



Four Flies Flash

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April Special

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*Nature never did betray
the heart that loved her –
Wordsworth*

Suikerboschfontein Hiking Trails

Nature is God's way of healing. Maybe that is why we frequently feel the need to visit nature reserves, or the beach, or the mountains when we are tired and worn out from the stresses of modern life. And how privileged we are to have so many beautiful places in our country to relax in nature. Such a place is the Suikerboschfontein Hiking Trails.

The trails are only 5 km from **Four Flies Nature Farm** and are characterized by unique rock formations of weathered sand stone. The trails were scientifically designed and expertly laid out. More than 90 marked tree species, 160 bird species and a large variety of wild flowers have been recorded on the terrain. Klipspringers, rhebuck, warthogs and other small fauna are frequently encountered by hikers.

Apart from two 10km trails and overnight camps there are day trails of 7km, 3km and 2.5km. A flushing toilet is available at the starting point. The longer route has a picnic spot with a gas braai in a ravine, under shade trees next to the stream. The shorter routes were designed for more inexperienced hikers and are easy walks in beautiful surroundings.

For your convenience we will do your booking for one of the day trails. You can also order a 'picnic backpack' from us, enjoy a lovely day outside and return to the comfort of a warm bath (or shower) and a luxurious bed in our **Dragonfly** unit.

Editorial

There was no plan to eradicate trout in South Africa, and the trout industry, especially in Mpumalanga, is recognized as very important. This is the message concerned trout producers, venue owners and fly fishing clubs received in Belfast on the 24th of February 2009.

The Federation of South African Fly Fishers (FOSAF) had a very successful meeting with the SA National Institute of Biodiversity (SANBI) in Pietermaritzburg. FOSAF's proposed mapping of trout fly fishing zones was accepted by SANBI on behalf of the DEAT. Mpumalanga already has a promulgated fly fishing zone that has been in existence for 12 years. This could form the initial basis for such a trout zone. The zones need to be reviewed on a regular basis and the process would probably start in 2010. Interested parties would be afforded the opportunity to participate in this process. Permits would be required, whether inside or outside a zone. Stakeholders also identified the need

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to form a local Trout Working Group.

Although there are still some confusion with regards to zones and permits, this is proof that we can actually make a difference if we are prepared to become involved in matters that concern us.

Four Flies News

1. Have you noticed our four stars?
2. Our new website is up and running. Please visit us at www.4flies.co.za to view our new look website. We would love to hear your comments on the new site. Please send an e-mail to miemie@4flies.co.za
3. We have a huge new colourful sign with our name, logo and website address to indicate the turn-off to our farm. This means no more searching in the dark or in thick mist to find **Four Flies Nature Farm!**
4. To make it even easier to visit us, we have registered with Nightsbridge Realtime Availability. You can now check availability on the internet and secure your booking on the spot by paying your deposit online. You will find the "Check availability" button in the left-hand column of every page on our website.
5. We now also have a credit card facility on the farm. We accept Visa and Master cards. Your choice of payment method is cash, direct internet payment or credit card.
6. It is our pleasure to inform you that **Four Flies Nature Farm** lies within the proclaimed trout zone of Mpumalanga, which means that you can continue to enjoy fly fishing in our lovely dams.

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