

FROK JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends of Kloofendal,

We have entered into another new year, how great is that!?! Wishing you all a wonderful new year, hope that it will be good for all of us!



Dam, summer 2019 – after lovely rain!

FORTHCOMING FROK EVENTS JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2019

Our upcoming FroK forthcoming events are posted on our website www.kloofendalfriends.yolasite.com , thanks to our hard working webmaster, Steve Spot.☺!

They include some interesting new and popular “old” events

Special mention of Jonathan Leemings two courses and Creepy Crawly Walks which will foster respect for all creatures, big and small. We share one world with them, we need them all: they all have a function!

<p>Info. on www.scorpions.co.za</p> 			
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Please check our web site for walks and training courses for more details and hyperlinks.

JANUARY

Date-Time	Event (walk)	Cost	Guide
Sun 6th Jan 14:00 – 16:00	GOLDMINE TOUR	R70/R60/R50	Rod Kruger
Sat 19th Jan 8:00 – 11:00	GRASSES COURSE	R150	Karin Spottiswoode
Sat 19th Jan 18:00 – 20:00	FROG EVENING	R70/R60/R50	Warren Schmidt
Sun 20th Jan 8:00 – 10:00	WILD FLOWER WALK	R70/R60/R50	Karin Spottiswoode
Sun 27th Jan 9:00 – 11:00	BUTTERFLIES	R70/R60/R50	Bradwin Adendorf

FEBRUARY

Sat 2nd Feb 8:00 – 10:00	VENOMOUS ANIMALS SEMINAR	R350	Jonathan Leeming BOOK
Sun 3rd Feb 9:00 – 11:00	CREEPY CRAWLIES WALK	R70/R60/R50	Jonathan Leeming

Sun 3rd Feb 14:00 – 16:00	GOLDMINE TOUR	R70/R60/R50	Rod Kruger
Sat 9th Feb 8:00 – 10:00	TREE WALK	R70/R60/R50	Richard Gill
Sun 10th Feb 9:00 – 11:00	ANTI-AGING USING MEDICINAL PLANTS	R70/R60/R50	Suzanne van Coller
Sat 16th Feb 18:00 – 20:00	FROG EVENING	R70/R60/R50	Warren Schmidt
Sun 17th Feb 9:00 – 11:00	BUTTERFLIES	R70/R60/R50	Grant Egen
Sat 23rd Feb 7:00 – 11:00	BIRDING	R70/R60/R50	Celia Human
Sat 23rd Feb 18:00 – 20:00	NIGHT WALK	R70/R60/R50	Jonathan Leeming
Sun 24th Feb 8:00 – 13:00	ONE WORLD WORKSHOP	INFO	Jonathan Leeming

MARCH

Sat 2nd Mar 9:00 – 11:00	PAIN RELIEF USING OF MEDICINAL PLANTS	R70/R60/R50	Suzanne van Coller
Sun 3rd Mar 14:00 – 16:00	GOLDMINE TOUR	R70/R60/R50	Rod Kruger
Sun 10th Mar 8:00 – 10:00	BIRDING	R70/R60/R50	Grant Egen
Sat 16th Mar 18:00 – 20:00	NOCTURNAL CREATURES	R70/R60/R50	Grant Egen
Sun 17th Mar 9:00 – 11:00	BUTTERFLIES	R70/R60/R50	Grant Egen
Sun 24th Mar 9:00 – 11:00	WILD FLOWER WALK	R70/R60/R50	Karin Spottiswoode



Normal cost R70/R60/R50 for Pensioners / Other adults / Children

SCHOOL GROUPS

Our school “hands-on” environmental education for schools runs during the week, information and appointments can be made through the FroK cell 079-693-5608 or landline 011-674-2980

Three ladies have offered to help in promotion.




FROK ECOCLUB

	<p style="text-align: center;">Come and join the Friends of Kloofendal EcoClub!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A new family nature adventure initiative in the Kloofendal Nature Reserve by the Friends of Kloofendal and Kids SA Corporation</p>	
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Join our new club for 12 months which include:

- Welcome FROK Hat
- Monthly Guided Walks
- Monthly Practical Experiences and Handling
- Monthly Bush Art
- Monthly Family Nature Quiz and recap
- Log your experiences in the log book, overseen by our FGASA experienced guides
- Earn your FROK Junior Ranger badge at the end of the year.

Being a FROK Junior Ranger entitles you to walk alongside the Field Guide, free guided walks and being an ambassador for the Friends of Kloofendal Nature Reserve Eco Club.

		
<p>Family exploration and practical experiences</p>	<p>Art through Nature</p>	<p>Learning through exploration</p>

Our FroK EcoClub will start on Saturday 2nd February 2019, 14h00 – 16h00

Contact Candice 074-944-0195 (only WhatsApp or SMS) for enquiries or bookings.

or Karin at the FroK cell 079-693-5608

FLOWER BOOKLET

	<p>The second edition of our pocket-sized wild flower booklet is for sale at every FroK event. Author Jan van Wyk.</p> <p>Cost R120</p> 
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PUBLIC OPEN SPACES BYLAWS

There are now 7 security guards and two dog handlers on duty every day to ensure that Public Open Spaces are enforced

SNARES, SEWERAGE LEAKS, CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The Snare Patrol WhatsApp group shares what is all happening in and around the reserve. It is recommended for frequent hikers and joggers in the reserve to be on the Snare Patrol WhatsApp group. If interested to be on it, please contact Steve Spottiswoode at cell 082-558-3158?

INVASIVE PROBLEM PLANT CONTROL

FroK, representing the community, has been allocated 3 EPWP workers to work on invasive problem plant control every day of the week, for six months with us, as from Monday 7th January 2019.

The idea is that we educate the workers on Alien Invasive Plant identification and then how to remove them.

The recent rains has made it ideal to remove the problem plants before seeding and break off the new shoots of trees which were cut down last year to combat bush encroachment. Our team has also been supplemented by two new nature conservation graduates, and at times Joburg at Work workers have joined us too.

We have asked the workers to put the seeds in garbage bags, and dig or pull out the problem plants and leave some of them visibly next to the path so that the hikers can learn which the problem plants are.



Lantana camara, one of the declared invasive problematic plants which is easily missed when not in flower

We are now in need of volunteers who can help in directing the work. Please contact me if you can help?

Kind regards,

Karin Spottiswoode,

Committee member of Friends of Kloofendal

Cell 079-693-5608, tel 011-674-2980

Many thanks to Steve Spottiswoode for managing theFroK bulk email list and sending out of the FroK newsletters!