

**Bergklub van Suid-Afrika (Afdeling Vrystaat) | Mountain Club of South Africa (Free State Section)**  
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**PROGRAM: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2025**

<b>GRADERING: A = Beginners. B = Gemaklik/Easy. C = Stappers/Fit walkers. D = Ervare stappers/Strenuous. Nie-lede betaal R30pppd ekstra stapfoeie</b>				
<b>Datum / Date</b>	<b>Roete / Route</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Besonderhede / Particulars</b>	<b>Leier / Leader</b>
31 Januarie	Algemene Jaarvergadering		SUT/CUT krieketklubhuis in Suidstraat, agter Orion gebou langs die SUT se rugbyvelde. 18h00 – Bring en braai. Vure en bykosse sal voorsien word. Bring eie eetgerei, drinkgoed en stoele.	Nelia Venter <a href="mailto:ventern@cut.ac.za">ventern@cut.ac.za</a> 0824606326
8 Februarie	Thaba Nchu	B-C	Stap berg op na oornaggrot. Oornag in grot en stap volgende dag weer af.	Louis Venter <a href="mailto:louisventer13@gmail.com">louisventer13@gmail.com</a> 076 861 9653
21-23 Februarie	Clarens/Golden Gate	A-B	Verskeie stappe in Golden Gate. Wodehouse Peak (moeilik – 2260m bo seëspieël) Mushroom Rock (makliker roete) Cathedral Cave met 'n gids van 6km om ongelooflike pragtige versteekte juweel te ontdek – kostes R193pp addisioneel + R70pppd bewaringsfoeie vir ander stappe. Kampering in Glen van Reenen kampterrein R251pp vir naweek as ons 12 stappers is – hoe minder hoe duurder.	Lorene Erwee <a href="mailto:lerwee@cut.ac.za">lerwee@cut.ac.za</a> 0828532861
1 Maart	Brandkop – Pellissier, Bloemfontein	A-B	Kom en geniet die natuur in hierdie lieflike bewarea wat deur die gemeenskap onderhou en opgebou word. Die bewarea het verskeie toegange na die heerlike stap, drag en fietsry paadjies wat ook deur vrywilligers onderhou word. Verskeie ystervark penne is volop op die paadjies! Jy hoor die tarentale weg kners en sien rotskonyne vlug oor die klippe! Klein bokkies kruis die pad en mense het al aartswolwe en jakkalse raakgeloop. Padkaartborde met die verskeie roetes en afstande is by verskeie ingange opgesit. R20pp bewaringsfoei.	Nelia Venter <a href="mailto:ventern@cut.ac.za">ventern@cut.ac.za</a> 0824606326
8 Maart	7 Damme, Wild Olive - Bloemfontein	A-B	Gemaklike stap in die bewarea van Wild Olive. Pragtige natuurskoon in die midde van Bloemfontein.	Nelia Venter <a href="mailto:ventern@cut.ac.za">ventern@cut.ac.za</a> 0824606326
20-23 Maart	Aasvoëlberg, Zastron	B-C	Dagstappe met 2 x 12km loops langs die Oranjerivier op die plaas Quaggafontein asook Aasvoëlberg by Zastron. Aasvoëlberg verrys 500m bo die Vrystaatse vlaktes met pragtige uitsigte oor Lady Grey se Witteberge en Lesotho se Maluti's. Gratis vir lede. Nie-lede betaal R25pppd.	Deon du Plessis <a href="mailto:deon@an.tdp.co.za">deon@an.tdp.co.za</a> 0824122732
27 Apr – 2 Mei	Outeniqua Trail, Knysna	C	Set in the heart of the famous Garden Route, this magnificent trail leads through indigenous forests and montane fynbos, majestic mountain scenery, views of the coastal plateau, relics of the gold rush near Millwood, bird and animal life of the forest and fynbos, mountain streams and pools. The forest and the wet fynbos depend on high rainfall, so be prepared for rain and mist. The Outeniqua Hiking Trail is a 5 day trail with 4 overnight huts. R140pppn + R205 Conservation Fees	Lorene Erwee <a href="mailto:lerwee@cut.ac.za">lerwee@cut.ac.za</a> 0828532861
10 Mei	De Oude Kraal, 40km Suid van Bloemfontein	A-B	De Oude Kraal is based on a 3000 hectare farm 40km south from Bloemfontein and has a diverse farming portfolio, focusing mainly on Merino sheep for their wool production as well as utilizing the meat for our restaurant. We have some cattle, horses, pigs, chickens, a few different plains antelopes like Springbuck, Blesbuck, Sable, Njala and Gemsbuck. The Free	Lorene Erwee <a href="mailto:lerwee@cut.ac.za">lerwee@cut.ac.za</a> 0828532861

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			State veldt is quite diverse, featuring around 27 different grass varieties, and has a wide range of small nocturnal mammals that inhabit the landscape. We want to share our beautiful nature with our guests and showcase the farm through our outdoor activities.	
23-25 Mei	Sentinel/Witsieshoek	C	The Sentinel Peak forms part of a multi-day hike that traverses the length of the Amphitheatre. It is also possible to hike the Sentinel Peak as a day hike. This 12km hiking trail starts and ends at the Sentinel Peak parking lot. The hike is also commonly known as the “chain ladders hike” because of a series of chain ladders that take hikers up an almost vertical rock face. For those a little afraid of heights however there is an alternative route up a steep gully known as the Beacon Buttress. The Sentinel Peak hike ends at the top of Africa’s highest waterfall – the Tugela Falls. This waterfall plunges down a height of 948m to the Tugela valley below. The view from the top is breathtaking if not a little nerve-wracking, but definitely worth the effort!	Anneline Swanepoel <a href="mailto:Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com">Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com</a> 079 884 8950
13-16 Junie	Drakensberg Cathedral Peak	C	Cathedral Peak Self-Catering & Backpackers is surrounded by the majestic Drakensberg mountains offering over 18 hiking and walking trails of varying difficulty, all starting and ending at the Backpackers. Hikes from 2.5 hours up to 10 hours.	Anneline Swanepoel <a href="mailto:Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com">Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com</a> 079 884 8950
5-11 Julie	Kosibaai	A	Kosi Bay Lodge is your gateway to a world of natural wonder, where hiking trails become your passport to adventure. Our hiking trails offer an array of experiences that cater to every level of hiker, from leisurely strolls to challenging treks. As you venture along the unspoiled hiking trails, you’ll immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of Kosi Bay. These hiking trails lead you through diverse ecosystems, from lush wetlands to pristine beaches, showcasing the beauty and biodiversity of the region.  Each hiking trail unveils a different facet of Kosi Bay’s charm, allowing you to connect with the unspoiled wilderness that defines this remarkable destination. Whether you’re a seasoned hiker or a novice explorer, our hiking trails at Kosi Bay Lodge promise an unforgettable journey through nature’s pristine tapestry. Come and discover the captivating allure of Kosi Bay on our hiking trails, where every step is a revelation of beauty and a connection with the natural world.  Kostes: R2500 (sal nog bevestig word)	Lorene Erwee <a href="mailto:lerwee@cut.ac.za">lerwee@cut.ac.za</a> 0828532861
24 – 31 Julie	Naukluft, Nabimië	D+	Dit word gereken as een van die taaiste wildernisstaptoetes in SA. Die agt dae lange staptog in die Namib-Naukluft-nasionale park loop deur ’n bergwoestyn so wild en afgesonder dat nie eens ’n helikopter sommer hier sal kom draai nie. <b>Daar is nog plek vir 1 persoon</b>	Anneline Swanepoel <a href="mailto:Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com">Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com</a> 079 884 8950
2 Aug	Botaniese Tuine - Bloemfontein	A	This garden, on the outskirts of Bloemfontein, spans a valley between picturesque dolerite koppies. The natural vegetation comprises tall grassland and woodland, dominated by magnificent wild olive and karee trees. The harmony of the Garden has been achieved by retaining and highlighting the best elements of the natural landscape. Na afloop van die stap sal ’n piekniek gehou word. Elkeen bring hul eie verversings en drinkgoed.	Nelia Venter <a href="mailto:ventern@cut.ac.za">ventern@cut.ac.za</a> 0824606326
8-10 Aug	Lady Grey, Witteberge en omgewing	B-C	Tucked away in a valley below the majestic Witteberg mountains, Lady Grey is a hidden gem, a tranquil, rural village founded in 1858. Surrounded by soaring mountains, crisp clean air and gentle streams.	Deon du Plessis <a href="mailto:deon@an.tdp.co.za">deon@an.tdp.co.za</a> 0824122732

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12-14 Sept	Rollfontein – Van der Kloof Dam	A	Situated in the upper Karoo where an infinite sky and horizon seem to go on without end, the Rolfontein Nature Reserve is found roughly 16 kilometres north of Petrusville, one of many isolated little villages in the midst of the Karoo's endless plateaus. Notwithstanding some incredible views, the reserve is also a good place for sighting a fair amount of Wildlife. The black wildebeest, gemsbok, Burchell's zebra, springbok, various antelope and the brown hyena all put in an appearance if you are patient enough, whilst the bat-eared fox, baboon, aardvark and aardwolf are also present at Rolfontein, if a little more elusive. Camping R80pppn	Nelia Venter <a href="mailto:ventern@cut.ac.za">ventern@cut.ac.za</a> 0824606326
26-28 Sept	Lesoba Gasteplaas Fouriesburg	B-C	Hiking trails, with panoramic views of Lesotho, the Caledon River and the Fouriesburg district. Along the way, you can find the Queen Victoria rock formation, Bushman rock art and a Dinosaurius Femur embedded in rock. For the adventurous, there are 4x4, mountain bike, motorbike and quad bike trails. In addition, Lesoba also offers fishing, swimming in the local dam and the opportunity to learn about sheep farming as well as hand feeding lambs in season. R150pppn (eie beddegoed/slaapsakke) - stappers hut; R100p/kamp en R100pppn kampeer (max 6 persone).	Anneli Viviers <a href="mailto:anneli.viviers@gmail.com">anneli.viviers@gmail.com</a>
31 Okt – 2 Nov	Breakaway Trails – Rouxville	A	Situated between the Free State, Eastern Cape, and Transkei, and nestled between mountains, natural creeks and the Orange River, lies Breakaway Trails. Just 190 km from Bloemfontein on the N6 towards Aliwal North. Enjoy the comfortable accommodation while still receiving the outdoor experience, being overwhelmed by countless stars, hearing the fish eagles call, and seeing small game such as the mountain reedbuck, steenbuck, springbuck and blesbuck in their natural surroundings. Exploring offers the Orange River with all its' splendour and numerous varieties of trees and bird life.	Marieta Landman <a href="mailto:Mlandman@ufs.ac.za">Mlandman@ufs.ac.za</a> 0823355606
14-16 Nov	Doringbosplaas – op R64 Dealsville-pad buite Bloemfontein & Jaarafsluiting	A	Situated on the R64, 35km outside Bloemfontein on the bank of the Modder river. Doringbos is a beautiful venue on the farm Uitvlugwes. If you are a nature loving person this venue will suit you perfectly. We strive to disturb nature as little as possible. The natural surroundings at our venue makes it something unique. We embrace every season, from the warm, green summers up to the very cold, dry winters.	Nelia Venter <a href="mailto:ventern@cut.ac.za">ventern@cut.ac.za</a> 0824606326