

Giant's Castle, Worlds View, 13.04.2025

Hike Leader: Dusty Shaw

Photos from various hikers

Weather: Some cloud but mostly clear

Hikers: 16

Total Accent: 402m

Length: 11km

Severity: 2

Route: There and back

Report done by: Dusty Shaw

Profile:



Our hiking group

An early morning with the promise of winter around the corner and a blue sky with wisps of clouds high up we made our way to Giants Castle. A sign board with a warning to watch out for a crow that has a fetish for rubber wiper blades was nailed to the tree nearby at the picnic site and some of the drivers attached packets to the wiper blades to prevent damage. I think the board needs to be replaced with watch out for baboons.



We crossed over the Bushman's river on a sturdy wooden bridge after a steep downhill to the river.

Shortly after crossing we had to step carefully as the path leading up from the river was very slippery from the latest rains.



Gradually climbing until we had our first break where everyone stripped layers off as we had warmed up after the early morning cold whilst admiring the open field of grass and the Bushman's river flowing below us now.



Continuing further along the path we slowly made our way to the plateau where we stopped for a short breakfast snack.



Hettie announced that it was Rebecca's birthday and also revealed what was in her mysterious bag she had over her shoulder: Cup cakes and lamingtons!





Congratulating Rebecca with a song we upped our cakes in a salute to her special day.



Passing Sugar loaf hill we slowly got closer to our lunch spot as Worlds View point, edged closer. On the left of Worlds View was another distinct mountain called the Chimney Pot.



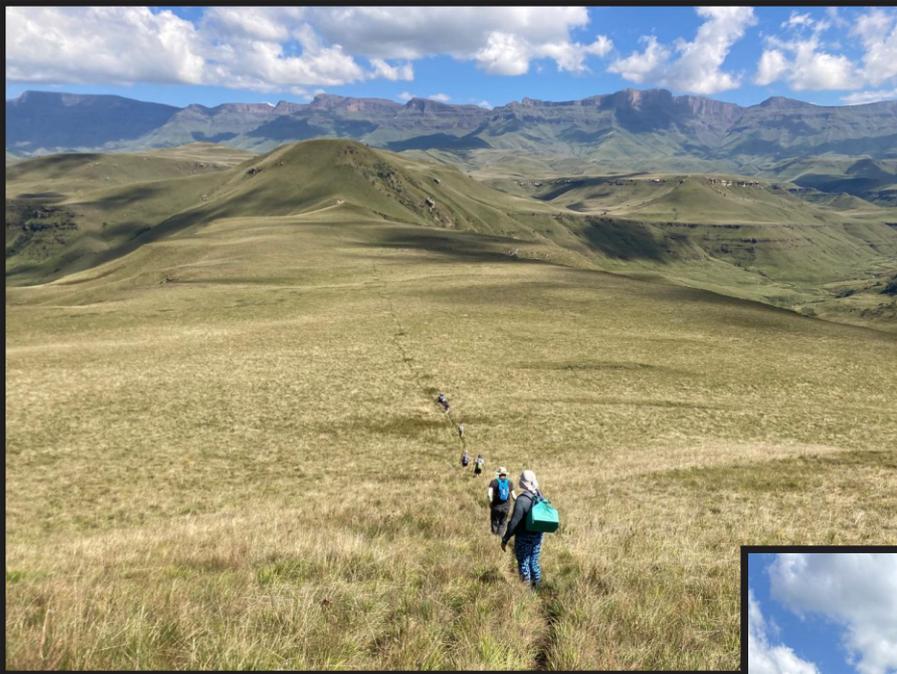
A long trudge across a grass plain brought us onto the base of Worlds View where we stopped for a quick break before climbing to the top for lunch.



On arriving at the top marked by the only shrub that gave shade we sat down for lunch.



Deon took everyone through the various names of the peaks from Giants Castle to Gatberg just showing itself.



After about 45 minutes and refuelled we donned on our packs and made our way back down the view point.

Even now the path had not dried out yet and we had to be careful as we made our way back across the grassland and Bushman's river one final time.



Followed by a sharp steep climb and rest to catch our breath at the top.

One final quote:

“Slow down and enjoy life. It’s not only the scenery you miss by going too fast; you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.” - Eddie Cantor