

## MBC Overnight Hike Fixtures 2024-Q2

Dates (days)	Description	Dist / Elevation	Leader	Contact	Grd
1 April (1)	<b>Wild Coast Hike (Port Edward):</b> Spend the day on the coastline, experiencing peace and tranquility. Out and back route. Meet at the Water Park and start the hike at 08h00. Paid parking available (approx. R30).	24 km	Zanele	083-2951682 zanelejl@yahoo.com	2.5
5-7 April (2,5)	<b>60+ GT Resupply at Cathedral Peak:</b> Arrive Friday afternoon at Cambalala Hut, then summit Organ Pipe's Pass via Thuthumi Ridge on Saturday and tent on the escarpment. Return to the hut via Thuthumi Pass. 4X4 vehicles required to shuttle participants up Mike's Pass, but drivers have the option of staying the whole weekend at the hut. <i>Tents required.</i>	TBA	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	4.5
12-14 April (3)	<b>Amphitheatre:</b> Club campout at Mahai Campsite.				
20-21 April (2)	<b>Vergelegen:</b> Visit the Sulphur Spring from Bird's Nest Cave. Nice pool at the cave, and other swimming opportunities too.	28 km 660 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
4-5 May (2)	<b>Garden Castle:</b> Bates Cave via Pillar Cave and Butterfly Cave. Return via a rock arch and Cod's Eye Cave valley, including a magnificent gorge with some basic kloofing. Some sections are off-path.	15 km 560 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
11-12 May (2)	<b>Mkhomazi:</b> McKenzie's Cave via a rock art site, returning via the Nzinga River and Cyprus Cave.	24 km 675 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
18-19 May (2)	<b>Cobham:</b> Gxalingenwa Cave from Sani Backpackers Lodge via Gxalingenwa River. Return via The Hub and Sani Pass switchback to the SA border post. Passports are NOT required.	25 km 910 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
18-19 May (2)	<b>Mkhomazi:</b> Cyprus Cave. It is a small cave so the group is limited to 8 hikers. First come first served. Once the hike is full, additional hikers may join but will have to tent.	10 km 140 m	Farouk	WhatsApp 081-530 8447	3
18-19 May (2)	<b>Injasuthi:</b> Lower Injasuthi Cave via Battle Cave. Optional guided tour of the rock art site.	24 km 550 m	Jan	WhatsApp 082-8009135	3

24-26 May (2,5)	<b>Garden Castle:</b> Arrive Friday evening and overnight at the newly renovated Swiman Hut. Strenuous day hike up Rhino Pass and down Mashai Pass, taking in Rhino Peak en route, on the Saturday. Spend the second night at Swiman Hut as well. Return home on the Sunday after a morning walk to visit dinosaur footprints, the Bushman's Rock San rock art site, and Three Pools. R120 pppn hut fee.	20 km 1165 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	4
25-26 May (2)	<b>Lesotho (Sani Pass):</b> Walk up and down Sani Pass, the mother of all South African mountain passes. The hike will start at the South African boarder post. Overnight at the Sani Mountain Lodge (approx. R350 pppn shared backpacker accommodation). Do a local hike before heading down the pass. Passports are required.	26 km 1732 m	Zanele	083-2951682 zanelejl@yahoo.com	3
1-2 June (2)	<b>Giant's Castle:</b> Martial Eagle Cave via the Bannerman Hut contour path, returning via the World's View path.	20 km 605 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
8-9 June (2)	<b>Cobham:</b> Mzimkhulwana Hut and back via the Giant's Cup Trail.	18 km 400 m	Farouk	WhatsApp 081-530 8447	3
8-9 June (2)	<b>Bushman's Nek:</b> Tented hike to visit the rock structures in Sehlabathebe National Park, camping near a dam. Valid passport required.	24 km 790 m	Jan	WhatsApp 082-8009135	3.5
8-9 June (2)	<b>Bushman's Nek:</b> Daniel's Cave via Twin Pools, returning via Vast Cave.	18 km 320 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3
14-17 June (4)	<b>Mnweni:</b> Spend 2 nights on the escarpment. Hiking tents required. The last night will be spent at the cultural centre to recover and relax before heading home. Day 1: Drive to the Mnweni Cultural Centre and overnight there Day 2: Ascend Mnweni Pass and overnight in Ledges Cave Day 3: Return to the Mnweni Cultural Centre via Rockeries Pass and overnight there again Day 4: Return home	42 km 3000 m	Ryan	WhatsApp 073-4517000	4.5
15-17 June (3)	<b>Bushman's Nek:</b> Bushman's Cave via the Bushman's River valley. Citadel Cave via Ngwangwane Pass and Senotlolong Shelter. Return via Twin Pools.	28 km 875 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
22-23 June (2)	<b>Cobham:</b> Pimple Cave via The Policeman. Also visit Outlook Cave and Recluse Cave. Return via Siphongweni Valley, Mzimkhulwana Hut and the Giant's Cup Trail.	24 km 500 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
	<b>Cobham Sojourn:</b> (for the school holidays)				

24-28 June (5)	Day 1: Glade Cave via Lakes Cave Day 2: Wilson's Cave via The Island and the Sea Serpent, visiting Venice Cave and Chameleon Cave en route Day 3: John's Cave via the Mlahlangubo River and John's Pool Day 4: Mzimkhulwana Hut via the Mzimkhulwana River Day 5: Return to Pholela Hut via the Giant's Cup Trail	56 km 650 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5
29-30 June (2)	<b>Cobham:</b> Spectacle Cave via the Pholela River, returning via Lakes Cave, The Shelter and Boundary Rock.	28 km 695 m	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	3.5

<b>DAY HIKES</b>					
Sat 27/04/2024	Walk through <b>Virginia Bush</b> , Durban North start and finish at The Box (behind Viginia FC, cnr Danville Ave & Virginia Circle) Start at 09h00 book by 24 April. Rain stops play.	4 to 7km	Heidi	Cell 0827064283 heidi.dinan@gmail.com	2.5

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

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9-14 May 2025 (6)	<b>Coastal Hike:</b> Slackpacking trip from Scottborough to Sunwich Port (Port Shepstone) along the beach. Moderate fitness level required, with the ability to swim being an advantage!	66 km	Ryan	WhatsApp 073-4517000	3
March-April 2025 (14)	<b>Drakensberg Grand Traverse:</b> Sentinel car park to Bushman's Nek.	240 km	Dave	Telegram 074-5803511 dave@landlubbers.co.za	5

#### SOCIALS

25-Apr-24	Graham Levy will tell us about his 6 month hike on the Pacific Trail, America - it's EPIC! <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Crest_Trail">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Crest_Trail</a>
23-May-24	Pack 'n Boots - show and tell - bring yours & tell us what works and what you needs help with
27-Jun-24	Mid-year BYO braai