquil setting. Just 21km from Hogsback. One cast will have you hooked.

El Jays stud are opening a livery Centre for retired horses, resting/rehab for younger horses, and an ideal environment for youngsters to grow up. We can offer space, calm environment and professional care for the horses. We also are offering a chance to get away with your horse, and out ride in nature, spend time unwinding and relaxing.

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Contact: Jennifer | cell: +27 84 873 1288 | email: jenniferwhyte@gmail.com



17. Hikes@touraco

- guided mountain hikes • Hog 1 • Hog 3 • Gaika's Kop

Enjoy hiking one of these: Hog1, Hog3 or Gaika's Kop, with Laurent. He will drive you to the starting point and walk with you. Highly recommended guided tour. Hog 1 or Gaika's Kop are 3-hour hikes (drive to the starting point from where to hike there and back). Hog 3 is a 5-hour hike (drive and hike there and back). Breathtaking views and a great workout. Carry 1 to 2 litres of water. Bring your dogs. No children under 11. Hikes start at 09h00 in the morning. Laurent will pick you up anywhere in the village. Bring your own snacks or order a picnic from The Touraco Table @ R100 per person. (options for • birding • braai • wine tasting)

Please book in advance R200 per person for the 3-hour hike / R300 per person for the 5-hour hike. Also order your picnic baskets in advance.

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Contact: Laurent | cell: +27 83 568 8271 | email: info@touraco-hogsback.co.za



18. Hiking trails

@Amathola • hiking @Away with the Fairies

The Amatola Trail is currently due to re-open on the **1st of December 2020**. Reduced capacity groups must be between 3 and 13 hikers. The Amatola Trail is a 6 Day 5 Night 100km hiking trail starting at Maden Dam near King Williams Town, traversing the incredible Amatola Mountains and ending in 3km from Hogsback. The trail is truly amazing and one of the best in South Africa. Fitness: not for the unfit; considered tough. (other options for sections of this route includes • running • horse riding) You can also hike a subsection of this trail. Booking and permits are essential.

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Contact: Daniel Cornick (Dan) or Monique | cell: D: +27 72 668 0602 or M: +27 72 995 8654 | email: amatolatrails@gmail.com



19. Horse Trails

@Amathole • horse trails • combo tours @Terra-Khaya

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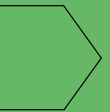
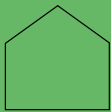
20. Mountain bike trails

@Robertson dam • Cycle Roots Trail @camohogs • mountain bike trail • mountain bike rental • guided mountain bike tours

Guided bike rides through the indigenous forests of Hogsback. Scenic tours to waterfalls and viewpoints off the beaten track. We build and maintain all the single track mountain bike paths in Hogsback.

Robinson Dam single track mountain bike trails. Visiting riders are welcome to explore on their own using the track markings. A map is provided that is easy to read and shows all the routes. Scenic guided tours to waterfalls and viewpoints off the beaten track. Pay for permit fee and obtain a cycling map at the office.

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21. Park Run

@The Edge

Weekly, free for everyone. Parkrun events are 5k and take place on Saturday morning in parks and open spaces. Parkrun is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate.

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22. The Edge

- garden • wildlife • hiking trail • view points
 - * **Gardens** - 15 acres of beautiful gardens filled with azaleas, rhododendrons, beeches, birches and liquid ambers and a rose garden.
 - * **Hiking trail** - A lovely hike with beautiful views takes you through an area filled with proteas and you may be lucky enough to spot some rare indigenous orchids.
 - * **Edge of the cliff path:** View-sites along the edge of the cliff are the perfect spots for sundowners and sunsets! Spectacular view points from the cliffs.
 - * **Wildlife** - Many species of birds can be seen, such as Knysna Louries and the Cape Parrot. Birds of prey often enjoy the thermals off the cliff. The rare Samango monkeys and local baboons are occasional visitors.

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