

## Accommodation Facilities

types:  
 (A) excellent  
 (B) standard  
 (C) rustic

	The Stables and Graskop	42% each
	Maritzbos	
	Pres. Burger	33% each
	Mac Mac	
	Ceylon	
✓	<b>Accommodation:</b> (A) Good quality hut/lux.tent/house with several sleeping rooms	
	(B) Basic hut or tent(s) provided	
	(C) Shelter against elements for sleeping or tent site only	
✓	<b>Toilet:</b> (A) Flush toilet inside hut (1-6 people) and toilet paper	
✓	(B) Separate toilet building, flush facilities outside hut (toilet paper provided)	
✓	(C) Pit toilet (max 50 m min 20 m from hut) or alt. hygienic system (toilet paper)	
	<b>Beds:</b> (A) Single / double beds only	
✓	(B) Bunk beds OR	
✓	(C) No beds provided	
✓	<b>Mattresses:</b> (A) Thick (10 cm) high density foam or spring	
✓	(B) Thin	
	(C) None	
✓	<b>Washing:</b> (A) Shower and/or bath: with geyser or "donkey" pre-lit by attendant	
✓	(B) Shower and/or bath (hot and cold with "donkey")	
✓	(C) Shower (cold) or natural place to bath	
✓	<b>Braai area:</b> (A) Under cover barbecue, with windshield, lapa (1:10 people)	
✓	(B) Barbeque area, covered only, with grate,	
✓	(C) Barbeque (open) area with grate only or no fires allowed or possible	
✓	<b>Fire wood provided:</b> (A) Ample chopped wood (also for campfire)	
	(B) One only bundle for braai	
✓	(C) Dry tree/logs with saw/axe provided or no fires allowed/possible (delete one)	
	<b>Kitchenware:</b> (A) Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: provided	
	(B) Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided (delete one)	
✓	(C) NOT provided	
✓	<b>Kitchen:</b> (A) Separate "kitchen"/common room with basin and tap inside hut	
✓	(B) Dish washing / cooking place near or adjacent to hut (with table/surface)	
✓	(C) No separate facilities provided	
✓	<b>Lighting:</b> (A) Electric/gas/solar	
	(B) Candles/paraffin lamps or similar	
✓	(C) None of these provided	
	<b>Heating:</b> (A) Air conditioning or stoves in all rooms	
	(B) Heating by means of fire place; coal/wood stove in common room	
✓	(C) None of these	
✓	<b>Cooking facilities:</b> (A) Stove/hot plate/burner and kettle, pots & pans	
	(B) Stove/Hot plate/burner or kettle, pots & pans	
✓	(C) None of these	

## Basic Trail Description

### Ceylon to Maritzbos

The trail winds through indigenous forest and plantations past the Lone Creek waterfall to a lovely open vlei reaching the hut which is situated at the foot of "Towerwood". Usage of forestry roads and jeep tracks detracts from the pristine character of the environment.

### Maritzbos to Stables

Passing through the most beautiful indigenous forest, crossing the stream many times by bridges and rocks, you eventually come up to some of the most gorgeous water falls ever to be seen with lovely pools for swimming. Once out of the gorge, the track leads to a beautiful hut with an astonishing outlook to the north. A hikers' dream.

### Stables to Mac Mac hut

The trail winds over the mountain, through little gorges and over streams with beautiful rock outcrops and a deep and wide gorge. A new suspension bridge is constructed to cross the Mac Mac river. It takes one just over 3 hours to descend and climb up the other end in the indigenous forest. After this a descending path leads past the Mac Mac pools where one could cool off after the strenuous hike and later on to the Mac Mac waterfall and eventually the Pres. Burgers hut.

### Mac Mac to Graskop

Overlooking the southern valley on a clear day, one hikes along the open, little shaded route through very little forest or plantation and with good views.

### Graskop to Pres. Burgers

A very long strenuous hike through plantations and forests, over open plains with beautiful rock outcrops and a deep and wide gorge. A new suspension bridge is constructed to cross the Mac Mac river. It takes one just over 3 hours to descend and climb up the other end in the indigenous forest. After this a descending path leads past the Mac Mac pools where one could cool off after the strenuous hike and later on to the Mac Mac waterfall and eventually the Pres. Burgers hut.

### Mac Mac to Pres. Burgers

The trail runs downhill along jeep tracks, through pine forests, when wet, the trail can be very slippery. The hut has limited space and facilities.

## Trail Facilities & Safety

**Booking facilities and information:** Internet, postal, telephone & fax

**Reception office:** On site

**Road signs:** Clear road signs to start

**Access road:** Last section graded gravel

**Parking:** No shade

**Trail Format:** Network

**Map:** Good colour with contour lines

**Brochure:** Standard with basic information

**Markers:** Effective trail markers

**Environmental education:** None

**Safety:**

*Accommodation:* Safe

*Warning signs:* Dangerous places not marked at Day1 & 5

*Crossings:* Safe and effective river/road crossing

*Telephone:* Cellphone reception

*Medical Aid:* Basic aid near start and end of trail

*Hikers' safety en route:* Safe

*Water:* Ample for drinking whole year

*Parking:* Relative safe from public areas/veld fires

## Environmental Character

A **PRISTINE** environment depicts an area where nature still exists in its more-or-less pure form: clean drinking water in streams, indigenous vegetation and animal life with no trace of human constructions, activities or sounds nearby.

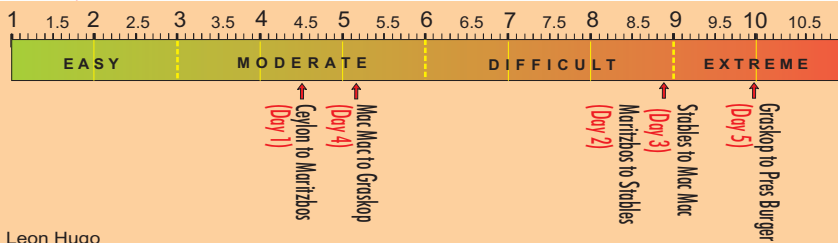
In a **NATURAL** environment one could expect to see and hear human activities to a limited extent; such as e.g. associated with farming and forestry. Exotic plants (e.g. pine plantations) might be prevalent; as well as cattle, fences and constructions such as earth dams.

To hike through a **RURAL** environment would imply close contact with rural development and its associated noise, crossing of public roads, hiking on forestry/ farm roads, visual contact with agricultural fields, cement dams, domesticated animals, etc.

A **SEMI-URBAN** environment will be typically an urban green belt or city park or similar where the built environment is adjacent to the trail and where the noise of vehicles and associated aspects of pollution will often be prominent.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
50% Pristine	90% Pristine	50% Pristine	42% Rural	42% Pristine

## Difficulty Grading



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# Fanie Botha Hiking Trail



## Classification

A self-guided, self-catering open ended 5 day hiking trail with shorter loops

**Environment:** *pristine*

**Accommodation:** *various types*

**Difficulty Rating:** *easy to extremely difficult*

**Facilities and safety:** *very good*



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