

## Accommodation Facilities

Classification:



- ✓ **Accommodation:** Good quality hut/lux.tent/cottage/house with several sleeping rooms OR  
Basic hut or tent(s) provided OR
- ✓ **Shelter** against elements for sleeping/tent site
- ✓ **Toilet:** Flush toilet inside hut (1-6 people) and toilet paper
- ✓ Separate toilet building, flush facilities outside hut
- Pit toilet (max 50 m min 20 m from hut) or alternative hygienic system
- Beds:** Single / double beds only OR
- ✓ Bunk beds OR
- ✓ No beds provided
- ✓ **Mattresses:** Thick (10 cm) high density foam or spring, OR
- ✓ Thin OR
- None
- ✓ **Washing:** Shower and/or bath (hot and cold with geyser or "donkey" pre-lit by attendant) OR
- ✓ Shower and/or bath (hot and cold with "donkey") OR
- Shower (cold) or nearby stream/dam
- Barbeque area:** Under cover barbeque, with windshield, lapa (1:10 people) OR
- ✓ Barbeque area, covered only with grate, OR
- Barbeque (open) area with grate only or no fires allowed or possible
- Fire wood provided:** ample chopped wood (also for campfire) OR
- ✓ One only bundle for braai OR
- Dry tree/logs with saw/axe provided or no fires allowed/possible (Cape H. no fires allowed)
- ✓ **Kitchenware:** Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: provided OR
- Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided OR
- ✓ Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: NOT provided
- ✓ **Kitchen:** Separate "kitchen"/common room with basin and tap inside hut OR
- ✓ Dish washing / cooking place near or adjacent to hut (with table/surface) OR
- No separate facilities provided
- ✓ **Lighting:** Electric/gas/solar OR
- ✓ Candles/paraffin lamps or similar OR
- None of these provided
- Heating:** Air conditioning OR
- Interior heating/coal / wood stove OR
- ✓ None of these
- ✓ **Cooking facilities:** Hot plate/Burner and kettle, pots & pans OR
- ✓ Stove/Hot plate/Burner or kettle, pots & pans OR
- None of these



## Basic Trail Description

The trail is situated in Mpumalanga Province, outside Middelburg. Can be hiked as circular trail or network of trails. Day one is a 9.5 km and day 2 is 6.7 km in distance. The trail provides breathtaking views over the De Roodekop area. A variety of fauna and flora awaits the hiker e.g. Large blue scilla and wild sweetpea. You will also find the Bushpig and Mountain Reedbeek in abundance. The hiker can also take a break in the shade of a large, old Withe stinkwood or Buffalo-thorn tree (*ziziphus mucronata*). Beautiful, clear fountain streams will have a calming effect on the hiker as well as the many waterfalls, especially after a shower of rain.

## Trail Facilities

- Booking Facilities & Info:** Internet, postal, telephone, fax
- Reception:** Office on site or nearby
- Directions:** Clear road signs to start of hike: public & private roads
- Access road:** Track (accessible for normal cars)
- Parking:** Shade trees and under cover parking
- Car security:** Relatively safe
- Trail Format:** Circular or network
- Map:** Colour with contour lines and additional information. Available on website.
- Brochure:** Good quality, specialist information
- Markers:** Effective
- Environmental education:** Trees identified
- Safety:**
  - Warning signs: Dangerous places marked/managed
  - Crossings: Effective
  - Telephone: At start and end of trail
  - Medical Aid: Near start and end, outstanding emergency info
  - Hikers' safety en route: Safe
  - Water: None

## 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.



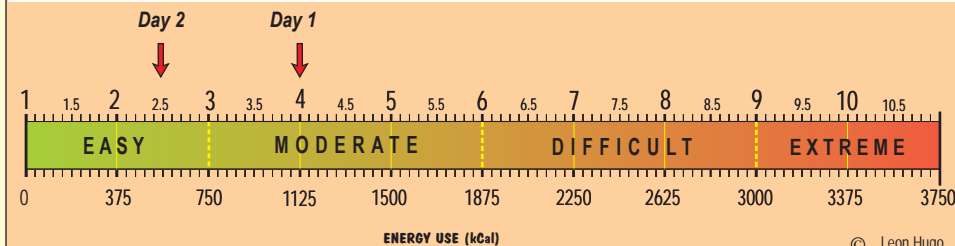
To hike through a **RURAL** environment would imply close contact with rural development and its associated noise, crossing of public roads, hiking on forestry/ farm roads, visual contact with agricultural fields, cement dams, domesticated animals, etc.



### Generalized Classification

Day 1	Day 2			
 50% Pristine, 50% Natural	 50% Natural			

## Difficulty Grading



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# Ribbokkloof Hiking Trail



## Classification

A two-day circular or network

**Accommodation:**

Stinkhout Chalet: *excellent*

River Bed Camp: *standard*

**Environment:**

*Natural to pristine*

**Difficulty Rating:**

Day 1: *moderate (4.0 difficulty rating)*

Day 2: *easy (2.5 difficulty rating)*



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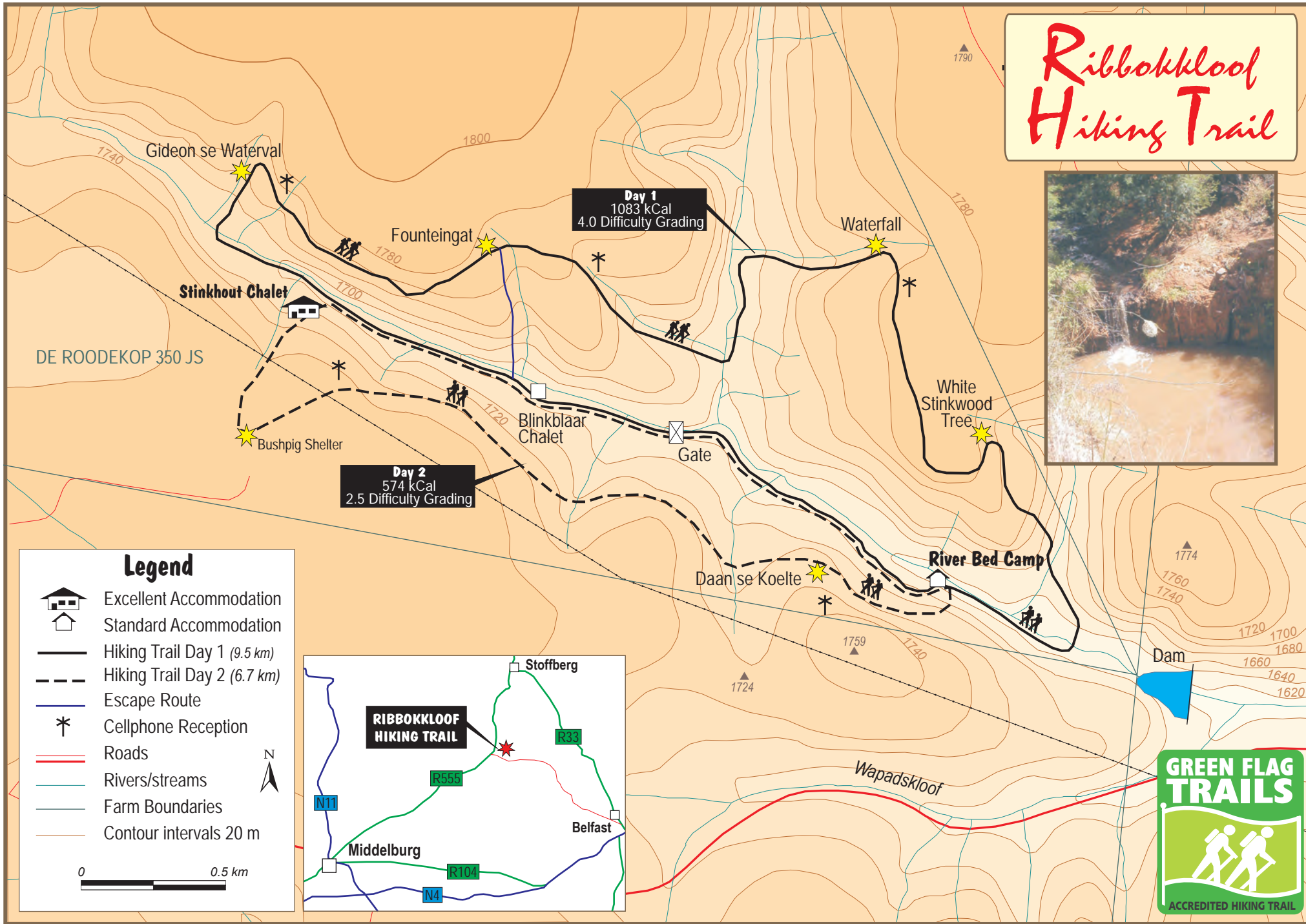
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### Legend

- Excellent Accommodation
- Standard Accommodation
- Hiking Trail Day 1 (9.5 km)
- Hiking Trail Day 2 (6.7 km)
- Escape Route
- Cellphone Reception
- Roads
- Rivers/streams
- Farm Boundaries
- Contour intervals 20 m

0 0.5 km

