

2 X SCENIC TRAILS THROUGH HISTORIC XARIBU COMMUNITY.

SUURBRAAK ROUTE

DUR: 2.5-4HRS ⌚
ELEV: 300+500M ▼
DIST: 8+17KM ▶



GROOTVADERSBOSCH
CONSERVANCY
MOUNTAIN BIKE
TRAILS

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The Grootvadersbosch Conservancy was established in 1992 and represents private landowners working together for conservation.

The Grootvadersbosch Conservancy lies next to the Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve and the Boosmansbos Wilderness area.

The conservancy is a non-profit trust and relies on donations, membership contributions and grants to implement social and environmental projects in the Grootvadersbosch valley. The conservancy employs over 120 people in environmental and trail building projects.

This trail network was funded by the Table Mountain Fund to showcase the biodiversity across the landscape, working with multiple partners to support conservation activities. The trails include over 150km of single track and jeep track that traverse indigenous forest, mountain fynbos, renosterveld and productive farmland.

The trails were built by beasts* and pimped by man.**

Respect the trail builders, follow the rules, ride safe & have fun!

*Mainly cow, sheep, bushbuck and the occasional leopard

**People who live and work here and love riding bikes

PERMITS REQUIRED

PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE
AT GROOTVADERSBOSCH
CONSERVANCY OFFICE
SELECTED GUEST HOUSES
& SWELLEDAM TOURISM

LIABILITY:

The Grootvadersbosch Conservancy Trust Board, partner organizations, funders, landowners and/or its employees and/or agents and/or its successors in title shall not be liable for any damage, loss, theft, injury, accident or death suffered by any person, howsoever caused.

Right of Admission Reserved. Ride at own risk. No helmet no ride.

TRAIL RULES:

No picking flowers. No fires. No smoking. No camping. No littering.

No picnicking. No swimming. No pets. No helmet, no ride.

Please stay on the marked routes. We promise they are the coolest.

Please close any fences that you open (but you are probably lost if there is no fence bridge).

Approach animals with caution. Please be extra careful when approaching sheep as they can easily injure themselves if startled.

Ride all fence bridges at your own risk. Walk them if you are unsure.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Emergency: 10110

Dr Scholtz (Heidelberg): 028 722 2034

Police (Heidelberg): 028 722 1910

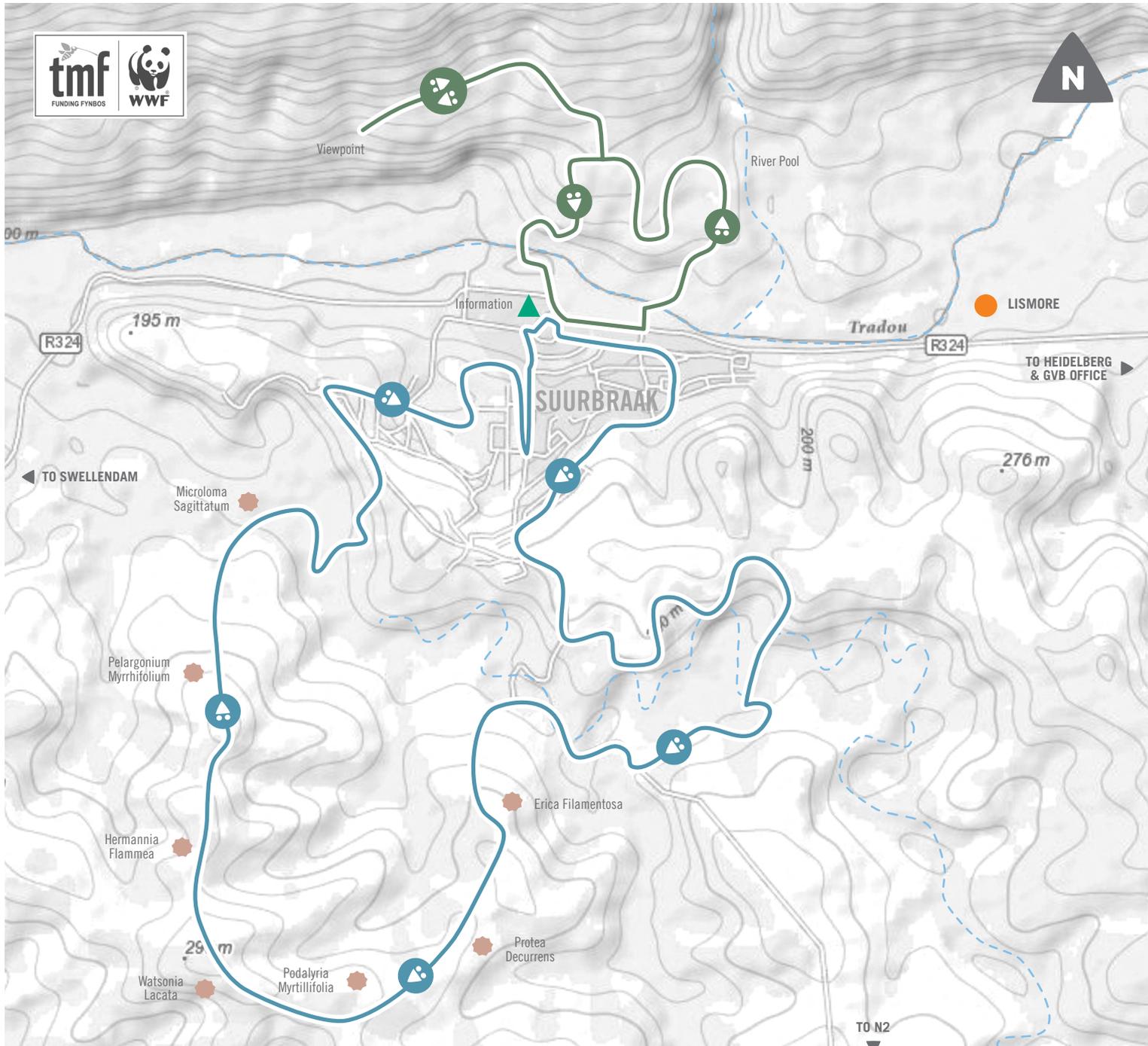
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-  17km ROUTE
-  8km ROUTE
-  GRAVEL ROAD
-  RIVER
-  ACCOMMODATION
-  START OF TRAIL
-  RENOSTERVELD SPECIES



RENOSTERVELD:

Renosterveld is part of the Cape Floristic Region and is dominated by grasses and shrubs from the daisy family. Renosterveld is the richest bulb habitat on earth and is renowned for its spring flower displays. Because it is found on fertile soils, it has been widely converted to croplands. Less than 5% now remain. The Suurbraak Renosterveld is home to several unique species.

Protea decurrens: An endangered ground Protea. It is pollinated by rodents, which are attracted to the yeast-like scent of the flowers.

Erica filamentosa: A rare and endangered Erica found on a handful of sites in the Swellendam Silcrete Fynbos vegetation.

Podalyria myrtillifolia: A woody shrub with flat silvery leaves and large pale pink pea flowers. Its sweet, scented flowers attract carpenter bees which pollinate it.

Watsonia lacata: A small Watsonia with 4-5 sword-shaped leaves. Flowers can be pink, purple or pale orange. Can be seen flowering en-masse in spring, particularly in recently burnt areas.

Hermannia flammea: A small shrub, with tiny red, twisted flowers. It flowers in spring, does not resprout after fire, and is highly palatable to livestock.

Pelargonium myrrhifolium: A sprawling small shrub which. Flowers can be white to light purple, marked with red-purple lines. Flower in spring and summer and abundant after a fire.

Microloma sagittatum: A non-parasitic climber, which uses other plants as support.

The dark pink flowers produce packets of pollen which latch onto sunbird tongues for pollination.

More information available visit www.overbergrenosterveld.org.za



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