

## Accommodation Facilities

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| Medbury (sleeps 12)   | <b>Classification:</b> Excellent<br>Standard<br>Rustic |
| Reed Cabin (sleeps 12)  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Hut:</b> Good quality hut or luxury tent or cottage/house with several sleeping rooms                                  |  |
| Basic hut(s) or tent(s) provided  |  |
| Shelter against elements for sleeping or tent site  |  |
| <b>Toilet:</b> Flush toilet inside hut (1:6 people) with toilet paper provided  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Separate toilet building, flush facilities outside hut (toilet paper provided)</b> |  |
| Pit toilet (max 50 m min 20 m from hut) or alternative hygienic system (toilet paper provided)  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Beds:</b> Single / double beds only  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mainly bunk beds  |  |
| No beds provided  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mattresses:</b> Thick (10 cm) high density foam or spring  |  |
| Thin  |  |
| None provided   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Washing:</b> Shower and/or bath with geyser or "donkey" pre-lit by attendant   |  |
| Shower and/or bath (hot and cold with "donkey")   |  |
| Shower (cold) nearby stream/dam   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Braai area:</b> Under cover barbecue, with windshield, lapa (1:10 people)  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbeque area, covered only with grate  |  |
| Barbeque (open) area with grate only or no fires allowed or possible  |  |
| <b>Fire wood provided:</b> ample chopped wood (also for campfire)   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One only bundle for braai   |  |
| Dry tree/logs with saw/axe provided or no fires allowed/possible  |  |
| <b>Kitchenware:</b> Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: provided  |  |
| Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not provided  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kitchen:</b> Separate "kitchen"/common room with basin/tap inside hut  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dish washing / cooking place near or adjacent to hut (with table/surface)   |  |
| No separate facilities provided. Water available nearby stream/dam/fountain   |  |
| <b>Lighting:</b> Electric/gas/solar   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candles/paraffin lamps or similar   |  |
| None of these provided  |  |
| <b>Bedding:</b> Sheets and pillow and mirror(s) provided  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mirror(s) provided  |  |
| None of these   |  |
| <b>Heating:</b> Air conditioning  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interior heating by means of fire place/coal / wood stove   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of these   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Cooking:</b> Stove/Hot plate/Burner and kettle, pots & pans                        |  |
| Kettle, pots & pans OR  |  |
| None of these   |  |

## Basic Trail Description

The farm Mosslands is situated next to the N2 main road; 108kms from Port Elizabeth and 18kms from Grahamstown. The beauty and tranquility of the Kariega and Assagai River valleys with undulating hills makes this a must for nature lovers. Along the rivers there are many pools and impressive rock faces with aloes and other succulents. The area is rich in an abundance of birds such as African Crowned Eagles, Knysna Turacos, 6 Weaver species, Knysna and Olive Woodpeckers and many more.

The trail meanders through indigenous Bisho Thornveld (or Valley Bushveld), along river banks and under a natural canopy of trees such as Yellowwoods, Euphorbias, Milkwoods, Sneesewoods and many others. Antelope such as Bushbuck, Mountain Reed buck, Blue and common Duker, Bontebok and Kudu can be seen. It is a working farm so cattle can also be encountered.

The annual 600 mm rain falls mainly during the summer months. The mean daily max temp for January is 25 degrees and the daily minimum for July 8 degrees.

Accommodation for the first night is in two reed cabins on the banks of the Kariega River amongst old Olive trees; the second night in a recently renovated old settler's cottage. The trail has been designed to be a two-day circular trail but it is possible to do it in one day by taking a short cut to the start of the trail in stead of walking to the overnight hut. On day two it is also possible to take two short cuts should one wish to finish early.

## Trail Facilities

**Booking Facilities & Info:** Internet, postal, telephone, fax

**Reception:**

**Directions:** Clear road signs to start of hike: public & private roads

**Access road:** Graded gravel

**Parking:** Shade trees

**Car security:** Relatively safe from public areas

**Trail Format:** Circular

**Map:** Colour with contour lines and additional information. Available on website.

**Brochure:** General basic information on trail & environment

**Markers:** Trail markers

**Environmental education:**

**Safety:**

**Warning signs:** Dangerous places marked

**Crossings:** Safe and effective

**Telephone:** Cell phone access

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

**Hikers' safety en route:** Reasonably safe en route and at huts

**Water:** Available at hut

## 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.



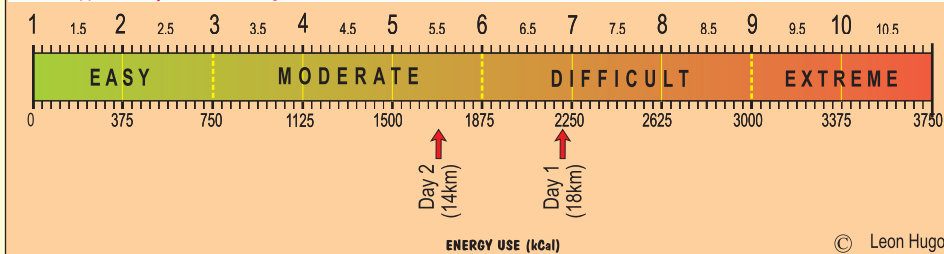
To hike through a **RURAL** environment would imply close contact with rural development and its associated noise, crossing of public roads, hiking on forestry/ farm roads, visual contact with agricultural fields, cement dams, domesticated animals, etc.



### Generalized Classification

| Day 1   | Day 2 |  |  |  |
|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Natural | Rural |  |  |  |

## Difficulty Grading



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# ACCREDITED HIKING TRAIL



## Classification

A two-day self catering self guided trail

**Environment:** - natural to rural

**Accommodation:** - excellent to standard

**Difficulty grading:** - moderate to difficult



Accreditation underwritten by:  
 South African Hiking Trail Owners  
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