

MIDLANDS HIKING CLUB FIXTURE LIST: JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2016

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| DATE | TYPE | GRADE | APPROX DIST | DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES | LEADER | APPROX COST |
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| SUN 03 Jul | DAY HIKE | 2 | +10 kms 200m climb | BULWER MOUNTAIN - Park at Bulwer - Mountain Park Hotel. Quite a steep climb to the top but great views. Bring warm gear. NB: I will be away from home from the 11-21 June. | Dave Sclanders email only: dave@bergfree.co.za Last bookings 29 June | |
| SUN 10 Jul | DAY HIKE | 3 | 15 kms | NAGEL DAM - Hike through the tunnel and around the dam. REMEMBER TORCHES!! Bring own drinks and relax at the dam after the hike. Meet at Union Main Centre, 45 Old Main Road, Pinetown, at 7.30am. (Durban Ramblers combined hike) | Jon Stevens 0824591522 | Entrance to Nagle Dam R25 pp |
| TUES-FRI 12-15 Jul | COTTAGE | 2-3 | 12-15 kms each day | DRAKENSBERG GARDENS - Cottage - 3 nights MID-WEEK. Fully equipped and very comfortable. Beautiful area in the heart of the mountains. Max 10 members. Day hikes from cottage or simply unwind on the property (10 acres). Full DSTV for news & Sport etc. Hot baths and showers. Combined with other clubs. Please book early to secure your place. First come and paid first served. Last bookings by 1 July. | Keith Ashton 033 239 5023 keimarg@iuncapped.co.za | R300 total pp (R100 pppn) |
| SUN 17 Jul | DAY HIKE | 1+ FF | TBC | Huley's farm, Nottingham Rd. Soft, rolling green hills, dams, farmland. Lovely views. Picnic lunch at farmhouse (bring packed lunch). Suitable for family and beginners | Penny Purchase 033 343 2162 / 078 948 3730 chrispenny@telkomsa.net | R20 towards Nott Rd Conservancy. |
| TUES 19 Jul | CLUB NIGHT | | | Church of the Ascension Hall , Brindy Road, Hilton - 7pm. Presentation by Andre Rutishauser. Invitation to be sent out in due course. Wine and light snacks available. | Presentation by Andre Rutishauser | FREE TO MEMBERS R20 for guests |
| SAT 23 Jul | DAY HIKE | 2+ | + 12 km | Kloof Gorge via the beacon and then fairly steep down to Soreass Pool for our lunch spot. Back along the river with a fairly steep climb back up. Start at main picnic site at 08h30. Safe parking available. Please bring at least 2L of water - it usually very hot. (phone booking only) Due to poor weather and low turnout this hike has had to be cancelled twice. Please show your support for this one! | Margret Kirsten 0837837852 | R25pp |
| SUN 31 Jul | DAY HIKE | 2-3 | 15 kms | THORNRIIDGE - Hike through African thornveldt, wetland areas, interesting urban areas and, of course, past the famous Chinese shop. Bring your own drinks for afterwards. Meet at Union Main Centre, 45 Old Main Road, Pinetown, at 8 a.m. or Cato Ridge turn off (exit 53) at 8.20 a.m. (Durban Ramblers combined hike) | Jon Stevens 0824591522 | |
| TUES 02 Aug | AGM | | | Church of the Ascension Hall , Brindy Road, Hilton - 6pm for 7pm sharp start. All members who pay their 2016/2017 subscription fees on or before 2 Aug 2016 will be entered into a lucky draw. Dinner will be served on the night. Please make an effort to attend - RSVP to Cathy | PLEASE RSVP TO CATHY cathy.stevens@kzndard.gov.za | MEMBERS ONLY - no charge - |
| SUN 07 Aug | DAY HIKE | 2+ | 12-15 kms | UMGENI VALLEY NATURE RESERVE - Howick - Lovely local day hike in a beautiful area - great views & chance to see plenty of game & bird life. Several trail variations. Great winter venue. Combined hike with other clubs. Last booking by Fri 29 July as I am away from then. | Keith Ashton 033 239 5023 keimarg@iuncapped.co.za | Entrance fee R30 pp |
| SUN 14 Aug | DAY HIKE | 2+ | +8 km | Satori/Nhlosane - Park at Satori to lunch at the top of Nhlosane. Bring own water. Pizza and beer at piggly afterwards (at your own cost)! | Carolee 078 482 5003 | R10 pp |
| SAT-SUN 20-21 Aug | TENTING | 3 | 14 kms return | HIGHMOOR Campsite. Offering 3 choices to hikers: 1. Tent at Highmoor on Saturday night, do 2 day hikes on Saturday/Sunday; 2. Day Hikers - Saturday - Mount Lebanon - New Route; 3. Day Hikers - Sunday - 1st time hike - along cliffs to top of Cleopatra | Dave Sclanders e-mail only: dave@bergfree.co.za Last booking 17 August | Camping R 65pp Day visitor R35pp |
| SUN 28 Aug | DAY HIKE | 1 FF PF | +5 kms | **BEGINNERS HIKE** Slow easy hike through forested area in Boughton. Meet at top end of Ashby Road (by Prestbury police station). Family and pet friendly. | Katy Hart 0832776272 katyemma.hart@gmail.com | No charge |
| SAT-SUN 3-4 Sept | TRAIL HUTS | 2+ | 5-8 km | BLINKWATER – on the Greytown road from Pmb. Land of indigenous forests, upland grasslands, vleis, streams and commercial plantations – home to the endangered Oribi and rare Blue Swallow. Island Dam is the breeding ground for the rare and endangered Wattled Crane. Max 12 people, so book early. | John Fourie 072 871 1252 john4ie@gmail.com | R80 pp |
| SUN 11 Sep | DAY HIKE | 2+ | 12-15 kms | KARKLOOF - Day hike through Everdon Estates led by the man who knows the area better than anybody - previously this hike has proved to be very popular and has some of the most spectacular views in the area including Umgeni and Karkloof rivers - Cecil Hackney will lead the hike but please contact Keith. - Combined hike with other clubs - Book early to secure your place - Last bookings by Fri 2 Sept. as I am away from then. | Keith Ashton 033 239 5023 keimarg@iuncapped.co.za | R20 pp donation |
| SAT-SUN 17-18 Sep | CAVE HIKE | 3 | .20 kms 100m climb | LOWER INJESUTHI - Walk from Injesuthi Camp along the Injesuthi River to the cave. Cave is very nice. There are a number of river crossings , but should be easy at this time of year. | Dave Sclanders email only: dave@bergfree.co.za Last booking 14 September | R60pp |
| SUN 18 Sep | DAY HIKE | 2+ | + 6 hrs | Grey Mare's Tail falls. Come and see the wild cvidias in bloom. Meet at Bushwillow Park in the Karkloof from 8 am. We start walking at 8.30 am sharp. | Neville Lee 083 626 9983 | R25pp |
| TUES 20 Sep | CLUB NIGHT | | | Church of the Ascension Hall , Brindy Road, Hilton - 7pm. Presentation to be confirmed. Wine and light snacks available. | | FREE TO MEMBERS R20 for guests |
| SAT 24 Sep | BRAAI | FF | n/a | Heritage Day Bring and Braai at Midmar dam - no hiking planned (though is an option for those who wish to), just a social get together from 12h30. Bring a small salad/snack/desert item to share which reflects your heritage! | Katy Hart 0832776272 katyemma.hart@gmail.com | R20pp (R40 if entering before 12pm) |

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

| GRADINGS OF HIKES | SOME IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT HIKING | CLUB NIGHTS |
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| FF PF | Family friendly Pet friendly | Our Club nights are held on the third Tuesday of every second month in the Church of the Ascension Hall starting at 19:00 Tea & coffee served. Come along early and meet your fellow members. Plenty of parking next to the hall, accessed from Brindy Road, Hilton. |
| Grade 1 | Very easy. Minimal fitness required | |
| Grade 2 | Not too strenuous. Moderate fitness | |
| Grade 3 | Moderate. Physical fitness advisable | |
| Grade 4 | Strenuous. Physical fitness essential | |
| Grade 5 | Very strenuous - high level of physical fitness essential | |