SEPTEMBER 2025

HIKE TIMES - NB. AS OF 01 SEPTEMBER CHANGE TO SUMMER START TIMES: MEET AT VENUE 07.15 FOR 07.45 HIKE START

Transport Cost (New Rate Mar 2025 - Feb 2026) ** The suggested transport fee of R4,76 /km is based on the SARS prescribed rate per kilometre (excl tolls). N.B. AWAY HIKES: The driver and occupants should agree on how the costs will be calculated before departing and the total cost will be divided amongst the occupants of the car.

Date Sept-25	Event	Venue Meeting Time (Summer start time)	Description	Fee (non-mem)	Return Distance	Rating	Leader of the Day / Convenor	Phone
Wednesday 3rd September	B'Sorah (Braai)	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	Moderate to easy path walking over hills and along Skeerpoort river.	R80(R140) Non-Pens. R50(R110) Pensioners	Varies	Moderate	Malcolm Timberlake	082 339 9126
Sunday 7th September	Bergheim	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	Zig-zag path to the top. Walk along the escarpment or maybe explore one of the kloofs.	R60(R120)	Varies	Strenuous	Ivor Templer (LOD) France Roussouw	082 795 4087
Wednesday 10th September	Harties River	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	Moderate hiking along Crocodile river and over some steep hills and back through wooded bushveldt. Good views of Hartebeespoort dam.	R60(R120)	Varies	Moderate to Strenuous	Alan Chater	082 555 0512
Sunday 14th September	Castle Gorge (Members Only) 1 x guest free per membership (10 permits available to the public)	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	Strenuous hike to the saddle for amazing views and then go to the pools to cool off or to the waterfall.	R0(R60)	Varies	Moderate to Strenuous	Allan Lill	084 615 0084
Wednesday 17th September	Foothold (Members only with one guest)	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	A myriad of hiking possibilities once you reach the escarpment. Relax for lunch near crystal clear pools.	RO	Varies	Moderate to difficult	Tom Kenny	066 290 1480
Sat 20th - Wed 24th September	Eswatini Away Hike		4 day/4 night Basecamp (Camping) at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary	R813(R963) excl. daily conservation fees and excursions	Varies	Moderate	Simon Kemsley	832 258 851
Sunday 21st September	Fountain Gully	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	A steep climb to the top then hike along the top of the rock pools.	R60(R120)	Varies	Strenuous	Paul Richardson	082 813 9945
Wednesday 24th September	Pofadder Van Gaalens	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	Access to the Pofadder trail and others in the Witwatersberg from the north. Great views. Meet at Van gaalens and travel to start.	R50(R110)	Varies	Moderate	Pim Commissaris	082 683 3314
Wed 24th - Sun 28th September	Klein Swartberg Traverse (Ladysmith)		Wilderness Hike - Contact Paul Barnard for more details		Varies	Difficult	Paul Barnard	076 564 9972
Fri 26th - Sun 28th September	Foothold Club Weekend (Members Only)		Members & Guests only. Communal braai.	RO(R75)	Varies	Leisure	To be confirmed	
Saturday 27th September	Heritage Hike - New Silkaatsnek Heritage Trail @ De Wildt Cheetah Lodge	Meet at 07.15 at Cheetah Lodge	This is an extension to the existing Wild Dog trail featuring new signage to highlight little-known remains in the area from the time of the Anglo Boer War. Bookings admin@jhbhiking.co.za	R240(R300) includes lunch and special guests from Cheetah Rehabilitation & Margaret Roberts Centres	Varies	Good level of fitness required	Mike Hardisty	082 920 5667
Sunday 28th September	Foothold Club Hike (Members Only)	07.15 for 07.45 SHARP HIKE START	A myriad of hiking possibilities once you reach the escarpment. Relax for lunch near crystal clear pools.	R0(R60)	Varies	Moderate to Difficult	Sabine Behr	082 851 8627

*Involves steep long climbs, typically 300m or more. Not suitable for visitors unless already reasonaly sports fit or are experienced hikers. **Sunday Hikes** are typically 7 hours or longer, often in tough terrain without paths. Three hous of hiking up sometimes steep mountainsides and down valleys, over rough ground and scrub are usually covered, before stopping for 1/2 hour lunch break, after which a further 3 hours of hiking back to the start point covers a typical day. **Level 1 - Slow** Challenging for the relatively unfit hiker with a slower (but not necessarily slow) pace and plenty of rest/recovery stops. **Level 2 - Moderate** Faster pace with fewer rest/recovery stops and a longer distance. **Level 3 - Fast** Challenging for the fit hiker with a fast pace and long distance.