

- ★ Date: 13 September 2025
- ★ Leader: Luis Esteves
- ★ Number of hikers: 5
- ★ Report: Luis Esteves
- ★ Distance: 15km

GIANTS CASTLE HIKE



We set off from the Giants Castle Reserve reception area at 8.30am, on the track that leads to Meander Hut. After the steep concreted incline, we had terrific views of the main berg on our right and also views towards the Midlands on our left. We passed the turnoff to the Vulture Hide and about 500 metres on we turned off to our left to The Lakes. After a steep climb we were on the ridge which runs parallel with the main berg and goes all the way to the river valley which separates the Giants Castle Reserve from Highmoor. Despite some haze we had the main berg from Monks Cowl/Cathkin Peak to Giants Castle in view all the way.



At the end of this ridge, we had great views of Highmoor. We had a refreshment break, taking a few moments to enjoy the spectacular scenery. We then made our way down past the Giants Castle ranger outpost house and on to the river crossing where we took a few moments to enjoy the pools and crystal-clear water. From here we climbed out of the river valley and on to Meander Hut where we met up with fellow hikers from MHC who were overnighing there.



From Meander Hut we headed back to the Giants Castle reception area along the vehicle access road to Meander Hut. The time was about 2.00pm and we had hiked for about 5 hours covering about 15km. After enjoying coffee and rusks (thank you Sharon!) we made our way home.