

Basic Trail Description

The Wonderboom Nature Reserve is situated in Pretoria North, to the west of the Wonderboom neck (Voortrekker road) and south of Lavender road.

There is a network of circular routes within the nature reserve. The shortest one is a boardwalk from the main entrance and picnic site at the northern side of the reserve, around the Wonderboom of 0,5km. The other three trails are longer: the Waterfall trail of 1 km and the Fort hiking trail, with its various options. The trail to the Fort takes one up to the top of the Magaliesberg ridge at 1430m (a relative height above the entrance gate of 380 m) from where you can experience magnificent views of the surrounding urban landscape. There is also a longer trail around the mountain to the south which can also be accessed from the Joos Becker caravan park next to the R101. This is a guided trail currently fairly heavily overgrown.

Along the trails one can enjoy the magnificent birdlife, since both Highveld and Bushveld bird species are found within the confines of the reserve.

There is a large picnic site at the entrance.

Trail Facilities & Safety

Facilities:

Booking facilities and information: n/a

Reception office: Yes

Road signs: Inadequate

Access road: Tar

Parking: Shade trees

Trail Format: Network

Map: Good colour

Brochure: Fair

Markers: Poor

Environmental education: Inadequate

Safety:

Accommodation: n/a

Warning signs: n/a

River and road crossings: n/a

Telephone: Cellphone whole trail

Medical Aid: Available

Hikers' safety en route: Relatively safe

Drinking Water: None

Parking: Safe

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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.



A **SEMI-URBAN** environment will be typically an urban green belt or city park or similar where the built environment is adjacent to the trail and where the noise of vehicles and associated aspects of pollution will often be prominent.



Generalized Classification

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Contact /Booking Information

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Classification

A network of self-guided day trails

Environment: semi-urban

Difficulty Rating: easy to fairly moderate

Facilities and safety: good



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