


## Accommodation Facilities

Classification:  Excellent (36%)  
 Standard (50%)  
 Rustic (14%)

- ✓ **Base Camp** 
- ✓ **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) OR  
 Separate toilet building, flush facilities outside hut  
 Pit toilet (max 50 m min 20 m from hut) or alternative hygienic system
- ✓ **Drinking water:** clean drinking water INSIDE hut, OR  
 Clean drinking water on site, or nearby stream/pool/hank (20 m max), easily accessible OR  
 Stream/fountain or no water
- ✓ **Beds:** Single / double beds only OR  
 Bunk beds OR  
 No beds provided
- ✓ **Matresses:** 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
- ✓ **Barbecue area:** Under cover barbecue, with windshield, lapa (1-10 people) OR  
 Barbecue area, covered only with grate, OR  
 Barbecue (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)
- ✓ **Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery:** provided OR  
 Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided OR  
 Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: NOT provided
- ✓ **Cooking:** 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
- ✓ **Sheets and pillow AND mirror(s)** provided OR  
 One sheet or mirror(s) provided OR  
 None of these
- ✓ **Heating:** Air conditioning OR  
 Interior heating/cool /wood stove OR (2 houses)  
 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 Rooikrans Hiking trail is a two-day trail near Witbank/Groblersdal: 2 to 3 hours drive from Gauteng. It has recently received a merit award from the Magaliesberg Hiking Club as the best short trail. The trail is situated on a cattle farm with game. The vegetation is typical Bushveld with grass dominating the vistas but with ample indigenous trees such as Boekenhout, Aloes, etc.

The accommodation is on the farm yard. Both hiking days overnight at the same camp which has very good facilities and is classified by the Green Flag Trails as being in the "standard" group. The facilities are kept in excellent condition. The two circular routes make it ideal for families and novice hikers who thus need not carry heavy backpacks.

The trail runs on both days over the grassy plains onto the escarpment from where views towards the Loskop Dam is beautiful. Day 1 (15km) is fairly difficult (scoring 7.5 out of 10 on the Green Flag Difficulty Rating scale and Day 2 (11km) scores a moderate 5.4). Hikers do have the option of taking a short cut on Day 1 which reduces the trail to a mere 8km but it includes the most beautiful little gorge of Witpenskloof. During summer there is a pool or two for swimming and the Rooikrans waterfall is impressive. Many bridges, steps and chain assistance are characteristic of the trail which eases the hike for the less adventurous hikers.

## Trail Facilities

- ✓ **Booking facilities and information:** Available.
- ✓ **Reception office:** On site
- ✓ **Road signs:** Clear road signs to start of hike
- ✓ **Access road:** (Last section, to trail/parking place)  
Track (accessible for normal cars)
- ✓ **Parking:** Shade trees
- ✓ **Car security:** Relatively safe from public areas/veld fires, fenced enclosure
- ✓ **Trail Format:** Network (clover leaf)
- ✓ **Map:** Colour with contour lines,
- ✓ **Brochure:** General basic information on trail and environment
- ✓ **Markers:** Distance indication on map
- ✓ **Environmental education:** Tree names and bird list
- ✓ **Safety:** Dangerous places marked. Safe and effective river crossings/stiles or escape routes indicated on map and on trail.
- ✓ **Telephone:** At start. Partial cell phone access
- ✓ **Medical aid:** Near start and end or info. *re* access to medical services
- ✓ **Drinking water:** *en route* only sporadic

## 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.



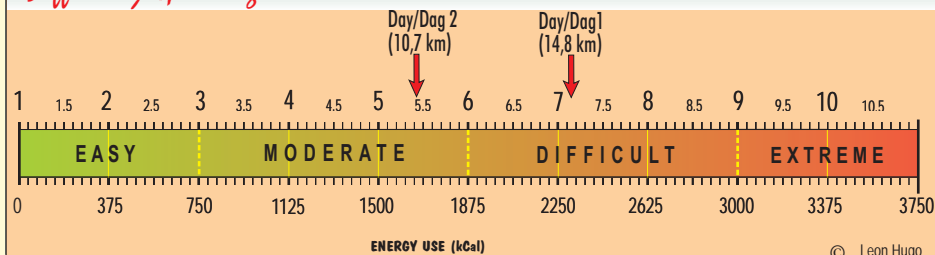
To hike through a **RURAL** environment would imply close contact with rural development and its associated noise, crossing of public roads, hiking on forestry/ farm roads, visual contact with agricultural fields, cement dams, domesti-cated animals, etc.



### Generalized Classification of Rooikrans Trail

Day 1	Day 2		
 83% Pristine	 83% Pristine		

## Difficulty Grading



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## Classification

**Environment:** *pristine*

**Accommodation:** *standard to excellent*

**Difficulty Rating:** Day1- *difficult* category 7.5

Day 2- *moderate* category 5.4



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**GREEN FLAG TRAILS**



- Rooikrans Day/Dag 1 15.8 km (7.5kCal)
  - Rooikrans Day/Dag 2 11.1 km (5.4kCal)
- 1** Alwynlaan
  - 2** Grootstoot
  - 3** Moepel rusplek
  - 4** Moepel rusplek
  - 5** Moepel rusplek
  - 6** Rusplek
  - 7** Klipskans uit Boereoorlog
  - 8** Uitsig Loskopdam
  - 9** Rooikrans
  - 10** Waterval
  - 11** Swemgat
  - 12** Alwynkrans
  - 13** Stamvrug rusplek
  - 14** Pieter se klip
  - 15** Ada se Spruit
  - 16** Rotsy Kruip
  - 17** Klipskans en Damsig
  - 18** Rusplek

Uitsig/Look-out  
 Paaie/Roads  
 Strome/Streams  
 Kontoerintervalle/Contourintervals 20 m

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