

Accommodation Facilities

Classification:  Excellent
 Standard
 Rustic

Rookrans & Oom Japie  sleeps 21

- ✓ **Hut:** 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
- 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/tap inside hut OR
- Dish washing / cooking place near or adjacent to hut (with table/surface) OR
- ✓ No separate facilities provided. Water available nearby stream/dam/fountain
- ✓ **Lighting:** Electric/gas/solar OR-and candles
- Candles/paraffin lamps or similar OR
- None of these provided
- Bedding:** Sheets and pillow AND mirror(s) provided OR
- Sheet or mirror(s) provided OR
- ✓ None of these
- Heating:** Air conditioning OR
- Interior heating/coal / wood stove OR (2 houses)
- ✓ None of these
- Cooking facilities:** Hot plate/Burner and kettle, pots & pans OR
- ✓ **Stove/Hot plate/Burner, kettle, pots & pans OR**
- None of these

Basic Trail Description

The Suikerboschfontein Hiking Trail is a circular trail. Four day trails have been added. These four separate day trails can be combined with the basic two day trail to form a three day experience.

It is located slightly more than 2 hours drive from Gauteng in the Carolina district.

Although situated on the Mpumalanga highveld with its rolling hills and grasslands, the trail also traverses beautiful deep gorges with indigenous forest vegetation and ample perennial streams, waterfalls and swimming places.

Of outstanding beauty are the rock-cut gorges of reddish quartzites. In places the rocks have been weathered into boulders forming narrow stone gorges, reminiscent of the Cederberg. Even more interesting is the archaeological heritage, dating back to the first millennium AD when gold seekers from India roamed this area and built temples.

Nature in its splendor can be enjoyed with water, birds, trees and veldflowers.

A full description of the trail and a map is available in a separate brochure.

Both Oom Japie and Rooikrans huts accommodate 21 people.

Trail Facilities

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

Reception: Office nearby

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

Access road: Graded gravel

Parking: Shade tree

Car security: Relatively safe from public

Trail Format: Circular

Map: Colour with contour lines and additional information

Brochure: Good quality specialist information

Markers: Effective trail markers with distance indication

Environmental Education: Trees identified

Safety:

Warning signs: Well managed

Crossings: Effective

Telephone: At start of trail & cell phone access

Medical Aid: Available

Hikers' safety en route: Good

Water: Available each day and whole year

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.



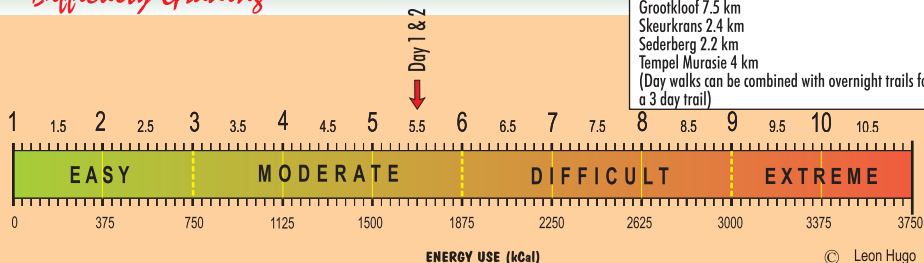
To hike through a **RURAL** environment would imply close contact with rural development and its associated noise, crossing of public roads, hiking on forestry/ farm roads, visual contact with agricultural fields, cement dams, domesticated animals, etc.



Generalized Classification:

Day 1	Day 2			
				
Pristine	Pristine			

Difficulty Grading



Day walks:
 Grootkloof 7.5 km
 Skeurkrans 2.4 km
 Sederberg 2.2 km
 Tempel Murasie 4 km
 (Day walks can be combined with overnight trails for a 3 day trail)

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Classification

A two day self-guided Hiking Trail with additional Day walks

Environment: pristine

Accommodation: standard

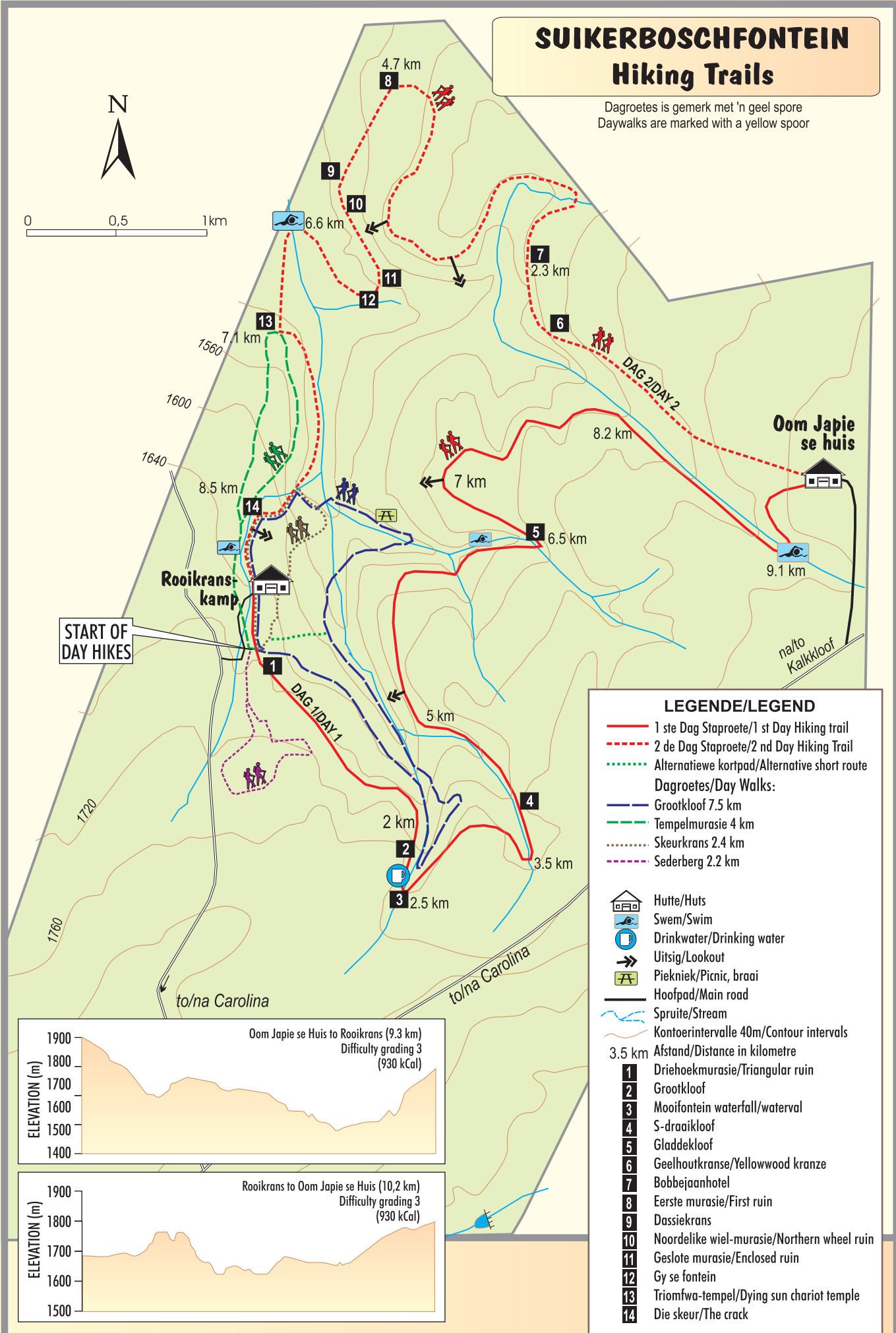
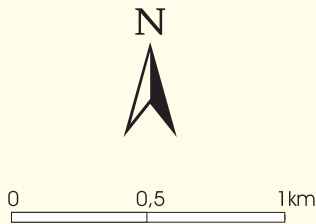
Difficulty Rating: moderate



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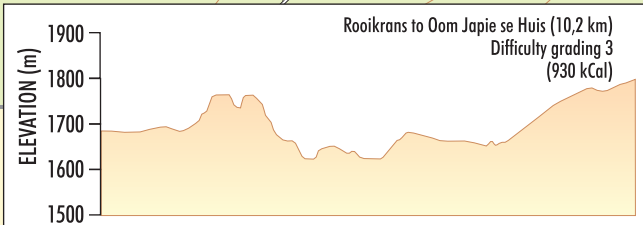
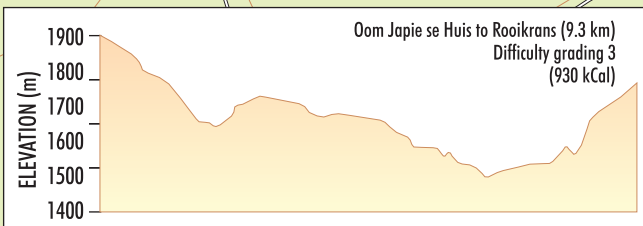
Dagroetes is gemerk met 'n geel spore
Daywalks are marked with a yellow spoor



START OF DAY HIKES

LEGENDE/LEGEND

- 1 ste Dag Staproete/1 st Day Hiking trail
- - - 2 de Dag Staproete/2 nd Day Hiking Trail
- · - · - Alternatiewe kortpad/Alternative short route
- Dagroetes/Day Walks:**
- Grootkloof 7.5 km
- Tempelmurasie 4 km
- · - · - Skeurkrans 2.4 km
- · - · - Sederberg 2.2 km
- Hutte/Huts
- Swem/Swim
- Drinkwater/Drinking water
- Uitsig/Lookout
- Piekniek/Picnic, braai
- Hoofpad/Main road
- Spruite/Stream
- Kontoerintervalle 40m/Contour intervals
- 3.5 km Afstand/Distance in kilometre



- 1** Driehoekmurasie/Triangular ruin
- 2** Grootkloof
- 3** Mooifontein waterfall/waterval
- 4** S-draaikloof
- 5** Gladdekloof
- 6** Geelhoutkranse/Yellowwood kranze
- 7** Bobbejaanhout
- 8** Eerste murasie/First ruin
- 9** Dassiekranse
- 10** Noordelike wiel-murasie/Northern wheel ruin
- 11** Geslote murasie/Enclosed ruin
- 12** Gy se fontein
- 13** Triomfwa-tempel/Dying sun chariot temple
- 14** Die skeur/The crack