

Accommodation Facilities

types:



Uitsoek (Sleeps 14)



- ✓ **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 50 m min 20 m from hut) or alt. 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/facilities for drying clothes:** (A) Fire place; coal/wood stove/heaters
- (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

GREEN FLAG ACCREDITED HIKING TRAIL

Uitsoek: Bakkrans & Beestekraalspruit Day walks



Classification

Two circular daywalks

Environment: *pristine*

Accommodation: *luxury*

Difficulty Rating: *difficult*

Facilities and safety: *excellent*



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Trail Facilities & Safety

Facilities:

Booking facilities and information: Fax, e-mail, telephone

Reception office: None on site

Road signs to start of trail: Not ideal

Access road to start: Acceptable

Trail Format: Circular

Map/guide: Map (Self-guided)

Facilities for handicapped: None

Brochure/guide: Limited

Water availability for drink/swim: Yes (drink)

Portaging: No

Catering: No

Safety:

Parking: Safe/shade

Accommodation: Safe

Safety on Trail:

Markers: Correct

Warning signs: N/A

Water potability: Good

Hikers' general safety (mugging): Safe

Other: (bridges, ladders, stiles, etc): Slippery

Crossings (road/rivers): Slippery bridges

Emergency:

Escape routes: Not marked

Telephone/cell: Partial

Medical aid/evacuation system: Yes

Basic Trail Description

Bakkrans day walk

The route winds through pine plantation above the Houtbosloop and through indigenous scrub forest in the gorges. The trail passes the Bakkrans Waterfall, before returning to the base camp, crossing several small tributaries, feeding the Houtbosloop.

Beestekraalspruit day walk

The route gently climbs through pine plantations, indigenous scrub forest to the cliff edge of the Beestekraalspruit, after which it descends gradually into the gorge with its riverine forest. The route follows the Beestekraalspruit for about 4 km and crosses the stream 20 times by means of wooden bridges. After leaving the stream, the trail gradually climbs to the starting point at Uitsoek forestry station.

Description of trail by means of symbols.

	Walk	Scramble (use hands)	Climb/ladder	Free Rock Climbing
Technical Difficulty				
Energy Rating	Easy	Moderate	Difficult	Extreme
Guiding	Guide (registered)	Guide (learner)	Local Hike Leader	Self-guided
Catering	Fully Catered	Semi-catered	Self Catered	No overnight
Trail format	Linear	Circular	Network (base camp)	Open-ended
Trail type	Ramble (max. 3 h)	Day Walk	Overnight Trail	Portaged
Path character (accessibility)	Handicapped Wheelchair, Blind	Constructed Footpath/trail	"Free Range" with guide	"Free Range" with GPS
Accommodation	Luxury	Excellent	Standard	Rustic
Environmental Character	Pristine	Natural	Rural	Semi-urban
Facilities	Excellent	Acceptable	Poor	No facilities
Environmental Education	Curriculum Based	Guided/Brochure	Standard info on Trail	No Env. Education
Safety	Safe	Safe - heed warnings	Risky	Unsafe

Relevant category for this particular trail

Contact /Booking Information

Bookings

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