

## Honey Trails Hike, Monteseel, 12 July 2025

Number of hikers: 8

Distance: planned (10km), actual 4.86kms

Weather conditions: Cool and clear at first, misty and wet later on.

Severity of the hike: An easy hike

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This new venue was recently added to the fixtures and has been a popular spot for trail runners and avid off-road bikers for years. Situated in the Inchanga area, just off the main 1000 hills road, the hike was started promptly at 8am.



Although a new venue, the group of hikers that attended knew each other well and a wonderful warm stream of conversation followed the group as they headed out past the Main gate and into the grasslands below.

Moving initially through the grasslands it seemed almost surreal to see the N3 in the distance especially moving through such a grassy and “bush like” surrounding.

Taking time to stop every now and then to just take it all in was thoroughly enjoyed and with this hike being an easy one, there was no need to rush or worry about time.



Following the beautiful scenery and diverse grasslands we were introduced to indigenous forest sections, with flowing wild fushia tress (Halleria elliptica) everywhere creating confetti underfoot with their fallen petals.



With the hike comprising two parts which entail the end of part one nearing the car park, we had to cut it short at the halfway mark as a very wet mist swirled in. This quickly drenched us and cut visibility down considerably. We therefore ended the morning with a visit to a local coffee shop called “Rosie’s” for much needed coffee, hot chocolate together with apple slices and custard.

Thank you to all the Midlands Hiking members who joined me on this new trail.