

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS HOGSBACK OPEN GARDENS 2023

WEEKEND 1 - Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th October

Thursday, 5th Oct

The Edge Mountain Retreat

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Enjoy a glass of crisp, pink bubbly or rosé wine, or a cup of tea, paired with a delicious sweet or savory croissant, or a freshly bake scone with homemade berry jam and farm cream.

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6pm till late – everybody' favorite Night Food Market

With Port & Muscadell Tasting in the Courtyard & Tin Shed. This festive evening market offers an array of take-away homemade foods by local gourmet enthusiasts. The festive atmosphere is always very special.

Saturday 7th Oct

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8am Hogsback Park Run Join the locals for this beautiful park run that takes you through a meander around a cut track at the Bluff on the Edge.

10am – 1pm Under the Oaks Market Hogsback's charming little local market, featuring homemade food and an array of lovely handcrafted products.

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Bookings essential. Enquiries Gwyneth 082 928 5770

Cost R300pp

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Tea and Coffee available at the Deli Shack; Cost R100pp

Sunday 8th Oct

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WEEKEND 2 - Thursday 12th - Sunday 15th October

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Friday 13th Oct

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WEEKEND 3 – Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th November 2023

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Friday 3rd Nov

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Waterfall Cathedral & Barn

10am-4pm Waterfall Walk with Coffee & Cake Treat yourself to a delicious home-baked cupcake with coffee/tea or a cooldrink for R50pp and take the beautiful 2min walk to see and photograph the breathtaking waterfall. Waterfall admission only: R20/Adult, R10/Child. Enquiries Kerry 073 163 0513.

The Hogsback Brewery - Tap Room

9am- 1pm: Potjiekos Competition Enjoy the most delicious meal and "Taste all the Pots" whilst sipping on Hogsback finest ales or gin under a majestic oaktree!

Tickets are R100pp, potjie will be served after Judging at 1pm. Welcome to buy your tickets early in the day and come back when we are ready!

Enquiries Jen 084 873 1288.

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St Patrick’s Chapel & Garden

3–4pm. A Feast of Favourites – a short classical music concert in the Chapel, followed by tea and cakes.

Cost is merely a donation to this beautiful church as this is a fund-raising initiative. Suggested R50.

Immerse yourself in the romance of music and flowers!

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Restaurants & Eateries

Arminel Hotel main road. Classic hearty wholesome food served when the hotel has guests. Popular Sunday Roast Buffet when busy. Phone ahead to check what they are serving for the day. Reservation essential 045 962 1005.

Green Dragon Café at “Away with the Fairies” Backpackers, Hydrangea Lane. Epic views of Hogsback, enjoy sumptuous homemade pizza or meal with a cold pint when you visit their recently renovated restaurant & bar. Also ask to see their famous "Cliff Bath"! Open 8am-8pm. Enquiries Monique 072 995 8654.

Hogsback Brewery Taproom & Beer Garden corner of Main & Wolfridge rd. Celebrate Spring and enjoy Hogsbacks only locally crafted ales and delicious light meals. The gin tasting is also not to be missed! Open Mon & Tues 11am-4pm, Fri & Sat 11am-6pm only. Enquiries 072 492 6858.

Hogsback Inn Main rd. Visit Hogsbacks oldest Hotel, an institution. Quaint English style pub serving up scrummy bistro staples. Lunch 12-3pm, Dinner 6-9pm. Bar open until Midnight. Enquiries to Reception on 045 962 1006.

Red Clay Café corner of Main & Wolfridge Rd. Breakfasts & Lunches. Vegetarian, Vegan and Healthy options available. Specialize in good quality coffee, cakes and light café style food. Open 9am-3pm daily, Enquiries Janice 074 275 2667.

The Edge Mountain Retreat the start of our Open Garden experience and a wonderful place to dine! Delicious meals, delightful coffee and sumptuous pizzas. Bookings essential on busy days. Enquiries to Reception 082 603 5246.

The Lighthouse Main rd. A long-standing Hogsback restaurant that consistently serves up delicious homestyle meals and grills. Always worth a visit. Closed Mon, Tue 5pm-8pm, Weds-Fri 12-8pm, Sat 9.30am-8pm, Sun 9.30am-6.30pm. Book to avoid disappointment 045 962 1101.

Thrive Deli - 7 Waterfall drive. Owner Di cooks up a storm using fresh organic garden ingredients. Set menu lunches including delicious fresh organic garden salads, Open Thu, Fri & Sat 12-4pm. *Advance booking essential Di 082 820 0260.*

Touraco Table Summerton Drive. A lovely “Chefs’s table” type experience where you get well looked after by owners Laurent & Angus in their gorgeous little restaurant. World Cuisine, advance bookings only. Enquiries Angus 082 923 6053.

Wholehog Takeaways at the wooden hut opposite Spar on Main Road. Grab a meal to go. For those who don't want to sit down in a restaurant, enjoy a superb take away burger or meal. Perfect for a picnic lunch!

Woltree Coffee shop & Farm Stall, 3 Main Rd. Enjoy coffee, cakes, delicious toasties as well as superb light meals and an incredible selection lovely crafts, pantry goodies and gifts. Scrumptious homemade frozen meals are available. Open 9.30am-3.30pm, closed on Wednesdays. Enquiries Glenn 071 873 4500.

Unique Hogsback Shops & Services

The Chocolate Shop, Main rd. Truly exceptional handmade fine chocolates and delicious coffee. A trip to Hogsback is not complete without stocking up here! Closed Tues. Open 10am-4pm daily except Sunday when they close at 3pm.

Cannacopia Main rd. Find a range of CBD oils, creams, balms & edibles for anxiety & depression, energy & focus, pain & inflammation and sleep. We also stock CBD pet products, books, coffees, teas & smoking gear. Pop in & find out what Cannabis can do for you! Closed Tues. Weekdays 10am-3pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-midday.

Jikani Charity Shop Main rd. A community upliftment Centre selling 2nd hand goods and local handcrafted goods. Also home to Hogsbacks only Library. Closed Sun & Tues, Open Mon, Weds-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

The Local at Red Clay Café corner of Main & Wolfridge rd. Hogsback's only Zero Waste grocery store. Get wonderful pantry staples at this shop which lies within the Red Clay Café premises. Take your own containers or buy re-usable ones there. Closed Mon. Open Tues-Sun 10am-3pm.

Mirrors Gallery & Crystal Corner 1 Bramble Close. A literal treasure trove of amazing stones, jewellery and precious stone artifacts. Photographic gallery, and open garden. Open 10am-4pm daily, excepting Sundays when they close at 1pm.

Simple Sense @ King's Lodge, Main Rd

Relax and unwind with a wonderful selection of treatments on offer, from massages to reiki and reflexology. You will enjoy Miki's magic hands after the garden visits!

Whatsapp Miki on 072 486 2105 for a full price list and detail of all services available.

R100 discount for Open Gardens ticket holders!

Starways Pottery Find a gorgeous selection of pots in their Gallery. Also be sure to take a look at their **Rose Theatre**; an incredibly unique wattle and daub structure which hosts shows, poetry readings and live music. Pottery Workshops also available Saturdays. Contact Gwyneth on 082 928 5770.

Woltree Coffee Shop & Farm Stall, 3 Main Rd. Over and above serving tasty meals there is a fantastic selection of wares to peruse! Soap making kits, haberdashery, games for kids, Hogsback Souvenirs, Scrap Booking materials and much more. Open 9.30am-3.30pm, closed Wednesdays
Enquiries Glenn 071 873 4500.

Special Hogsback Nurseries

Mistlea Nursery, Orchard Lane. A wonderful selection of Azaleas and other flowering shrubs at bargain prices! Open 9am-4pm, Closed between 1-2pm.

Applegarth Nursery, end of Orchard Lane. Great selection of well priced trees and flowering plants. Open 10am-4.30pm Weekdays, 10am-3pm Weekends. Contact Sandy on 079 496 3076.

Woodside Gardens Nursery, Woodside Drive. Magnificent selection of trees and flowering shrubs at great prices. Open 10am-4pm. Contact Julie Dunn on 083 309 8211

Bonsai Nursery, see majestic Azalea Bonsai's, other plants and seedlings at this very new nursery! Mark has been growing Bonsai for many years and for Bonsai enthusiasts this would be a worthy stop to see some incredible specimens. Open on Saturdays by appointment only. Mark 083 341 4818

Outdoor Activities

Hogsback Adventures on the Main Road and book an adventure for the whole family. Choose from abseiling, archery and horse riding. Bicycles available to hire. Open 9am-3pm daily. Contact Janice 074 275 2667.

Trout Fishing at Grasslands Farm. A beautiful setting and glorious fishing to be enjoyed on Loch Lochy! Guide available. Enquiries Margo 072 522 0602.

Popular Walks & Hikes

Eco Shrine Visit this award winning homage to the Earth and see incredible sculptures, mosaics and paintings. Open 9.30am-3.30pm unless it is raining in which case its closed. Enquiries Diana 083 697 1140.

The Big Tree Walk & Madonna & Child View one of SA's oldest Yellow Wood's. A descent from the main road and then deep into a magical forest. To and from the Big Tree is an hr walk. Continue on the path to go to Madonna & Child – another 3hrs. You can also drive to Madonna & Child down Wolfridge Road, which then makes it a quick 20min steep decent to the falls.

The Bluff & Labyrinth at the Edge Take a relaxing meander through the Labyrinth and then find out why this iconic Hogsback chose its name and see this utterly breathtaking view of the valleys below. Follow the signs from the Labyrinth which take you to the Edge.

The Hogsback Arboretum & 39 Steps Waterfall An easy walk from the Main Road. Park opposite the Village Green. Free entry, don't be fooled by any chancer car guards saying there is an entrance fee! A lovely stroll through the gardens, follow the paths to find a gorgeous waterfall.

Siya-Torisha Guided Walks Book our Local Tour Guide if you are not quite comfortable wondering around the forests on your own. He can take you on all the best walks Hogsback has to offer. See glorious waterfalls and epic Hogsback scenery. Contact Siya on 083 487 1498 to find out more.

Buy A Map: There are quite a few walks and hikes to enjoy in Hogsback, to get a detailed printed MAP, please go to Woltree where recently updated printed maps are on sale for R10 a copy.