

Hilton Grasslands Hike

What a day! We couldn't have asked for better weather—crisp, sunny, and just cool enough to keep us moving. Our 8km meander through the grasslands surrounding Hilton College was nothing short of magical.

The trail wound gently through golden fields, with sweeping views and birdsong all around. Spirits were high, and things got very exciting when Winston, our ever-enthusiastic German Shorthaired Pointer, flushed out a herd of warthog. He took off like a rocket, tail wagging furiously, while we watched in a mix of horror and amusement. (Don't worry—no warthogs were harmed, and Winston eventually came back, very pleased with himself.)

A definite highlight was stumbling upon Nancy Gardiner's old house. There was a hush as we approached—something about the place just radiated history and mystery. We stood in awe, imagining the stories those walls could tell.

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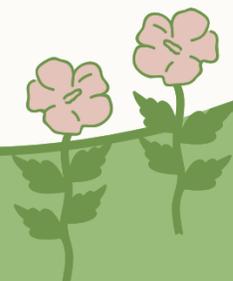
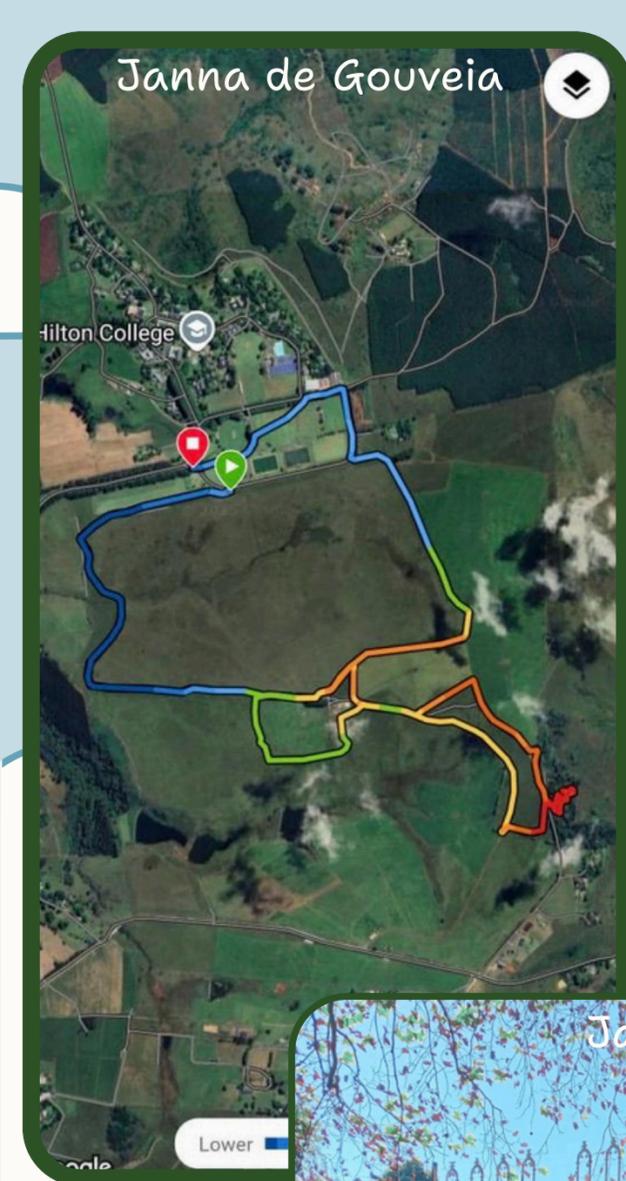
Date: 25 May 2025

Conditions: Sunny & dry

Grading of Hike: 2

Distance: 8km

No. of Hikers: 23 adults, 3 children, 1 dog



The hike wasn't without its challenges, though. Every single farm gate was locked, which meant a lot of climbing, scrambling, and some very creative teamwork. But hey, it added to the adventure!

We wrapped up the day with homemade cookies—still warm and absolutely delicious.

Nothing like a sweet treat to celebrate a day well spent outdoors.

All in all, a perfect hike filled with sunshine, surprises, and a whole lot of laughter.



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