

Christie Prins Hiking Trail

Christie Prins was a **local conservationist** who undertook to repair the damage left on the Skurweberg foothills when Eskom erected a new transmission line into the valley in the 1990's decimating large swathes of the Fynbos and exposing the mountainside to uncontrolled soil erosion. Working with the pupils from **FD Conradie Primary School** in Prince Alfred's Hamlet they re-seeded and re-planted all the affected areas by hand thus **saving the beautiful Fynbos ecosystem** we are privileged to see today.



Exploring the beautiful fynbos landscapes of the Skurweberg mountain range

Two distinct trail routes

The Christie Prins Hiking Trail consists of two routes which **both start and end here on Koelfontein farm**, a sixth generation fruit farm which boasts WWF-SA Conservation Champion status.

Koelfontein is also part of the **Waboomsberg Conservancy** and two-thirds of the farm is dedicated to preserving indigenous Fynbos, including some **much-threatened Lowland Fynbos**. About 185 hectares of the 950 hectare farm is cultivated with orchards and vineyards which produce the wine, deciduous and dried fruit that the farm is known for.

Hiking safety tips

- Walking **fitness** is required for these trails – they both include fairly steep up-hills.
- Wear good walking shoes, a hat or peak-cap and take a warm layer with you in case the **weather changes**.
- Always take enough **drinking water** along with you – we recommend at least 2 litres per person.
- Wear **sunscreen** – even if the sun isn't shining.
- **Stop often** and enjoy the views, the flowers and the birds!

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Witberg Route

This route is indicated in orange on the map and takes about **2 hours** to walk.

Gydo Route

This route is indicated in purple on the map and takes about **4 hours** to walk.

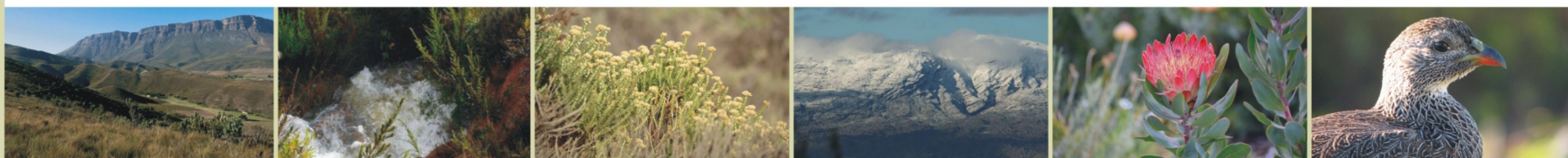


Koelfontein is part of the Waboomsberg Conservancy



Look out for the tracks of the elusive Cape leopard or the shallow diggings made by porcupines as they forage for bulbs

leave only your footprints behind



No fires



No picking of flowers or interfering with wildlife



Dogs allowed on leads



Do not litter



Mountain biking allowed on the trails – be cautious and give way to hikers!



No over-nighting on the trail



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