


Accommodation Facilities

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

All accommodation  30 beds

- ✓ **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 alt. 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 - with pan, pots and kettle
- (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 Klipkraal network of hiking trails is situated 100 km south of Johannesburg on the farms Rietfontein and Stryfontein in the Heidelberg district. It consists of two routes, namely the Panorama and Kraal, both starting from the Habitat accommodation. A shorter loop, Noko, is also available. Total distance amount to 29 km. Shortcuts on the Panorama and Kraal are also available. The Flora is typical highveld and an extension of the Suikerbosrand. Mountain cabbage trees, Kiepersol (Cussonia paniculata) is typical on the hills.


More than 17 mammal species can be seen. They include blesbuck, black wildebeest, Burchells' zebra, springbok, steenbok, blackbacked jackal, common duiker and aardwolf. A bird checklist is available. More than 110 confirmed bird species have been recorded.


Despite the introduction of cultivation there are large areas of indigenous flora in this range of hills which is an extension of the Suikerbosrand.


Trail Facilities & Safety


- Facilities:**
- Booking facilities and information:** Yes available
- Reception office:** Nearby
- Road signs to start of trail:** Clear
- Access road to start:** Good
- Trail Format:** Network
- Map/guide:** Yes
- Facilities for handicapped:** None
- Brochure/guide:** Yes
- Water availability for drink:** Yes
- Portaging:** No
- Catering:** No
- Safety:**
- Parking:** Safe carports
- Accommodation:** Safe
- Safety on Trail:**
- Markers:* Yes
- Warning signs:* Yes
- Water potability:* Yes
- Hikers' general safety (mugging):* Safe
- Other: (bridges, ladders, stiles, etc):* Safe
- Crossings (road/rivers):** Safe
- Emergency:**
- Escape routes:* Yes
- Telephone/cell:* Partial
- Medical aid/evacuation system:* Yes



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. 

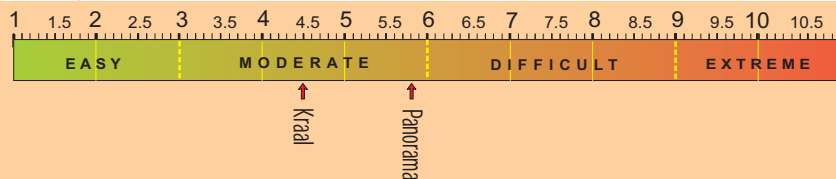
In a **NATURAL** environment one could expect to see and hear human activities to a limited extent; such as e.g. associated with farming and forestry. Exotic plants (e.g. pine plantations) might be prevalent; as well as cattle, fences and constructions such as earth dams. 

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. 

Panorama	Kraal	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
 50% Pristine	 50% Natural			

Difficulty Grading



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ACCREDITED HIKING TRAIL

Klipkraal Hiking Trail



Classification

A 2-day, self-guided,
network hiking trail

Environment: natural to pristine

Accommodation: excellent

Difficulty Rating: moderate to slightly difficult

Facilities and safety: very good



Accreditation underwritten by:
 South African Hiking Trail Owners Association (SAHTOA),
 Hiking Organization of Southern Africa (HOSA),
 Southern Africa Tourism Services Association (SATSA),
 Eco-Trail.