

## **Injisuthi Weekend - 17 to 19 November 2023**

This weekend we had the privilege of returning to Injisuthi area and staying at the EKZNW camp. It was beautifully green after good rains the last few weeks. There was no trace of any fires and the field had totally recovered. We were blessed with sunshine the whole weekend and lovely cool evenings.



### **Injisuthi camp**

We all stayed in chalets this weekend as each could sleep 4 people. The chalets have 4 single beds each as well as all beddings, towels and fully equipped kitchen with fridge and stove. The quality of the mattresses and bedding was really good.

We walked over to the campsite and it was beautifully clean and well-kept and we will definitely be camping there again soon.

This valley should definitely be on the list of places to visit a few times a year.

### **The hikers**

We had a small group of 7 hikers and for some this was the first time at Injisuthi. (David and Sharon, Karen, Phat, Vee, Luisa and Lizette.)

Given the different levels of fitness we adjusted the hikes and everybody had a great weekend. In the evenings we all came together for meals and got to know each other really well. After the short hike on Sunday we had an amazing brunch with all the left-over food and ended the weekend with another feast.



## Saturday hike



We set off at 730am hoping to get to Marble Baths. The heat was already building up and soon Luisa and Phat turned back to enjoy a day of swimming close to the camp. The rest of us continued to the intersection to Marble Baths Caves but after discussing the route with other hikers we opted not to hike another 8 km with 400m accent to get to Marble Bath caves and pools.

Instead we decided to visit Battle Cave, swim in the rivers multiple times and only got back to camp at 2:30pm after hiking 15km. We were all tired, sunburned and exhilarated after such a beautiful day.





### **Sunday hike**

After a much needed rest and sleep we only left at 830am on Sunday morning to follow the contour path along the valley of the Old Women stream. We had another swim in great pools and then returned on the other side of the valley past the Old Hut and linked into the path through the death trees.



We left Injisuthi camp at 12pm for the drive back and the first 30 km are really bad until you get back to Loskop. In spite of the bad road this was an amazing weekend and we will all enjoy going back to hike around the Injisuthi area and hopefully get to Marble Baths next time.

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