

# ACCREDITED HIKING TRAIL

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## Classification

A three-day circular guided trail

**Environment:** - natural to pristine

**Accommodation:** - excellent to standard

**Difficulty Rating:** - moderate

## Accommodation Facilities

a trail is regarded as having (A) excellent, (B) standard and (C) rustic accommodation according to the following facilities:

- Meester se Huys Venterskroon   
Dome Mountain Park   
Bundu camp
- ✓ ✓ **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 50m min 20m from hut) or alternative 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

Noko (porcupine in Tswana) hiking trail is situated in the Vredefort Dome Area, North West Province. It consists of 3 sections: Venterskroon to Dome Mountain Park to Bundu camp. Length 7 km, 12 km and 7 km. The trail provides breathtaking views over the Rooierand area and Vaal River. The Vredefort area hosts a variety of fauna and flora such as Springbok and Leopard. You will find wild olive trees in abundance as well as plumbago and *Rhus magalismontanum*.

Direction: Take the R53 (Parys) road to Potchefstroom. Take the gravel road turnoff to Venterskroon (±14km).

## Trail Facilities

- Booking Facilities & Info:** Internet, postal, telephone, fax
- Reception:** Office or caretaker on site or nearby
- 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:** Standard brochure, with basic hiking information
- Markers:** Trail markers
- Environmental education:** Trees identified
- Safety:**
- Warning signs: Dangerous places marked
  - Crossings: Effective
  - Telephone: Cell signal marked on map
  - Medical Aid: Basic aid near start and end of trail
  - Hikers' safety en route: Safe
  - Water: Each day, rainy season only

## 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.

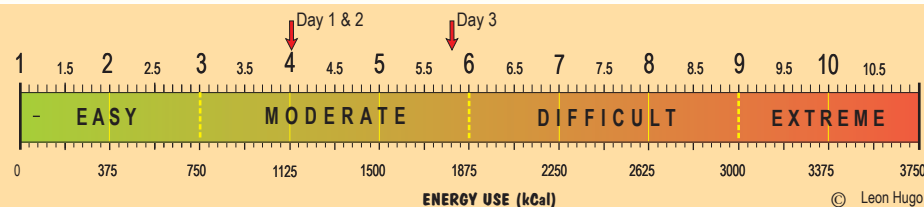
In a **NATURAL** environment one could expect to see and hear human activities to a limited extent; such as e.g. associated with farming and forestry. Exotic plants (e.g. pine plantations) might be prevalent; as well as cattle, fences and constructions such as earth dams.

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	Day 3		
Natural	Pristine	Natural		

## Difficulty Grading



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## Legend

- Luxury Hut
- Standard Hut
- Cell Signal
- Hiking Trail:**
  - Day 1 (7km)
  - Day 2 (12km)
  - Day 3 (7km)
- Roads
- River/Streams
- Contour Intervals 20m

0 0.5 1 km



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