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The Central and Northern Drakensberg is an excellent springboard to one of South Africa's most significant historical experiences. This experience is perfect for a slightly misty or rainy day in the Drakensberg.

Use a tour guide to ensure it is indeed a memorable experience.



The Drakensberg's One of the world's best examples of an erosional mountain

Different stories regarding a tourism destination and the use of specialist orators who have the art of telling such tales are a critical element of successful meetings and incentives. A significant portion of the Drakensberg is a World Heritage Site. An area of 250,000 hectares. The Drakensberg is one of the world's most critical erosional mountains. This escarpment was also almost declared a World Heritage Site as a result of this fact.

A mantle plume under the Southern Gondwana caused bulging of the continental basalt crust, some one hundred and eighty million years ago. This later became South Africa as Gondwana split into the continents we have today. Rift valleys formed on the sides of this bulge, some twenty million years ago. A period of erosion followed. This wearing continues to the present day. Additionally, there was a period of upliftment, especially in the East. As a result, most of the plateau lies above 1,000 m despite the extensive erosion. The plateau tilted such that its highest point is in the East, and it slopes gently downwards towards the west and south. The elevation of the edge of the eastern escarpments is typically more than 2,000 m. It reaches its highest point (over 3,000 m).

During the past 20 million years, further massive upliftment has taken place in Southern Africa. The upliftment of the central plateau over the past 20 million years and erosion of softer sandstone under the volcanic rock resulted in the original escarpment moving inland. This movement created the present-day coastal plain. The position of the present escarpment is approximately 150 kilometres inland from the first fault lines which formed the walls of the rift valley that developed along the coast during the break-up of Gondwana. The rate of the erosion of the escarpment in the Drakensberg region averages 1.5 millimetres per year.

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WHAT TO DO ON A RAINY DAY:

- Visit the Winterton Museum;
- Pop into one of the many craft centres in the area;
- Take an outing to the Cathedral Peak Wine Estate;
- Visit the Ardmore Art Gallery and enjoy a cup of coffee in their restaurant,
- Watch sport in one of the many pubs in the area. It is always fun to be part of the community;
- Visit the Drakensberg Brewery;
- Enjoy the local cuisine there are many excellent eateries in the area; and
- Attend a Drakensberg Boys Choir Concert on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Visit the Ladysmith Siege Museum

THE DRAKENSBERG PEAKS



Injisuthi

Many of the peaks in this mountain are over two thousand metres in height. The highest being Thabana Ntlenyana, at 3,482 metres, in Lesotho. Other notable peaks include Mafadi 3,450 metres (highest in South Africa), Makoaneng at 3,416 metres and Injisuthi at 3,408 metres. Furthermore, Champagne Castle at 3,377 metres, Giant's Castle at 3,315 metres and Popple Peak at 3,331 metres. All of these are in the area bordering on Lesotho.

The Drakensberg borders the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho and three South African provinces namely, parts of the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, and Mpumalanga. It stretches for some 1,000km. KwaZulu-Natal has the most considerable portion of this mountain range.

"It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves". – Edmund Hilary



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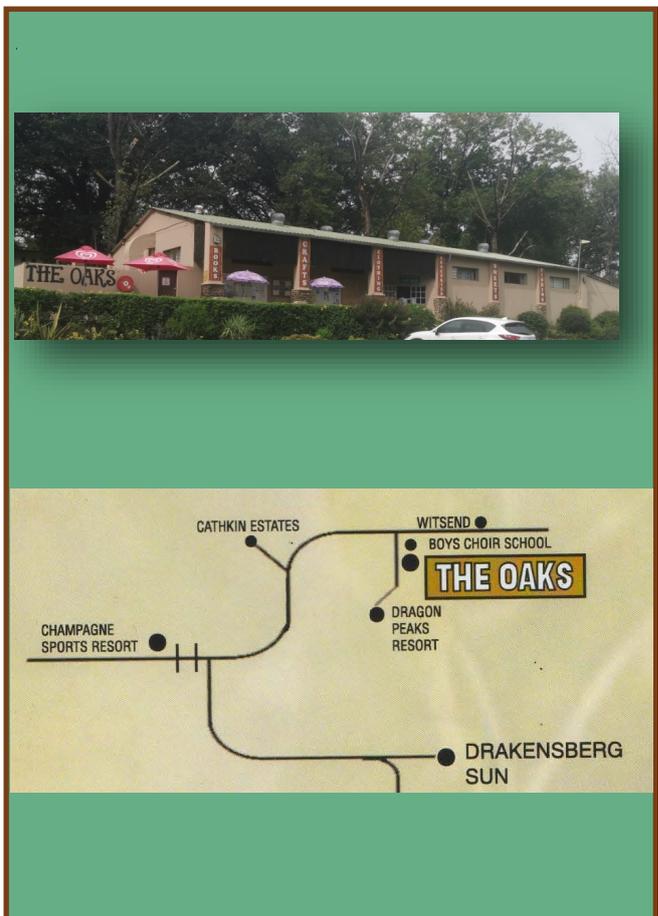
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IN THE STEPS OF THE SAN - THE MEANING OF CERAIN ELEMENTS IN THEIR ROCK ART

As indicated in the Autumn edition of Berg News the San used many natural elements or symbols in their rock art in the Drakensberg. The following is a continuation of the of what was a start of a list of these elements.

Bees and honey



A typical San painting of a honeycomb.
Vaalribbokkop Cave or Bee Cave (Source:
Graham Barry)

The San often painted bees realistically or as little crosses. they are often painted around a shaman, therianthropic figure or around a beehive. These were regarded as messengers of God. Bee stings were symbolic of potent arrows. The San would often perform trance dances in the vicinity of bees and a honeycomb.

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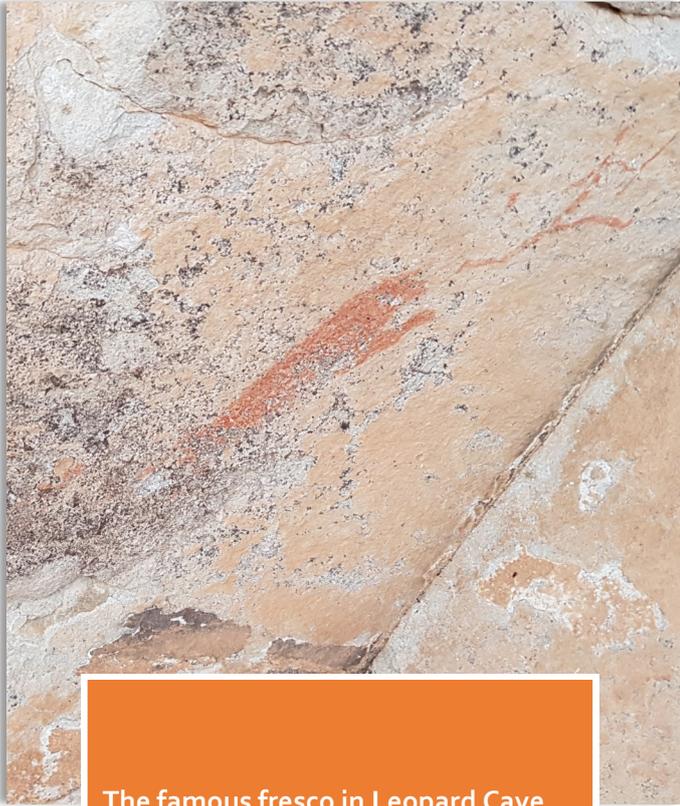
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Leopard



The famous fresco in Leopard Cave

Leopards are commonly painted in San fresco's. They represent menacing forces that must be chased away by shamans.

Elands Cave

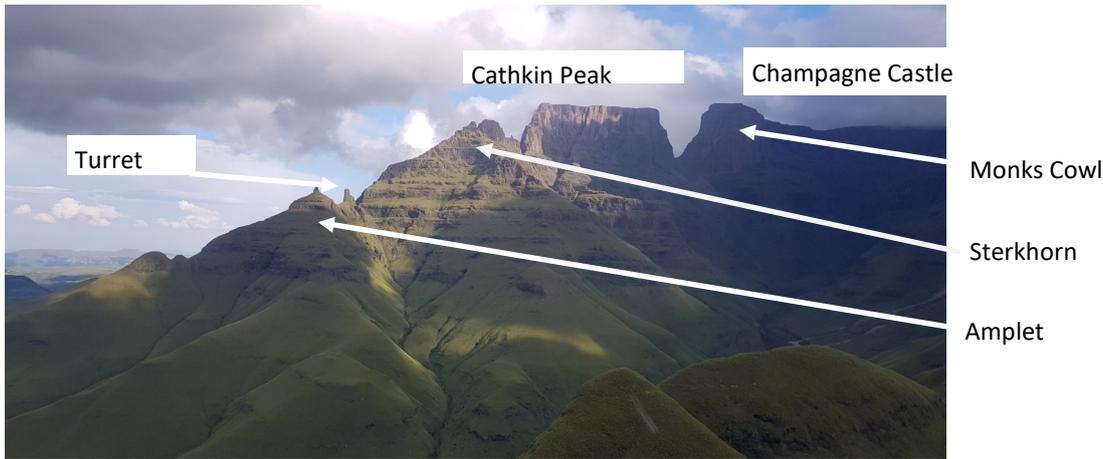


Water

Water was a metaphor for a trance. When one is under water you experience blurred vision, weightlessness and a lack of oxygen. This is similar to a trance. The San regarded water bodies an important portal to the ancestral world.



THE COMMUNITY OF CATHKIN PARK OR THE CHAMPAGNE VALLEY



Cathkin Park or the Champagne Valley, which is not a valley ...but a broader community of the Central Drakensberg in South Africa, is an epi-centre of adventure tourism. This area is one of the most popular and must-see regions of the Drakensberg. Cathkin Park is a suburb of the village of Winterton, which is some 30 kilometres away from the centre of this magnificent valley. Additionally, it is an essential section of the Okhahlamba Local Municipality.

Cathkin Park or an area fondly referred to as Champagne Valley has some three thousand residents. It is also home to several major resorts or hotels. The most famous being:

- Firstly, Champagne Sports Resort;
- Champagne Castle Hotel;
- Thirdly, Drakensberg Sun;
- Also, The Nest Hotel;
- Gooderson Monks Cowl Golf Resort;
- Moreover, Cayley Lodge;
- Mountain Splendour;
- Ardmore Guest Farm;
- Champagne Lane Resort;
- Champagne Valley Resort;
- Fernwood;
- Dragon Peaks Resort; and
- Wits End.

Over and above these resorts there are many lodges, country houses, bed and breakfast venues, camping and caravanning venues, self-catering and time-share venues and youth or backpacker venues in this area.

- Cathkin Park or Champagne Valley mountain peaks
- Cathkin Park or Champagne Valley has several striking peaks that are amongst the highest in the Drakensberg and Southern Africa. These are the icons of this area, namely:
- Champagne Castle Peak (3 377 metres);
- Cathkin Peak (3 181 metres);
- Sterkhorn or Mount Memory (2,973 metres);
- Monks Cowl (only visible from certain angles; 3 229 m);
- The Amplet (2,550 metres), and
- Dragon's Back ridge (2,778 metres)



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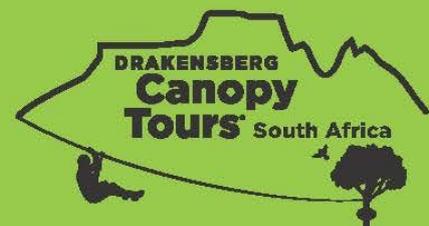
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Activities

Cathkin Park is renowned for its wide range of adventure pursuits:

- Hiking. Numerous trails start at Monks Cowl Camp such as Nandi's Falls, Sterkspruit Falls and Blindman's Corner;
- Trail running. There is a dedicated trail that begins from Berg Air ;
- Mountaineering. Monks Cowl, for example, is a famous climb;
- Abseiling;
- Helicopter flips;
- Mountain Biking. There is a dedicated trail that starts from Berg Air;
- Fishing. Bell Park Dam is a renowned spot for fishing;
- White River Rafting;
- Hot air ballooning;
- Zip-lining;
- Horse Riding;
- Gliding;
- Scootours;
- E-biking;
- Quad-biking;
- Scrambling, and so much more.



Over above this, it is well known for several other sports pursuits. These include:

- Golf (Champagne Sports Resort and Gooderson Monks Cowl Golf Resort),
- Bowls (The Nest Hotel), and
- Road running. A weekly Park Run takes place from the Waffle Hut each Saturday at 08h00.

Over and above these, there are many cultural related, shopping and culinary venues that you can visit. Amongst them:

- Berg Air - The Drakensberg Brewery, Chocolate Cafe, Farm Friends and The Champagne Bistro ;
- The Oaks;
- Cedarwood Shopping Centre;
- Drakensberg Boys Choir;
- Falcon Ridge Birds of Prey;
- Dragon Rock Reptile Centre;
- Deon's Honey and Bee tours;
- Scrumpy Jack; and
- Thokozisa (right at the entrance to the Valley area).



Berg Air

History

The Gray and Sclanders families are synonymous with the development of the 'Valley'. Moreover, the Zunckel family. The Gray's were the first to arrive in this area in 1854. They were a Scottish family who had travelled on the barque Aliwal in 1849. This ship almost ran aground near the present-day village of Umkomaas. The famous diving reef in this area is named after this vessel.

They (lead by **David Gray**) initially settled in the "Valley" after a few attempts to establish farms in the Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal. They founded Cathkin Farm. Cathkin Peak is named after this famous farm. Also, Andrew Gray established "The Nest Hotel". Italian prisoners of war built this "grande old dame" of the "Valley".



David Gray

Patrick Sclanders, a friend of David Gray, took over "The Nest" and married David Gray's eldest daughter Mary.

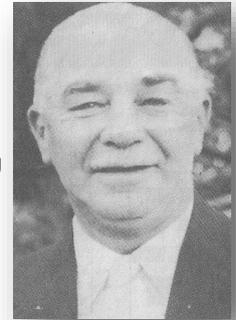
The Gray's continue to live in Cathkin Park and operate a substantial sawmill and timber farm.

The Zunckel family featured prominently in establishing the Hotel industry in the Cathkin Park Valley, with the purchasing of Cathkin Park Guest Farm in 1935 and running it as a successful family resort named Cathkin Park Hotel for just over 30 years.

Reverend Karl Edward Zunckel emigrated to Natal from Berlin, Germany as a Lutheran Missionary in 1850. His Grandson, Otto Zunckel, married Mathilda Posselt, Granddaughter of Reverend C.W. Posselt who established the Emmaus Mission Station and Hospital in the Cathedral Peak Valley in 1847.

Otto and his 3 sons - Walter, Gerald and Udo - took part in many dramatic berg rescues in the mountains that form the frame of our valley during this time.

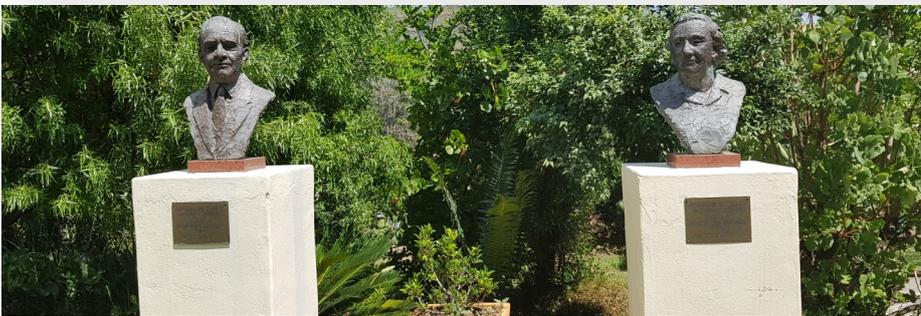
Otto Zunckel purchased Cathkin Park Hotel. He left it to his sons Gerald and Udo to run, while he went back to Royal Natal. Udo sold his rights to this hotel to his brother Gerald. He together with his wife Lilian ran it as a much-loved and well-known holiday venue, between 1935 and 1967.



Gerald Zunckel

The Zunckel family are still a large and integral part of the Drakensberg, mainly represented in the farming community of Bergville.

The history of Cathkin Park would not be complete without reference to the internationally acclaimed **Drakensberg Boys Choir School**. The school was established in 1967 by the **Tungay family** who also established the well known Dragon Peaks Resort. Enrolment is approximately 120 boys aged 9 to 15. The school has a 600-seat auditorium constructed in 1995. It holds weekly concerts in term time on Wednesday afternoons. The Choir has toured internationally and secured a string of international awards. This school is a 'key ambassador' for this Valley and South Africa as a whole.



The Tungay Family helped to found the Drakensberg Boys Choir School



The Oaks the first trading store in The Valley

Established in 1984, The Oaks Supermarket Gifts and Crafts was opened to supply the needs of the Dragon Peaks Mountain Resort. It soon became apparent that there was a greater need to also service the holiday tourists coming into the Champagne Valley and has expanded to meet these growing needs. The Oaks is owned and managed by the Lanham family.

Special thanks to Ann Gray, Delyse Ritchie (nee Binney) and the Lanhams for their input.

Economy

Cathkin Park is a place of tourism, agriculture and forestry.

AN OVERVIEW OF SOME OF THE CONFERENCE VENUES IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN DRAKENSBERG:

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Furthermore, Cathedral Peak has the experience to cater for theme evenings, gala dinners, champagne breakfasts and braais. Additionally, this hotel provides superb cuisine of an excellent standard. So, your conference organiser can negotiate individual catering or separate seating.

INCENTIVE OPTIONS

- Firstly, themed evenings;
- Secondly, Gala dinners and private braais; and
- Thirdly, helicopter flights among the majestic mountains.

There are a number of orators in the area that can provide stimulating addresses for incentives and conferences on themes ranging from the San, to the geology, birdlife and battlefields of the surrounding area.

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Cathedral	66.0	2.95	10.3	6.4	40	24	32	32	60
Ndedema	66.0	2.95	10.3	6.4	40	24	32	32	60
Xeni Board- room	28.0	2.95	5.9	4.7	—	14	—	—	—
Nyosi	51.5	2.95	10.3	5.0	30	20	24	—	40
Cathedral / Ndedema	132.0	2.95	13.0	10.3	80	40	68	64	120
Ndedema / Nyosi	119.5	2.95	11.6	10.3	70	36	60	60	130
Cathedral / Ndedema / Nyosi	180.0	2.95	18.0	10.3	150	60	120	110	220
Maffiyela	105.0	2.65	14.0	7.5	80	24	48	40	80



The Spectacular Cathedral Peak Area from Mikes Pass

SOME BREATHTAKING DRAKENSBERG HIKES - STERKHORN OR MOUNT MEMORY

This is a peak of some 2,973m and one of the most strenuous hikes in the Drakensberg. This hike can be completed in a day or some seven hours. However, you need to be very fit to do so. It is more pleasant to do this hike over a period of two days.

The trail starts at the Monks Cowl Camp. Follow the route to The Sphinx, Breakfast Stream and Blindman's Corner. You turn left at Blindman's corner and follow the route to Injisuthi. The turnoff to Sterkhorn is relatively close to Blindman's Corner.

You will notice a small forest at this point. This is an ideal camping site, as it is close to a stream. This is also the perfect spot to hide an overnight ruck sack and to proceed with a day pack.

You will note that the path has a very steep gradient. Eventually you will reach a narrow ledge. It is recommended you then use an anchored rope and harness to proceed. The drop is considerable.

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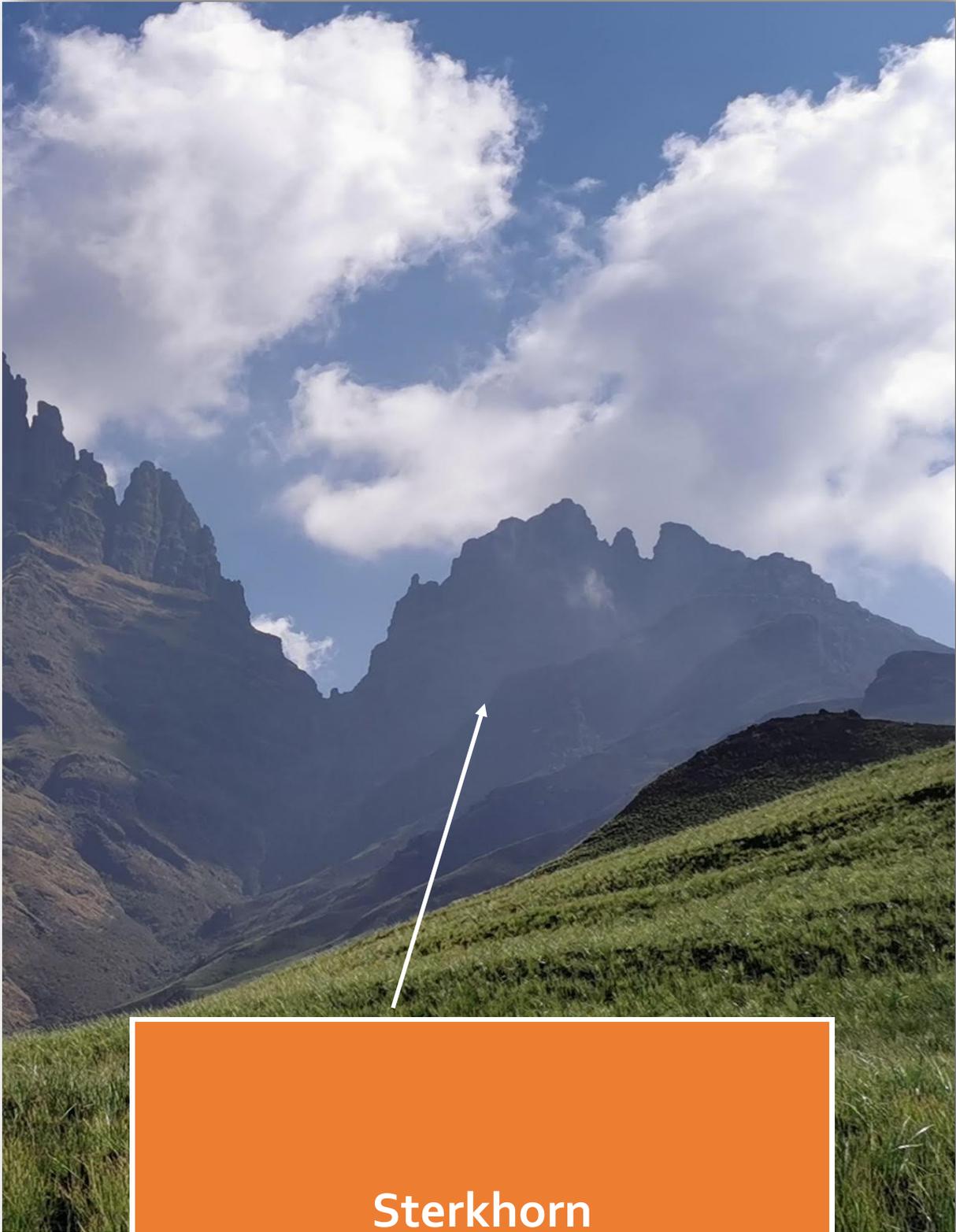
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Some key tips to consider when taking a walk or longer hike:

- Sign the mountain rescue register;
- Wear sturdy leather boots and carry a walking pole;
- Wear a light rucksack even in the case of a walk;
- Ensure it contains food items for at least one day, warm clothing and a poncho (the weather in the Berg can change suddenly), sufficient water, a small medical aid kit, a cell phone, map, torch, whistle and a box of matches; and ideally a bivey;
- In case you encounter a bushfire try to get as quickly as possible to a small grove of trees or light a fire break around you. At worst run directly through the fire and roll;
- If caught in a lightning storm, urgently head for a forest. At worst squat over a piece of insulating material and ideally cover your self with a poncho or raincoat. Discard any metal items and leave your backpack a distance from you. Do not lie down or stand under an isolated tree; and
- Walk in a group of at least 3 persons.



Sterkhorn

THE SKIRMISH NEAR MAIN CAVE, GIANTS CASTLE



Langalibalele was the king of the amaHlubi. The amaHlubi were a Nguni tribe who settled in the area just to the west of Utrecht and in the North-Western region of KwaZulu-Natal. This was in 1650's. He lived from 1814 to 1889.

There were various attempts to assassinate Langalibalele; also, he refused to submit to the authority of **King Mpande** of the Zulu. He thus fled to the area in the vicinity of Estcourt and the Buffalo River in 1849. Martin West, the Governor of the colony of Natal, granted land in that area for the tribe to settle.

The discovery of diamonds in the British Colony of **Griqualand West** attracted a large number of labourers at this time. Numerous young amaHlubi became workers on the mines, and some were paid in firearms instead of in cash. This form of payment was a legal practice in this colony. The Hlubi workers thus routinely took these firearms back to their home in the Natal Colony.

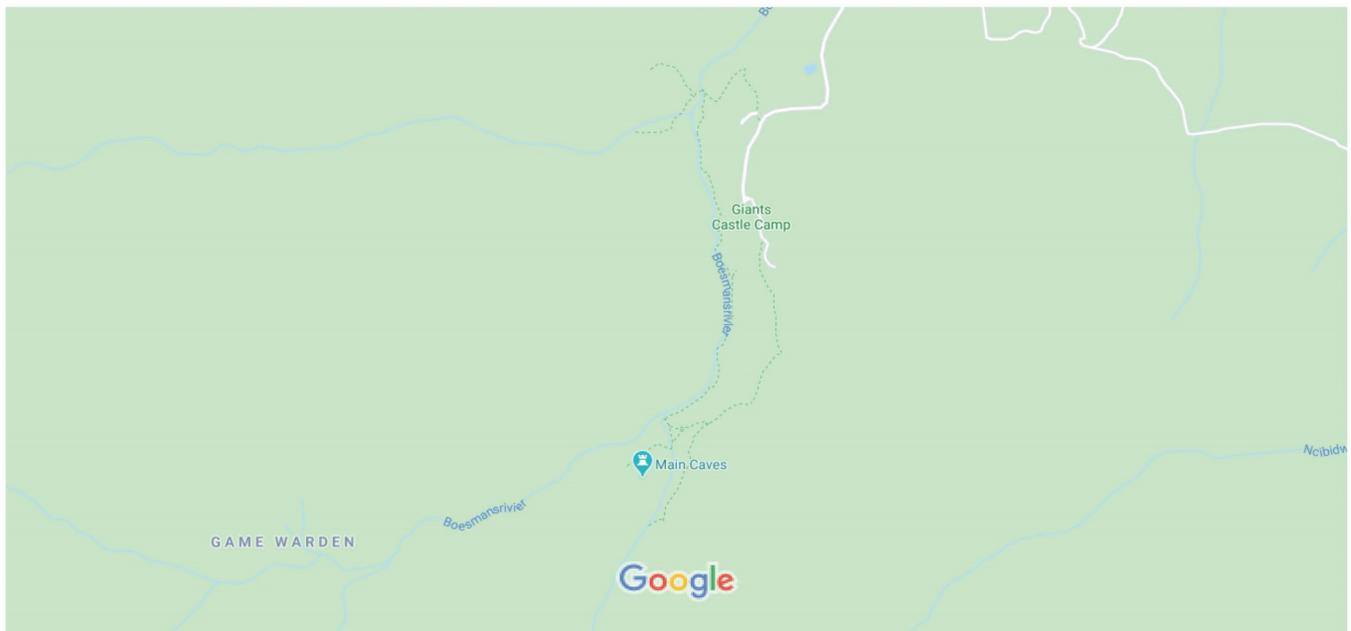
In 1873, **John Macfarlane**, the Estcourt magistrate, requested that Langalibalele turn in his kin's firearms for registration. As Langalibalele did not know who owned guns, he would not authorize this request. This led to the issuing of a warrant for his arrest.

Then, Langalibalele and his kin made arrangements to escape to Basutoland (present-day Lesotho) using the **Bushmans River Pass**. The Colonial government proposed a three-pronged police attack with military support to capture Langalibalele. The arrangement was for Captain Allison to cross the Drakensberg through the Champagne Castle Pass, Captain Barter was to cross the Drakensberg using the Giants Castle Pass. At the same time, different forces would move toward Langalibalele's domain from the east. The attack was planned for Monday 3 November 1873. The total contingent comprised 200 British soldiers, 300 Natal Volunteers and around 6000 African troops.

Durnford went with Barter toward the south of Giants Castle; he unexpectedly came across the amaHlubi tribesmen. A skirmish ensued in which Durnford lost five men. They retreated as a result.

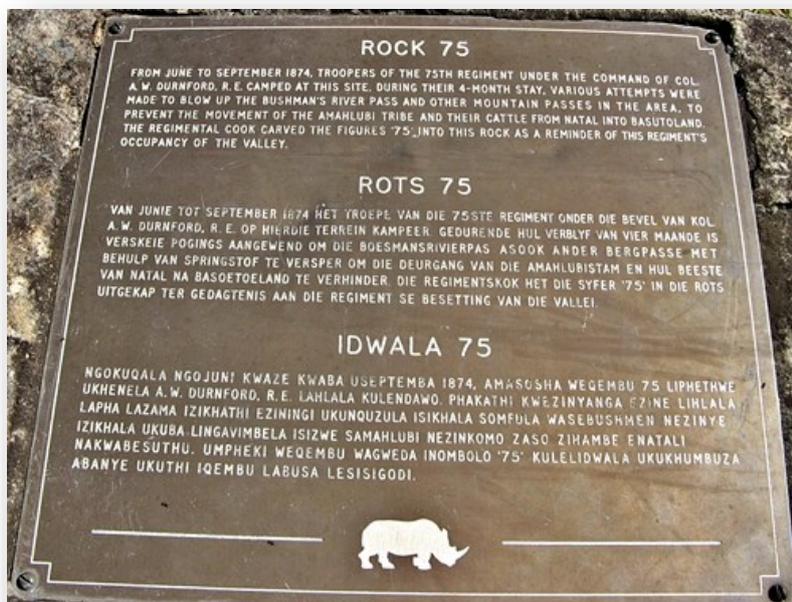
A plaque is located at the site where the skirmish took place, just below Main Cave at Giants Castle Camp.

Google Maps



On 11 November military law was pronounced in the Natal settlement, and two flying sections, one under **Allison**, were sent to scan for Langalibalele in Basutoland. They entered the protectorate through the Orange Free State. The Chief of Basuto, Molapo, subsequently handed over Langalibalele and five of his children on 13 December, to the colonial force.

Langalibalele was then tried at the beginning of 1874, found guilty and imprisoned on Robben Island. Bishop Colenso took on reports of his mistreatment on this island. Questions were also raised about the reasonableness of his trial and whether Langalibalele expected to revolt.





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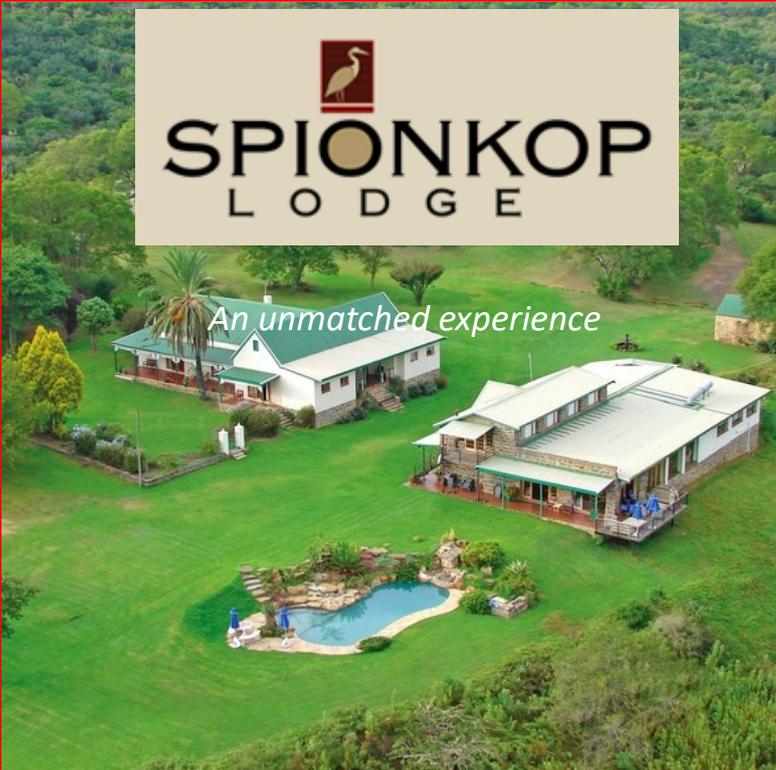
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Cannibal's Cave park run at 8 am at Lizzie's Store near Royal Natal National Park. (Postponed till end of March)

Every Tuesday: 7 am in summer and 8 am in Winter [Champagne Valley Walking Club](#)

Cathkin Trails for Mountain Bikers and Trail Runners:

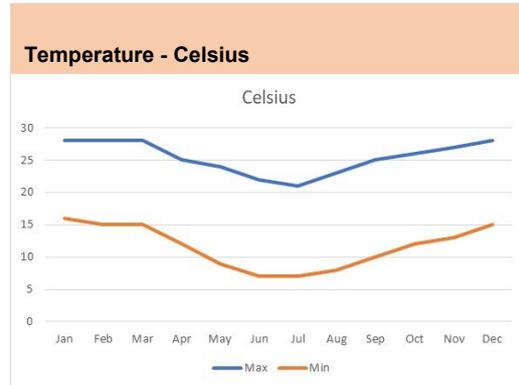
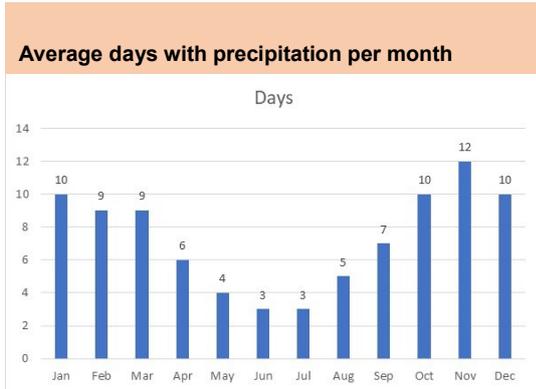
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The Cathbrew Trail Run takes place on the last Friday of each month at 17.00 in summer and 16.30 in winter. (27 March event cancelled)

(Source: Ann Gray)

WEATHER CHARTS FOR THE DRAKENSBERG:

The following are a set of weather charts for the KwaZulu-Natal Drakensberg area.



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1. Antbear Lodge (50% off deal)



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2. Ardmore Guest Farm (50% off deal)



Ardmore Guest Farm is situated in Champagne Valley in the picturesque Drakensberg mountains in KwaZulu-Natal. The farm lies in the valley below the three highest peaks in South Africa, namely Mafadi (3450m), Injisuthi Dome (3410m), and Champagne Castle (3377m), which dominate the skyline. Ardmore [>> Read More ...](#)

3. Swallowfield (50% off deal)



Swallowfield Rondavels self-catering accommodation is located in the heart of the Cathkin and Champagne Valley, Central Drakensberg, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Affordable and comfortable accommodation. Swallowfield Self-Catering Rondavels and Cottage have spectacular views of Monks Cow! [>> Read More ...](#)

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5. Berg Adventures (30% off deal)



Berg Adventures conducts overnight hiking trips exclusively in the uKhahlamba Drakensberg World Heritage Site, or as it known to us locals as the "Berg". Drakensberg overnight hiking for groups of up to 12. The Berg consists of the High Berg and the Lower Berg, each with its beauty and adventure. [>> Read More ...](#)

6. Leopards Lair Lodge (50% off deal)



Leopard's Lair is a guest house located near the Drakensberg world heritage site near to Giant's Castle and the Kwa Zulu Natal Midlands. The Buys family is the magic behind Leopard's Lair. You aren't just a guest; you're family! Leopard's Lair's mission is to turn your stay into a memory. [>> Read More ...](#)

7. Treks Trips & Trails (40% added value deal)



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8. Giants Castle Slack Packing Trail



Rates include three nights accommodation, a professional & registered hiking guide, dinner each night provided by the lodge you stay in, a hearty breakfast, lunch packs, transfers of your luggage to the next lodge, conservation fees. The Giants Castle Slackpacking trail hikes through the Lowlands Conservancy and the Zulu Waters Private Game Reserve. [>> Read More ...](#)

9. Qambati Mountain Lodge (50% off deal)



Nadia and Stephen are excited to welcome you to Qambati We are an owner-run adult-only 4-star boutique lodge and nature reserve nestled in the heart of Kamberg Valley, part of the beautiful Midlands Meander. Qambathi has a magical atmosphere, and it is a truly romantic setting surrounding. [>> Read More ...](#)

10. Three Tree Hill Lodge (25% off deal)



Set against the magnificent backdrop of the Drakensberg Mountains of South Africa, and overlooking the secluded Mfazimnyama Valley of the Spioenkop Game Reserve, lies Three Tree Hill Lodge (formerly known as Three Trees at Spioenkop). This Fair Trade certified lodge places excellent emphasis on Sustainability. [>> Read More ...](#)

11. Antbear Wedding Venue (50% off deal)



Enjoy your wedding in gracious elegance against a backdrop of the magnificent Drakensberg Mountains. The scenic beauty of this renowned Drakensberg wedding venue, its service, and the warm hospitality extended to guests will make your wedding day a memory to cherish for a lifetime. [>> Read More ...](#)

TOURISM SERVICES RELATED DIRECTORY:

Adventure Operator	Website	E-mail / phone
Africa Escapes		
All Out Adventures		
Berg Ventures		
Cathkin Equestrian Centre		
Cathkin Trails		
Champagne Castle Adventure Centre		
Deon's Bee Show		
Dragon Peaks Trail Rides		
Drakensberg Ballooning		
Drakensberg Canopy Tour	http://www.canopytour.co.za	info@drakensbergcanopytour.co.za
Drakensberg Hikes		
Drakensberg Mountain Bike Tours		
EBikes: Valley Tours		
Elephant Walking Trails		
Four River Adventures		
Horse Rides@Dragon Peaks		
Hot Air Ballooning SA		
Itchy Feet SA		
Scoutours		
Spanafrican Adventures		
Tugela Fishing Company		
The Northern Horse		
The Zingele Safari and River Company		

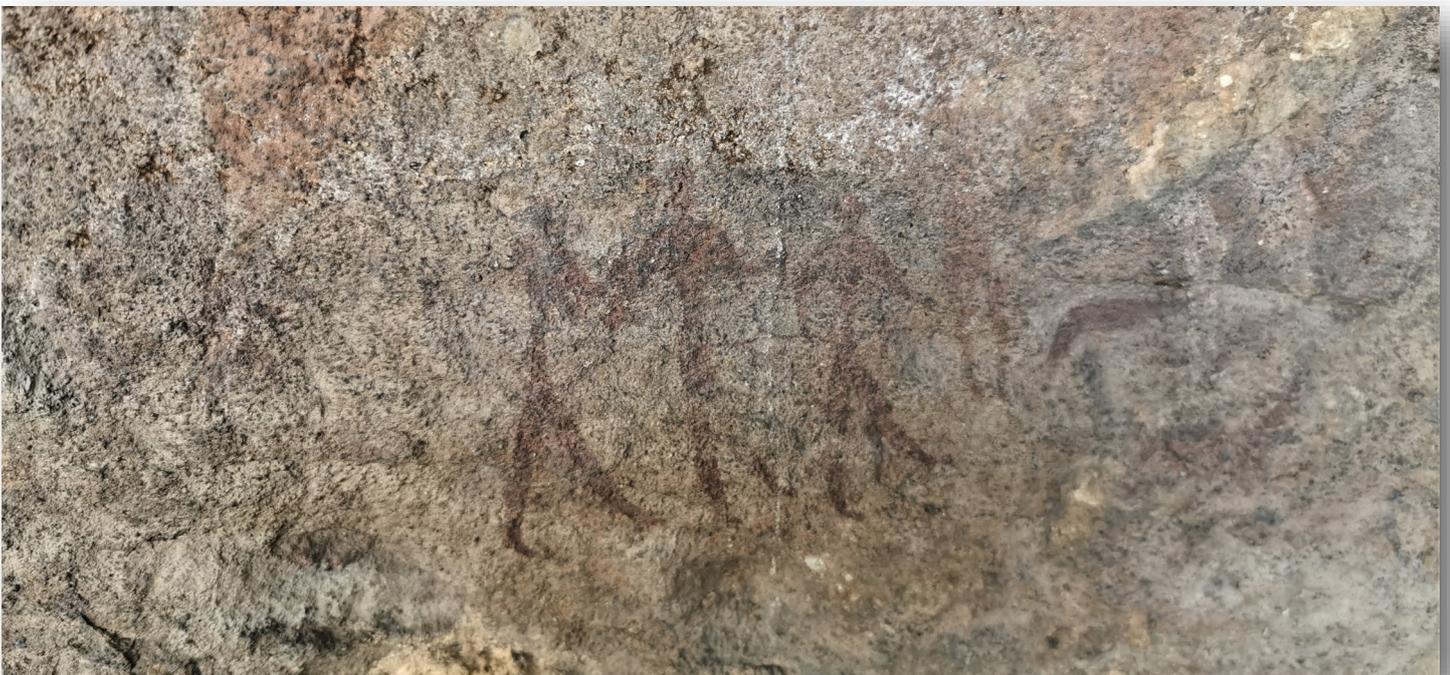


<i>Attractions</i>	Website	E-mail
Cathedral Peak Wine Estate		
Dragon Rock Reptile Centre		
Drakensberg Berg Boys Choir		
Falcon Ridge		
HED Honey Products		

<i>Booking Agency</i>	Website	E-mail
Cathkin Park Reservations		
Cathkin Booking & Management Services		
Central Drakensberg Info & Booking Centre		

<i>Bed & Breakfast</i>	Website	E-mail
Alkamia B&B		
At home B&B		
Bell Park B&B & Self Catering		
Cathkin Cottages B&B		
Clivia Hill Guest Cottage		
Easby B&B and Wedding Venue		
Little Acres B&B & Self Catering	https://www.littleacres.co.za/	littleacres@live.co.za
Nzima B&B		
River Crossing B&B and Self Catering		
Swallow's Nest B&B		

<i>Camping</i>	Website	E-mail
Mountain Splendour Eco-Resort		
Dragon Peaks Resort		



Crafts\Shopping	Website	E-mail
Berg Air		
Canaan Coffee & Gifts		
Candles R Us		
Cannibals Curio		
Cedarwood Supermarket		
Choclate Memories		
Farm Friends	Facebook.com/FarmFriendsStall	farmfriendsstall@gmail.com
Hand Woven Rug Company		
KwaZulu Weavers and Waffle Hut		
L'Ady's Queen of Tarts		
Scrumpy Jack Farmstall		
Thamela Farmstall		
Thandanani Craft Centre		
The Oaks		https://theoakssupermarket.wordpress.com/
The Outspan		
Consulting Organisation	Website	E-mail
Cathkin Booking and Management Services	www.thedrakensberg.net	james@cathkinmanagement.com



Country/Farm Stay	Website	E-mail
Glenside Farmhouse		
Ardmore Guest Farm		
Winterton Country Lodge @Rose Cottage		

Game Reserves	Website	E-mail
Kwaggashoek		
Slievra		
Spionkop Nature Reserve		
Weenen Game Reserve		
Zulu Waters Game Reserve		

PCO/Incentive Organiser	Website	E-mail/ Phone
Cathkin Booking and Management Services	https://thedrakensberg.net	james@cathkinmanagement.com

Golf Course Organisation	Website	E-mail/ Phone
Cathedral Peak Golf Club		
Champagne Sports Golf Club		
Hlalanathi Golf Club		
Monks Cowl		
Nondela		



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Hotel/Resort Organisation	Website	E-mail
Alpine Heath Resort		
ATKV Drakensville Holiday Resort		
Cathedral Peak Hotel		
Cayley Lodge		
Champagne Castle Hotel		
Champagne Lane Resort		
Champagne Sport Resort		
Dragon Peaks Mountain Resort		
Drakensberg Sun		
Hlalanathi Berg Resort		
Little Switzerland Resort		
Monks Cowl Country Club		
Montusi Mountain Lodge		
Orion Mont Aux-Sources		
Sandford Park Country Hotel		
The Cavern Resort & Spa		
The Nest Hotel & Conference Centre	https://thenest.co.za	reservations@thenest.co.za
The Willow Grange Country Hotel		

San Rock Art Sites ope to public	Website	E-mail
Main Cave, Giants Castle Camp		
Injisuti Camp, guided tour to Battle		



Lodge	Website	E-mail
Bridge Lodge & A la Carte Restaurant		
Cheetah Ridge Lodge		
Drakensberg Mountain Retreat		
Esiweni Luxury Lodge		
Inkungu Lodge		
Linglela Lodge		
Mackaya Bella Lodge		
The Owl and Elephant		
Three Tree Lodge		
Umzalazolo Lodge (Nambiti)		
Wild Horses Exclusive Mountain Lodge		
Antbear Lodge		
Blue Haze Country Lodge		
Spionkop Lodge	https://www.spionkop.co.za	spionkop@futurenet.co.za
Winterton Country Lodge @Rose Cottage		
Witsieshoek Mountain Lodge		

Restaurant / Coffee Bar	Website	E-mail/ Phone
Bingelelea Restaurant/ Pizzeria & B&B		
Coffee Patch/ Outspan		info@theoutspan.co.za or 083290 2266
Interactive Chocolate Bar		
The Black Scabbard Portuguese Bistro		
Cathedral Peak Wine Estate		
The Griller Restaurant		
Thokozisa Restaurant		
The Pig and Plough		
Valley Bakery		
Waffle Hut		



Self-catering	Website	E-mail/ Phone
Accommodation at Trek Trip and Trails		
Ama Casa Self Catering Cottages		
Bell Park B&B & Self Catering		
Berghaven Cottages		
Berghouse and Cottages		
Champagne Cottages		
Champagne Valley Resort		
Clivia Hill Guest Cottage		
Drakensberg Dream		
Drakensview Self Catering		
Easby B&B		
Ezulwini Berg Resort		
Fernwood		
Glenside Farmhouse		
Hill Billy Cottages		+27 84 985 7513 / hillbillies@lantic.net
Highbourne	https://highbournedrakensberg.net/	jzwiers@icloud.com
Ihophe (Turtle Dove)		
Ikhayalamafu Mountain Hiway & Private Nature Reserve		
Inkunzi Cave		
Ledges Retreat		
Little Acres	https://www.littleacres.co.za/	littleacres@live.co.za
Monks Cowl		
Nambiti House		
Oak Cottage		
Old Beacon Hill		
Ouma se Opstal	http://www.oumaseopstal.co.za/	andelia@telkomsa.net
Peak View Cottage	https://www.drakensbergexperience.com/best-accommodation/drakensberg-self-catering/item/409-peak-view-cottage	anngray@telkomsa.net
Pumeleni		
River Crossing		
Rockwood Earth Lodge		
Shiriba Lodge		
Slievrya Game Farm		
Sungubale Eco Camp		
Swallows Nest		
Swallowfield Rondavels	https://swallowfield.org	james@cathkinmanagement.com
Toplodge		
Wits End Mountain Lodge	www.witsend.co.za	info@witsend.co.za
Lily's Cottage		
Champagne View Cottage and Farm		
Nondela Drakensberg Mountain Estate		
Winterton Country Lodge @Rose Cottage		

Spa	Website	E-mail
Be Spoilt Spa		
Cayley Lodge		
Champagne Sports Resort		
Drakensberg Salon @ Thokozisa		
The Nest Hotel		

Tour Guide	Website	E-mail
Drakensberg Treks		
Emachibini Travel and Tour		
James Seymour	https://thedrakensberg.net	james@cathkinmanagement.com
Mnweni Cultural Centre		
Ray Heron	https://www.spionkop.co.za	spionkop@futurenet.co.za
Siyaphambile Tourist Guides and Porters		
Umpfafa Berg Tours		

Tour Operator	Website	E-mail
Cathkin Booking and Management Services	https://thedrakensberg.net	james@cathkinmanagement.com
Champagne Shuttle & Coach Hire		
Golf Got You		
Ron Gold Tours		
Tugela Falls Travel & Tours		
Umusa Shuttle Services		
Africa Ignite/ Wowzulu Emazini		

Wedding Planner Organisation	Website	E-mail
Tying the Knot		

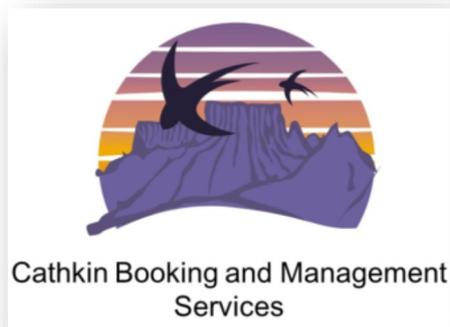


The perfect wedding destination (Source: Wits End)

<i>Supermarkets, ATMs and / or Petrol Stations</i>	Website	E-mail or phone numbers
The Oaks		(036) 468 1171 or nlanham@lantic.net
Cedarwood		



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Cathkin Booking and Management Services, the publisher of this newsletter, was established to provide specialised and personalised support services to assist tour operators, associations, government departments, corporates, incentive houses and individual travellers in securing the right products and experiences, to ensure the meeting of their needs.

Also, this agency assists in developing dedicated marketing strategies, whether tactical or long-term, feasibility studies, business plans, advertising campaigns, bid proposals, marketing tools such as websites, applications and social media tools such as blogs, corporate Facebook Pages and Instagram Sites to support the marketing efforts of a particular establishment

It also provides a market research function to analyse your current service

This agency can conduct cost-effective surveys to test perceptions of your service levels, marketing tools and product offering. Key clients of this company include Tsogo Sun, Seef Tourism Development Services, Wits End, Champagne Lane Resort, Willow Grange Country Hotel, and Assegai and Javelin. This agency has already developed a personalised booking website for the Drakensberg and surrounding area, <https://thedrakensberg.net/>, and the first dedicated application for the Drakensberg (download from Google Play Store). Besides, it has developed business websites and e-mail marketing strategies for accommodation venues such as Highbourne Cottage, Berg Air, Wits End, Willow Grange Country Hotel, Pilot's Cabin and the Drakensberg Dream. In addition he is experienced in setting up central and real time reservation systems such as Nightsbridge.

The Managing Director of the company, James Seymour, has an MSc in Travel and Tourism Management from the University of Nottingham, an MA in Applied Anthropology and various other marketing qualifications. He is a registered Tourist Guide for KwaZulu-Natal, a San Rock Art Site Custodian and has a particular passion for hiking. See his Linked In profile at <http://www.linkedin.com/in/james-seymour-a3162313>.



Some key notes:

Web links are provided to most attractions listed in this periodical. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to e-mail James at james@cathkinmanagement.com. The Central and Northern Drakensberg is normally accessed by the N3 from Johannesburg or Pietermaritzburg and Durban. From the East take the Loskop offramp. From the West take the Bergville or Winterton offramps. **Copyright: Cathkin Booking and Management Service.** You are welcome to use content as long as you credit "Berg Times".



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