

## Accommodation Facilities

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



- ✓✓✓ **Accommodation:** (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
- ✓✓✓ **Toilet:** (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 all. hygienic system (toilet paper)
- Beds:** (A) Single / double beds only
- ✓✓✓ (B) Bunk beds OR
- (C) No beds provided
- ✓ **Mattresses:** (A) Thick (10 cm) high density foam or spring
- ✓✓ (B) Thin
- (C) None
- ✓✓ **Washing:** (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
- ✓✓✓ **Braai area:** (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
- ✓✓✓ **Fire wood provided:** (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)
- ✓ **Kitchenware:** (A) Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: provided
- (B) Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided (delete one)
- ✓✓ (C) NOT provided
- ✓✓ **Kitchen:** (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
- ✓ **Lighting:** (A) Electric/gas/solar
- ✓✓ (B) Candles/paraffin lamps or similar
- (C) None of these provided
- Heating:** (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
- ✓✓ **Cooking facilities:** (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

The Hiking trail is situated in the beautiful surrounding of the North-Eastern escarpment. The scenery is diverse, varying from the cultural landscape of the historical Pilgrims Rest town, through pine plantations to pristine afro-montane forests. Furthermore, on the mountaintops, one gets to walk through alpine Grasslands, one of the most diverse and most threatened habitats in South Africa.

From the tops of the mountains, the hiker is graced by magnificent views over the lowveld. After hiking this trail you truly understand why the region is known as the Panorama Route.

## Trail Facilities & Safety

- Booking facilities and information:** Internet, postal, telephone & fax
- Reception office:** Caretaker on site
- Road signs:** Clear road signs to start
- Access road:** Track accessible for normal cars
- Parking:** No shade
- Trail Format:** Circular
- Map:** Good colour with contour lines
- Brochure:** None
- Markers:** Effective trail markers
- Environmental education:** None
- Safety:**
- Accommodation:* Safe
- Warning signs:* Day 3: Dangerous ascent Battery creek
- Crossings:* Day 1: Dangerous road crossing
- Telephone:* Cellphone reception all time
- Medical Aid:* Nelspruit Hospital Tel: 013 744 7150
- Hikers' safety en route:* Safe
- Water:* Each day rainy season only
- Parking:* Relative safe from public areas/veld fires, no shade

## Environmental Character: Definitions

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.

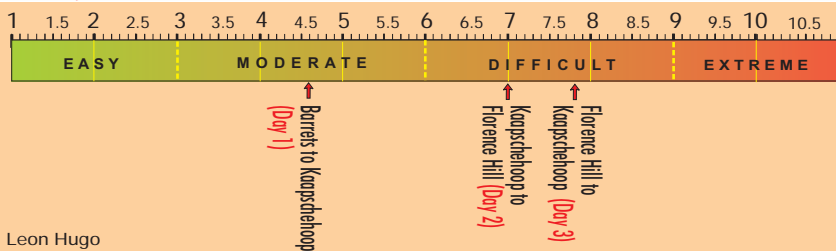
In a **NATURAL** environment one could expect to see and hear human activities to a limited extent; such as e.g. associated with farming and forestry. Exotic plants (e.g. pine plantations) might be prevalent; as well as cattle, fences and constructions such as earth dams.

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		
50% Rural	50% Natural	67% Pristine		

## Difficulty Grading



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# Kaapschehoop Hiking Trail



## Classification

A 3-day self-guided, self-catering circular trail  
**Environment:** rural to pristine  
**Accommodation:** excellent  
**Difficulty Rating:** moderate to difficult  
**Facilities and safety:** acceptable

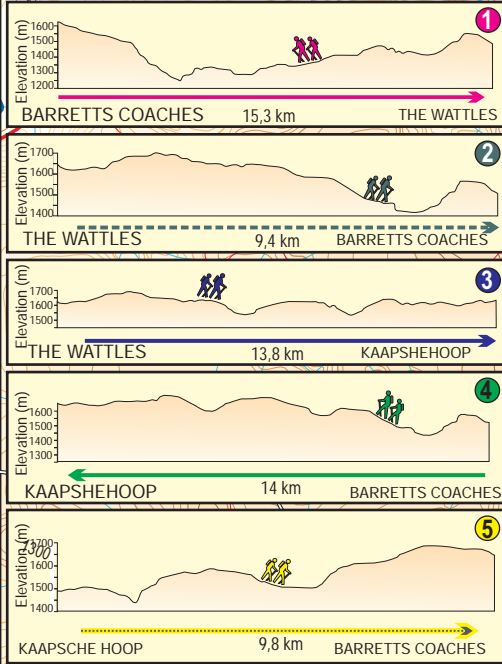
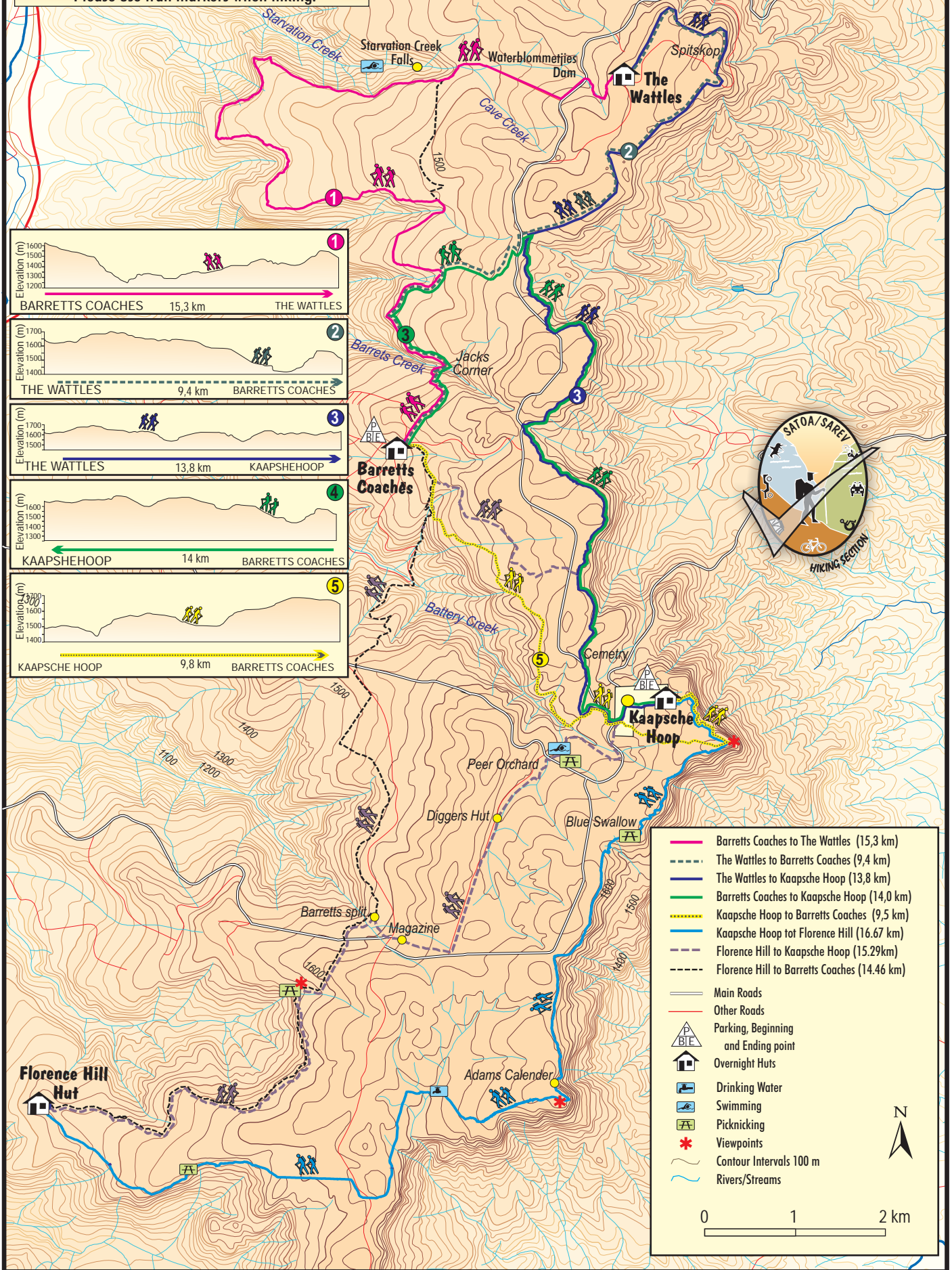


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Map for information & planning purposes only.  
Please use trail markers when hiking.



- Barretts Coaches to The Wattles (15,3 km)
- - - The Wattles to Barretts Coaches (9,4 km)
- The Wattles to Kaapsche Hoop (13,8 km)
- Barretts Coaches to Kaapsche Hoop (14,0 km)
- - - Kaapsche Hoop to Barretts Coaches (9,5 km)
- Kaapsche Hoop tot Florence Hill (16,67 km)
- - - Florence Hill to Kaapsche Hoop (15,29 km)
- - - Florence Hill to Barretts Coaches (14,46 km)
- Main Roads
- Other Roads
- Parking, Beginning and Ending point
- Overnight Huts
- Drinking Water
- Swimming
- Picknicking
- Viewpoints
- Contour Intervals 100 m
- Rivers/Streams

