

Accommodation Facilities

Classification:	
	Excellent
	Standard
	Rustic
	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drinking water: clean drinking water INSIDE hut, OR Clean drinking water on site, or nearby stream/pool/tank (20 m max), easily accessible OR Stream/fountain or no water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beds: Single / double beds only OR Bunk beds OR No beds provided
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mattresses: Thick (10 cm) high density foam or spring, OR Thin OR None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: provided OR Fridge/cooler or cutlery/crockery: provided OR Fridge/cooler and cutlery/crockery: NOT provided
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lighting: Electric/gas/solar OR Candles/paraffin lamps or similar OR None of these provided
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sheets and pillow AND mirror(s) provided OR One sheet or mirror(s) provided OR None of these
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heating: Air conditioning OR Interior heating/coal / wood stove OR None of these
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 Vredefort Meteorite Hiking Trail is situated near Vredefort and Parys (Free State). It consists of a network of trails with many options to choose from: ranging from a 5-day hike to short walks from the four overnight accommodation units. The accommodation is mainly in the luxury category and well-kept. (The Thwane camp has an option of ultra-luxury tents). The trail transverse agricultural land with scattered farm houses and on occasions crossing rural roads. The importance of the geological history if this area has been recognized by the fact that it has been declared as a World Heritage Site; constituting the largest meteorite impact crater (of some 2 000 mil years old) in the world and forming a series of parallel ridges. The views from these ridges over the Vaal River basin are spectacular. The Baskop stretch lies next to the River and is a refreshing variation to the Bushveld environment, with nice swimming opportunities. The vegetation is mainly uninfested Bushveld with Protea and cabbage trees abounding. (See brochure: "The Vredefort Dome. World Heritage Site. A visitor's guide"). The difficulty rating of the trail is classified as mainly 4 to 5 on the Green Flag scale. (For details see: www.trailinfo.co.za)

Trail Facilities

Booking facilities and information: Available.
Reception office: On site or nearby
Road signs: Clear road signs to start of hike
Access road: (Last section, to trail/parking place) Graded gravel and track (accessible for normal cars)
Parking: Shade trees
Car security: Relatively safe from public areas/veld fires
Trail Format: Network of circular trails and Day walks
Map: Colour with contour lines,
Brochure: General basic information on trail and environment (Excellent brochure separately available on request)
Markers: Effective trail markers
Safety: Dangerous places marked. Safe and effective river/road crossings/stiles. Escape routes indicated on map and on trail.
Telephone: Near start AND end OR cell phone
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.

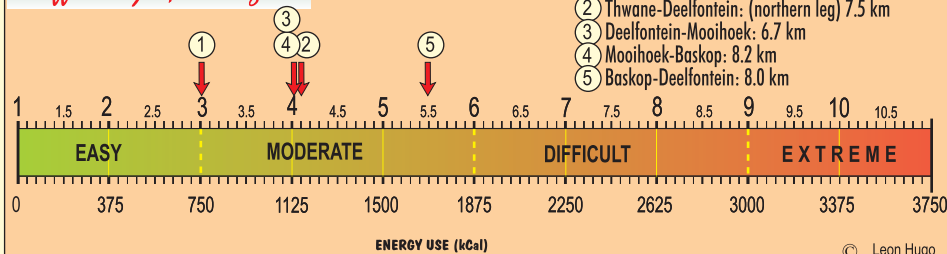
In a **NATURAL** environment one could expect to see and hear human activities to a limited extent; such as e.g. associated with farming and forestry. Exotic plants (e.g. pine plantations) might be prevalent; as well as cattle, fences and constructions such as earth dams.

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, domesticated animals, etc.

Generalized Classification of Vredefort Hiking Trail

Deelfontein-Thwane	Deelfontein-Mooihoek	Mooihoek-Baskop	Baskop-Deelfontein
75% Pristine	50% Pristine	50% Pristine	67% Pristine

Difficulty Grading



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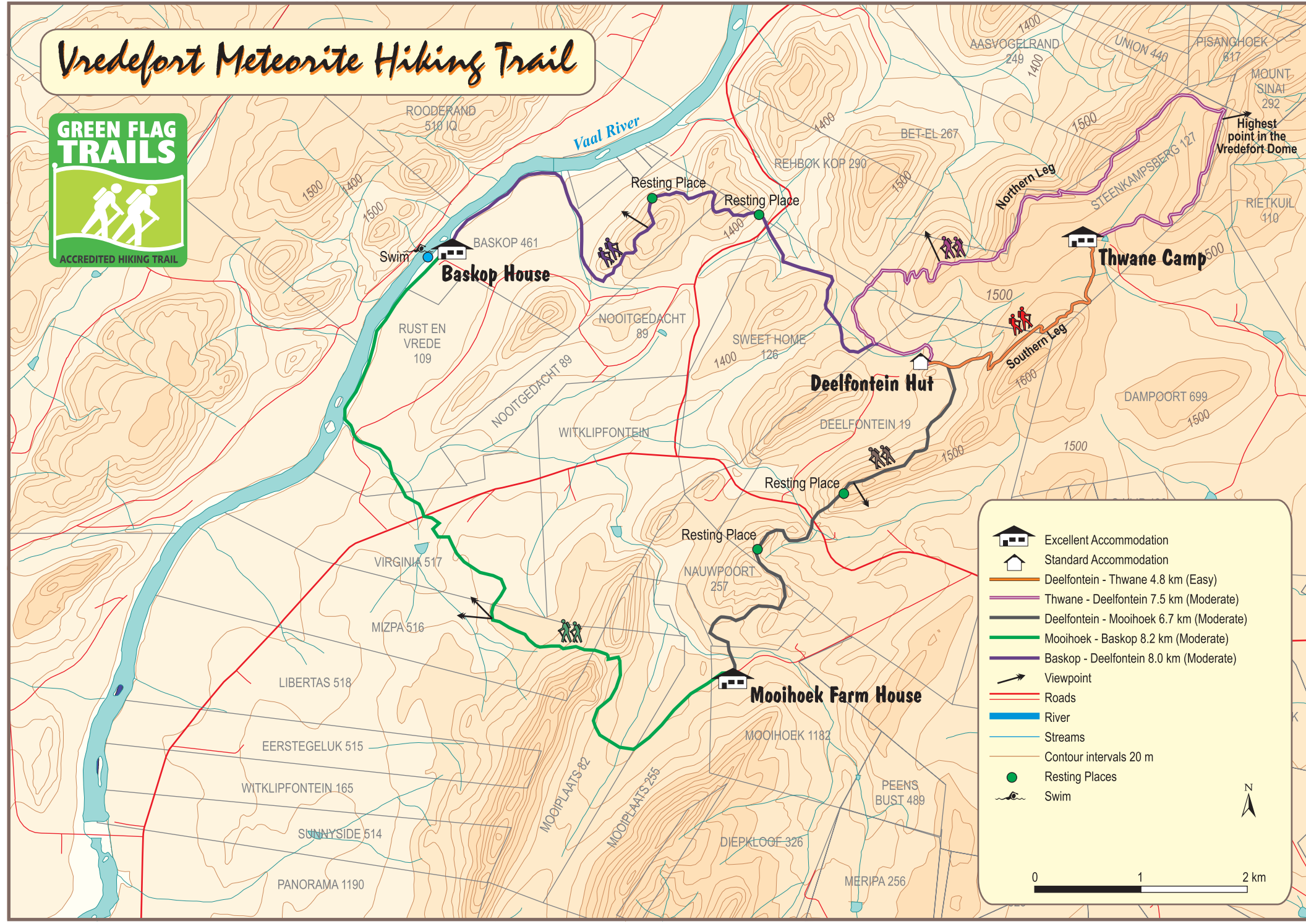
Classification

A 2 - 5 days network of self-guided nature trails
 Deelfontein: **standard**
 Thwane, Mooihoek, Baskop: **excellent**
Difficulty Rating:
 Deelfontein-Thwane - **easy** category 3.0
 Thwane-Deelfontein - **moderate** category 4.1
 Deelfontein-Mooihoek - **moderate** category 4.0
 Mooihoek-Baskop - **moderate** category 4.0
 Baskop-Deelfontein - **moderate** category 5.5



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 South African Hiking Trail Owners Association (SAHTOA) and the
 Hiking Organization of Southern Africa (HOSA)

Vredefort Meteorite Hiking Trail



	Excellent Accommodation
	Standard Accommodation
	Deelfontein - Thwane 4.8 km (Easy)
	Thwane - Deelfontein 7.5 km (Moderate)
	Deelfontein - Mooihoek 6.7 km (Moderate)
	Mooihoek - Baskop 8.2 km (Moderate)
	Baskop - Deelfontein 8.0 km (Moderate)
	Viewpoint
	Roads
	River
	Streams
	Contour intervals 20 m
	Resting Places
	Swim

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