

# Sundowner Night Walk

## Karkloof Plantations, Howick, KZN



**Leader: Ali Engelbrecht**

**Date: 22nd March 2025**

**Distance: 7 Kms**

**Elevation: 192 m**

**Weather conditions:**

**Hot then cooled with some rain  
18 Hikers**

**Grade of hike: Casual & easy**

**Report by: Ali Engelbrecht**

The Sundowner and night walk with the Midlands Hiking Club was an interesting outing. Starting in the heat the air quickly cooled with an impending storm.

Mother Nature was kind to us. A scattering of drizzle just enough to make the paths even more slippery. This did not dampen our spirits as we stepped out with UV torches in hand.

An amazing array of plantation growth came to life under the UV torches. A quick refreshment stop alongside the river before the walking of the plank. A tricky situation requiring good balance otherwise into smelly black muck was the option. The scary bamboo plantation was the visiting place of the Easter Bunny who took the scary away and turned it into excitement for the kid in all of us.



The last stretch was in the dark with sounds of giggles as puddles were stepped in and the skies lit up with blasts of lightening. We made it just in time as the heavens opened. Kids, dogs and adults all had an exciting Saturday evening with a difference.

