

Activities at Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse



Walking

Highmoor Nature Reserve is 90% of our border and is a world heritage site because of its inherent beauty. It is a 10-minute drive from Cleopatra in a normal motor vehicle, you park your car at the top. There are three big Trout Dams at Highmoor Nature Reserve, stocked with Rainbow Trout. Wildlife includes Eland, Reedbuck, Oribi, Jackal, Serval, Rooikat, extensive birdlife and a huge diversity of flora.

Cleopatra is situated on 500 acres of rolling hills and walking trails are available on the property.



Horse Riding

Horse riding is available 10 minutes' drive down the road at Qambathi Mountain Lodge, on the most beautiful Appaloosa horses. The rides are approximately 2½ hours in duration and they cater for in experienced and experienced riders. Your horse ride will take you over rolling hills with the most beautiful scenery and the horses are well suited to all types of terrain. Pricing as follows:

Riding Lesson – R600 pp

Private Half-Day Experience with Picnic – R1900.00 pp

2 Hour Private Scenic Meander Experience – R800.00 pp

They do take only 2 riders at a time and unfortunately no children.

Fishing

Fishing is available all year round in the rivers and during various months in the dams, please speak to us about the best places to fish and the open and closed seasons for Fly Fishing. Our rivers in this area are stocked with Brown Trout whereas the dams are stocked with Rainbow Trout. Fishing is available at Highmoor and Kamberg as well as our Little Mooi River on the property. *(In our river is free of charge; Fishing in the Nature Reserve is at a surcharge)* You will need to bring your own rod and equipment. If you do not have your own rod & equipment you can hire from **Wild Fly in Nottingham Road**. We do also work with a fishing guide who does fly fishing day tours in the area. Please enquire with us about pricing and availability.

Bicycling

We are fortunate to be positioned in a beautiful farming area. For those who are more energetic you can ride along the roads in the area. Glengarry Holiday Farm which is a few minutes down the road from us has mountain bike trails. The cost for visitors is R30 per day. Country Life found the Kamberg to be one of SA's top 10 mountain biking destinations! Glengarry now has 15km of purpose-built single track and 60km of sensational riding and running to some of the most spectacular views! Tracks are mapped and marked. Please ask for a map and number plate at reception.



Helicopter

We work with an aviation company who are situated at Dragons Peaks in the Central Drakensberg. You will hover next to the Big Berg and fly over wildlife and rivers before landing on top of the Little Berg for a glass of sparkling wine with Giants Castle in the background. The flight is about 35 minutes in duration and a fantastic way of seeing Ukhahlamba (The Barrier of Spears). This does need to be booked in advance and is weather dependent. Should you require a longer flight please enquire for pricing and options.

Sani Pass

There are trips to the top of the Pass with San Pass Tours leaving at 9:00 a.m. from their office in the Trout Walk Centre & returning at 4.00 p.m. Bookings must be made on their website, www.sanipasstours.com and there is a charge per person. You must take your Passport. It will take about 2.5 hours to get to Underberg, so a packed or continental breakfast must be arranged. You can enjoy lunch at the highest restaurant in South Africa, Sani Top Chalets, at a fee.

Midlands Meander

There are many craft stops on the Midlands Meander, from woodturners, to potters, to cheesemakers, to weavers and much, much more. Maps are available at reception.

Bushman Rock Art

Some of the rock art in the Drakensberg dates back over 3000 years. The best sighting in our area is at Kamberg (Little Berg), a 20-minute drive from Cleopatra and a 2-hour walk. Alternatively, there is Rock Art at Giants Castle (Big Berg), a 90-minute drive, and a 45 minute walk with tours on the hour every hour from 09h00 – 15h00.

(There is an Entrance fee into the Nature Reserve)

Hot Air Ballooning

Drakensberg Ballooning offers scenic hot air balloon flights over Kwa-Zulu Natal with panoramic views stretching from the Amphitheatre in the Northern Drakensberg to Giants Castle in the Southern Drakensberg.

Balloons go up every morning including weekends, weather permitting. The launch site is Glen Gray, 6km's from Winterton on the road to Cathedral Peak.

Departure is just prior to sunrise (dependant on time of year) +-05h00 in summer and 06h00 in winter. Your pilot will confirm time. Hot coffee, tea and rusks are served as you arrive on the launch site. Professional Crew prepare the balloons for flight. The pilot will give you a safety briefing prior to departure.

You should make sure that you have something warm enough for early morning, especially in winter. No high heels or open sandals.

Remember to bring your camera as you will have some of the most spectacular photo opportunities.

Ballooning is suitable from age 7 – 70 (The oldest passenger to date was 86) Passengers should be nimble and able to stand for the duration of the flight.

The flight is about an hour (Dependant on Conditions)

Once you have landed you will be transferred back to your vehicle at the launch site. A freshly cooked breakfast will be cooked and presented on our "Verandah with a view" overlooking the majestic Drakensberg.

For pricing and options you can view their website,
<https://www.drakensbergballooning.com/>



Guides

We work with 3 Guides who are available for various day trips in the Kamberg and surrounding areas.

Shane Bennitt does the following tours, but should there be something else you are interested in we can enquire with him or should you prefer, you can contact him directly:

Birding Meanders of the Midlands

Kwa-Zulu Natal has over 650 recorded species of birds, with the Natal Midlands offering some truly amazing and picturesque birding destinations. **(Half & Full Day)**

Highmoor/Kamberg Nature Reserve

This magnificent destination is renowned for its birding, scenic views, soaring basaltic buttresses, golden sandstone ramparts, rock pools, rolling high altitude grasslands, steep sided river valleys and rocky gorges. **(Very early morning start) 1 Full Day**

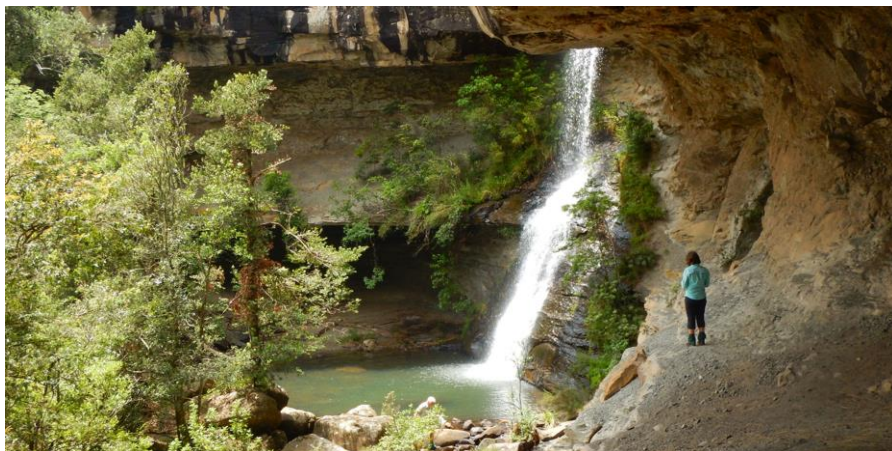
Photography In the Meanders

Every season the Midlands offers those keen photographers, some very special opportunities, be it in the heart of the Midlands, or visiting the magnificent Drakensberg range.

(Half & Full Day)

Booking in advance is essential.

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Deon Small – Small Berg Adventures

Berg Adventures offers professional guiding in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Okhahlamba Drakensberg Mountain Range and KZN Midlands. Trips will usually be multi-day hikes into the High Berg or could be just an overnight trip for first time hikers wanting to experience hiking for the first time. We have a range of standard trips to choose from or we can tailor make a hiking trip to suit your needs.

Booking in advance is essential.

Please click on the website link to view all adventures on offer:

<https://www.bergadventures.co.za/>

Samson Miya

12 years guiding experience.

Trained academy of climbing & mountaineering and rescue team.

Works at Cathedral Peak and does hikes at Giants.

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Age 35