

MBC Overnight Hike Fixtures Q2-2020

PLEASE NOTE: ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO ANY RULINGS PERTAINING TO COVID-19

Dates (days)	Description	Dist / Elevation	Leader	Contact	Grd
5-18 April (14)	GRAND TRAVERSE: Due to circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic that are beyond our control, the 2020 GT has had to be cancelled.				
10-13 April (4)	Giant's Castle: Jarateng Pass to Judge Pass. Climb Popple Peak and Mafadi (highest peak in South Africa at 3450m). This hike replaces the GT resupply hike.	60km 1685m	David Gay	074-5803511 (18h00-20h00 Mon-Thurs only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	5
25-27 April (3)	Giant's Castle: Climb Giant's Castle (3314m). Up Giant's Ridge, tent on the contour path, 2nd day climb Giant's Castle, overnight in tent, 3rd day return to vehicles via Oribi Ridge. Physical fitness essential.	36km 1550m	John & Christine Pickup	082-7826025 / 072-1512031 (phone or WhatsApp)	4.5
1-3 May (3)	Club campout at the picturesque Ezemvelo Wildlife Monk's Cowl caravan and camping site. Nice ablutions, a well-stocked curio shop and a small restaurant are all on site. Options of easy river walks or more strenuous outings past Breakfast Stream.		Amy Kloppers	073-2083716	0-3
9-10 May (2)	Cobham: Lakes Cave. Visit Siphongweni Rock National Monument rock art site. Return via Tortoise Rocks.	28km 530m	David Gay	074-5803511 (18h00-20h00 Mon-Thurs only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	3,5
23-24 May (2)	Garden Castle: Tent at the top of Wilson's Pass. Return via Mashai Pass.	26km 1265m	David Gay	074-5803511 (18h00-20h00 Mon-Thurs only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	5
29-31 May (3)	Garden Castle: 2-night stay in Swiman Hut, hiking each day to various caves, etc. in the area including Bushman paintings and pools. Last booking on Fri 1 May for reservation details. R120 pppn.	28km	Keith Ashton	keimarg@iuncapped.co.za	2,5
30-31 May (2)	Cathedral Peak: Xen Cave. Big cave with a waterfall. Crisscrossing river and boulder-hopping involved.	12km 450m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3

Cancelled due to COVID-19

Pending decision

13-16 June (4)	Vergelegen: Climb Thabana Ntlenyana (highest peak in southern Africa at 3482m) from Bird's Nest Cave via Mkomazi Pass. Tent above Nhlangezi Pass on 2nd night. Descend via Mangaun Pass and spend 3rd night at Kaula Cave.	60km 1985m	David Gay	074-5803511 (18h00-20h00 Mon-Thurs only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	5
20-21 June (2)	Garden Castle: Pillar Cave. Ideal for first-time backpackers unsure of their fitness.	10km 160m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3
27-28 June (2)	Cobham / Sani Pass: Walk up Phinong Pass to Sani Mountain Lodge Backpackers and return via Sani Pass. R340 pppn excl. dinner and breakfast. Passports required.	24km 900m	David Gay	074-5803511 (18h00-20h00 Mon-Thurs only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	4

DAY HIKES

Dates	Description	Dist / Elevation	Leader	Contact	Grd
Sat 25 April	Kloof Gorge Beacon Trail 07h00. Entrance fee R50 per adult R20 per child. Please book by Fri 24 April. Rain stops play.	approx 7 km	Heidi Cox	heidi.dinan@gmail.com 0827064283	2.5
26-Jun	HOWICK – UMGENI VALLEY NATURE RESERVE – Various trails, lovely views, plenty of game & birdlife - last booking Wed 24 June.	12-16km	Keith Ashton	keimarg@iuncapped.co.za	2

ADVANCE NOTICE

Dates	Description	Dist / Elevation	Leader	Contact	Grd
To be advised, depending on who is interested. Approx. 15 days.	Lower Berg Traverse: Royal Natal to Bushman's Nek. Numerous joining and leaving places for those with insufficient leave. Further information available via WhatsApp.	Approx. 280km	John Pickup	072-1512031 (phone or WhatsApp)	5
11-12 July	Cobham: Hike along the Pholela River and tent close to some pools. Ideal for first-time backpackers unsure of their fitness. Please note - tents required!	16km 100m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3
11-19 July	Wild Coast: Port St. Johns to Hole in the Wall	95km	John & Christine Pickup	082-7826025 (phone or WhatsApp)	4
15-16 August	Injasuti: Wonder Valley Cave. Climb up Van Heyningen's Pass and across Shada Ridge to the cave.	18km 470m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3

12-13 September	Injasuti: Marble Baths Cave.	16km 460m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3
10-11 October	Cathedral Peak: Tent above the waterfall close to Sherman's Cave or spend the night in the cave.	10km 500m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3
14-15 November	Mkhomazi: McKenzie's Cave. Visit a rock art site en route.	12km 640m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3
19-20 December	Injasuti: Lower Injasuti Cave. Ideal for first-time backpackers unsure of their fitness.	16km 300m	Farouk Omarjee	031-5776336 081-5308447 farouk.omarjee@gmail.com	3

SOCIALS

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
23-Apr	To be advised pending COVID-19 decisions	TBA
28-May	The Centenary Investment Conservation Dividends through Sustainable Use	Dr George Hughes
25-Jun	TBA	TBA