

GIANTS CUP

PLEASE NOTE:

You may start your hiking tour only at an official starting point (Sani Pass, Cobham or Swayiman) and may stay only in overnight facilities provided for this purpose.

Tents are not permitted.

Plan your hiking tour accordingly. Hikers are requested not to remove mattress from the huts when staying in trail huts. Hiking is allowed only in the direction indicated on the map.

Maps (waterproof or plain), T-Shirts and badges are available at the Cobham and Garden Castle Offices. **It is strongly recommended that at least one map per group is purchased.**

TRANSPORT & PARKING:

Vehicles may only be parked at points indicated as parking areas on the map. You leave your vehicle unattended at your own risk. You are responsible for your own transport to the starting point and from the end point back to your vehicle. This is not a round route; the start and finish are a long way apart.

The road to Mzimkhulwana and Winterhoek crosses private property. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

FACILITIES AT OVERNIGHT STOPS:

Each overnight stop can accommodate 30 persons and is provided with basic facilities of bunk beds and mattresses, benches, tables, broom and dustpan.

Hikers must supply their own bedding (e.g. sleeping bag), food, cooking and lighting equipment in the form of portable stoves, lamps and torches and are expected to leave the hut in a clean and tidy condition.

Flush toilets are provided, and cold water is laid on at all huts.

Each farmhouse has a different design however, so that the number of rooms and number of bunks in rooms varies.

Parties of less than 30 must be prepared to share accommodation.

Firewood is not available. (While supplies last, firewood is available at Pholela and Swayiman Huts).

Braai facilities are only available at Pholela and Swayiman.

No fires are allowed at Mzimkhulwana and Winterhoek and Bushmans Nek huts.

NO MATTRESSES AT MZIMKHULWANA HUT, flat boards on beds, please take own roll up mattresses.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

No pets of any kind are allowed in the reserves.

Littering is an offence. Hikers are requested to bring back all their refuse for disposal in the refuse bins provided in the camps and on the picnic sites. If you carry it in, please carry it out!

It is an offence to pick or damage any plant or to disturb or kill any animal (including birds and their eggs, as well as reptiles), or to disfigure any rock or rock paintings in any way, or to remove any archaeological or fossil material.

It is an offence to make fires in caves or in wilderness areas. The only places fires are permitted are in the braai facilities provided for at Pholela and Swiman Huts.

INDEMNITY:

Neither the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board nor the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Service accepts responsibility for any death, injury or illness sustained or suffered by any person, or theft, or loss of or damage to any property, occurring within or arising from a visit or visits to parks, reserves, or resorts under their management or control, howsoever caused, and whether allegedly due to the negligence of the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board/KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Service or any of their employees or agents, or arising from the use of any facilities supplied or made available.

5 DAY / 5 NIGHT OPTION:

Day 1: Parking Sani pass, hike to Pholela Hut

Day 2: Hike to Mzimkhulwana

Day 3: Hike to Winterhoek Hut

Day 4: Hike to Swayiman Hut

Day 5: Hike to Bushman's Nek (Sleeping over at the hut optional)

The trail may be shortened by one or two days by starting or finishing at Pholela or Swiman Huts, in which case vehicles may be parked at the Cobham or Garden Castle office parking complex.

4 DAY / 3 NIGHTS

Day 1: Parking Sani pass, hike to Pholela Hut

Day 2: Hike to Mzimkhulwana

Day 3: Hike to Winterhoek Hut

Day 4: depart from Garden Castle (Swayinman hut)

4 DAY / 3 NIGHTS

Day 1: Parking Cobham (Pholela) Hike to Mzimkhulwana

Day 2: Hike to Winterhoek Hut

Day 3: Hike to Swayiman Hut

Day 4: Hike to Bushman's Nek (Sleeping over at the hut optional)

3 DAY OPTION:

Day 1: parking Cobham (Pholela) Hike to Mzimkhulwana

Day 2: Hike to Winterhoek Hut

Day 3: Hike to Swayiman Hut, depart from Garden Castle

BOOKINGS:

At least one adult must accompany each group of up to 10 persons under the age of 18 and hikers must stay on the marked route in groups of not less than 3 persons. This is a safety precaution in case of accidents or other problems.

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