

Tekwani Hike

Normandien farms, Dargle Plantation

26 January 2025

21 Hikers

Distance of
12.5km

Early
Start

Elevation
341m



A clear and sunny day.

Leaders:
Nonhlanhla and Sthabiso

The recce for this route was done twice. Thanks to Janna and Iain for their guidance and support. Based on those two visits, the leaders identified the safest and challenging route with great views of the Tekwani pine forest and the Umngeni river. Areas for tea and lunch breaks were also identified.



Beautiful views of the Umngeni river

The plan was to start with the hike as early as possible and finish before midday because of the hot weather forecast.

Our hike started with an exciting mood, with a steep warm up hill of 300m. The next challenge was the overgrown thorny vegetation of about 500m. The hikers were advised to wear long pants to minimize scratches.





We enjoyed our tea break under the shade of the pine trees.

We were all in a relaxed and joyful spirit and we mingled quite well.



Hikers braced through the heat in a vibrant mood and the motto that kept us through the heat "CELEBRATING AND ENJOYING THE BLESSING" (meaning the blessing of the heat)

Reaching the waterfall was an awesome feeling with the beautiful views and the sound of the overflowing river. Hikers cooled down by dipping their feet in the water and some had a quick swim down the river on our way back to the car park



Back to the car park
We had an exciting hike having done about 12,5km in extreme heat but the team spirit was high.



Report : Nonhlanhla and Sthabiso

