

MIDLANDS HIKING CLUB - HIKE REPORT

BULWER MOUNTAIN, KZN MIDLANDS: AUG 2025



Hike Leader
Brian Henwood

Our Club Committee launched the Big 5 Challenge in 2024 as an incentive for our members, to develop their strength and fitness. Five highest mountains within the Midlands region were selected. They are Bulwer, Swartkop, Nhlazane, Mount Gilboa and Cunningly Castle.

On Saturday 9 August we expected temps ranging from 6 to 20 degrees, and we were not disappointed. It was perfect conditions for tackling the mighty Bulwer Mountain.



All 25 hikers still hungry for success as they head towards the summit 500m above the start.

The group was led by Jack Molefe, a trained hike leader from the local community.



Standing L-R: Sthabiso, Graham, Rebecca, Rob, Jen, Lizette, Nelly, Dusty, Ben, Melanie, Shaun, Kalina, Keith, Jennifer, Brian, Rhona

Crouching L-R: Barry, Nonhlanhla, Tracy, Dawn, Candice, Vanessa, Libby, Beth



Libby offers inspiration to the group



While Keith, our eldest active member, celebrates with a thumbs up



Jack our leader, resting with Graham before tackling the next steep ascent



Cool weather conditions making it a bit easier for the hikers on the steeper slopes



Vanessa locates the beacon



Sthabiso & Nonhlanhla savouring the moment



While Tracy spots a star in the sky, Candice climbs into her lunchbox



The group acknowledges their achievement by raising three fingers, representing their third success in the Big 5 Challenge