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GRADERING: A = Beginners. B = Gemaklik/Easy. C = Stappers/Fit walkers. D = Ervare stappers/Strenuous. Nie-lede betaal R30pppd ekstra stapfooie				
Datum / Date	Roete / Route	Grade	Besonderhede / Particulars	Leier / Leader
17 Januarie	7 Damme	A-D	Gemaklike stap in die bewarea van Wild Olive. Pragtige natuurskoon in die midde van Bloemfontein.	Anneline Swanepoel Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com 079 884 8950
31 Januarie	AGM Jaarvergadering Venue sal nog bevestig word	A=D	18h00 – Bring en braai. Vure en bykosse sal voorsien word. Bring eie eetgerei, drinkgoed en stoele. Plek sal bevestig word. Volmaanstap	Nelia Venter ventern@cut.ac.za 0824606326
14 Februarie	Brandkop Valentynsdag stap – Pellissier, Bloemfontein	A-D	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 bewaringsfooie.	Nelia Venter ventern@cut.ac.za 0824606326
6-8 Maart	Ribbok/Rheebok Roete, Golden Gate	C-D	The Rhebok Hiking Trial, offers some of the most spectacular mountain scenery to be found in South Africa is to be found in the north eastern Free State around Clarens. The Golden Gate National Park is situated close to this picturesque little town and contains the most majestic part of this area. The Rhebok Trail allows the hiker to experience the spectacular scenery which includes the rich coloration of the sandstone cliffs that give rise to the parks name. Wildlife in the park includes Eland and Black Wildebeest. 14km per dag – oornaght – 2 dag roete.	Anneline Swanepoel Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com 079 884 8950
21 Maart	Thaba Nchu	C-D	Dagstap op plaas by Thaba Nchu. Roete is gemerk en begin onder by die huis. Paadjie gaan geleidelik op met genoeg klim vir oefening. Wanneer bo is dit 'n pragtige uitkykpunt met oorblyfses van die mure van die Anglo Boere-oorlog. Bring asb. stapstok/hoed/genoeg water en kos vir middagete bo-op die berg	Anneline Swanepoel Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com 079 884 8950
3-6 April	Malealea Lesotho	C-D	Malealea Lodge is nestled in the Makhomalong Valley and surrounded by the beautiful Maloti Mountains. You'll find that it's a special kind of adventurous traveller who camps in Malealea. One of the glories of camping is the permanently festive atmosphere that arises between kindred spirits. Enjoy a roaring evening bonfire and share your musings from the day's treks. You will be witnessing the extraordinary sights in the mountains and valleys and the culture in the village.	Deon du Plessis deon@an.tdp.co.za 0824122732
25 April – 2 Mei	Bucklands Farm, Cockscomb, Steytlerville	B-D	MCSA National Camp - Hiking in the southern fringe of the Great Karoo to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the MCSA Eastern Province Section	Anneline Swanepoel Anneline.swanepoel27@gmail.com 079 884 8950

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15-18 Mei	Mweni, Drakensberge	C-D	The Mnweni hiking trail is a remote and rugged trekking area in the Northern Drakensberg mountains, known for being challenging but rewarding. Popular routes include the Mnweni Circuit and the Mnweni Pass, which can be attempted as multi-day treks and often require a guide due to their remoteness, lack of marked paths, and poor cellphone reception. Hikers can expect strenuous climbs, stunning valley views, and opportunities to see natural pools and the source of the Orange River.	Louis Venter louisventer13@gmail.com 076 861 9653
12-16 Junie	Kaapsche Hoop, Nelspruit	C-D	The Kaapschehoop trails are in the historic De Kaap goldfields between Nelspruit and Barberton. Gold played a prominent role in the history of the area and the remains of early mining activities are found almost everywhere. Apparently, it was the Karanga tribe who first discovered gold, but their mining activities were put to an end when they were driven away by a bakaNaqonane tribe and the Swazis.	Nelia Venter ventern@cut.ac.za 0824606326
8-14 Aug	Baviaanskloof, Willowmore (Reeds vol bespreek)	D	The Baviaans Canyon Trail is a 5-day and 6-night hike set in the magnificent Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site Wilderness Reserve. This is a slackpacking hike – each day we transport your bags and food from one overnight hut to the next, leaving you to walk with only a day pack. In addition to the 5 day / 6 nights on the trail, accommodation for the night before and after the trail is also included. The Canyon Trail is a moderately difficult hike with 4 of the days being 16km, and one day 8km. The route is designed for people of good hiking fitness.	Steven Adendorff steven.adendorff@gmail.com 0731536296
4-6 Sept	Eingedi, Ladybrand	B	On the Eingedi Hiking Hike, the hiker is challenged with the 11km Eland Hike on the first day, and the 6km Zebra Trail on the second. These trails traverse a 530Ha game farm, and take the hiker up and down hills and ladders, across game filled savannahs with numerous plains game and 195 bird species, and through interesting sandstone rock formations with spectacular views in all directions. Additional features include old British war forts, ruined Basotho huts and villages to explore.	Nelia Venter ventern@cut.ac.za 0824606326
18-20 Sept	Moolmanshoek 4 Peaks Mountain Challenge	D	Derek Odendaal was the man with the vision who first started with the idea of hosting a mountain race over the peaks of Moolmanshoek. It was essentially intended to be a similar type of race to the Skyrun, but much shorter and less extreme – something that ordinary people and mountain hikers could also participate in. Derek and Herman Fourie first came to explore the route over the peaks of Moolmanshoek in April 2002 to see if such a race would work, how long it should take, and also to capture the route. Their findings were very positive, and it was then also decided to call the race the Four Peaks Mountain Challenge. The four peaks are the Pyramid1, Pyramid 2, Jacobsberg and Sikonyella's Hat, all of which can be seen prominently from Moolmanshoek's buildings. This is a challenge for those hikers who are physically strong and fit. The club members will participate as a group if there are any interest.	Erika Meeding Emeeding1@gmail.com 0826469551
3 Okt	Franse Mark / Brandkop hike, Villa Avianto	A	Dagstap vanaf Villa Avianto na Brandkop, Pellissier en terug	Sandra Brits britss@ufs.ac.za 0724901585

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9-11 Okt	Rensburghoek, Ficksburg	A	The Rensburghoek Hiking Trail isn't a single named trail but refers to the beautiful, guided hikes available from Rensburghoek Guest Farm in the Eastern Free State, South Africa, often as part of the longer, multi-day Sandstone Steps Pilgrimage (a 3-day, 41.3km walk connecting various farms and estates like Boschfontein and Valuta). Expect scenic farm walks with local hosts guiding you through stunning sandstone landscapes, offering a unique agritourism experience with potential backpack transport and meals included. Kort dagroetes van 9km en minder sal deur naweek gedoen word. Verblyf in huis en kampering.	Erika Meeding Emeeding1@gmail.com 0826469551
30 Okt – 1 Nov	Erdvark, Beaufort-Wes	C-D	The Karoo Erdvark trail takes hikers to the Rooiheuvel Guest Farm, located just a stone's throw from Beaufort West along the Nuweveld Mountains in the Greater Karoo. Hikers can opt for shorter day trails or commit to the extended five or seven-day hikes. The accommodation varies between tents and established dwellings along this working sheep farm, and hikers also have the option of slackpacking.	Marieta Landman mlandman@ufs.ac.za 082335 606
20-22 Nov	Daskop, Parys	A	Naweekstap by Joy of Life op plaas naby Parys.	Ansie Kruger Ansiekruger22@gmail.com 0724205401
30 Nov – 5 Des	Tsitsikamma Staproete	C-D	The Tsitsikamma trail is a Southern Cape Hiking Paradise, Journeying through Extensive indigenous Afromontane forest, mountain fynbos and through Ancient river gorges. Beginning in Nature's Valley and ending 62.3km further at either the Storms River Bridge or Village, this six day, unidirectional trail takes hikers through the heart of the Tsitsikamma Mountains.	Lorene Erwee Lerwee1963@gmail.com 0828532861