

MOUNTAIN SPENDOUR ECO RESORT

Central Drakensberg – Monk's Cowl area.

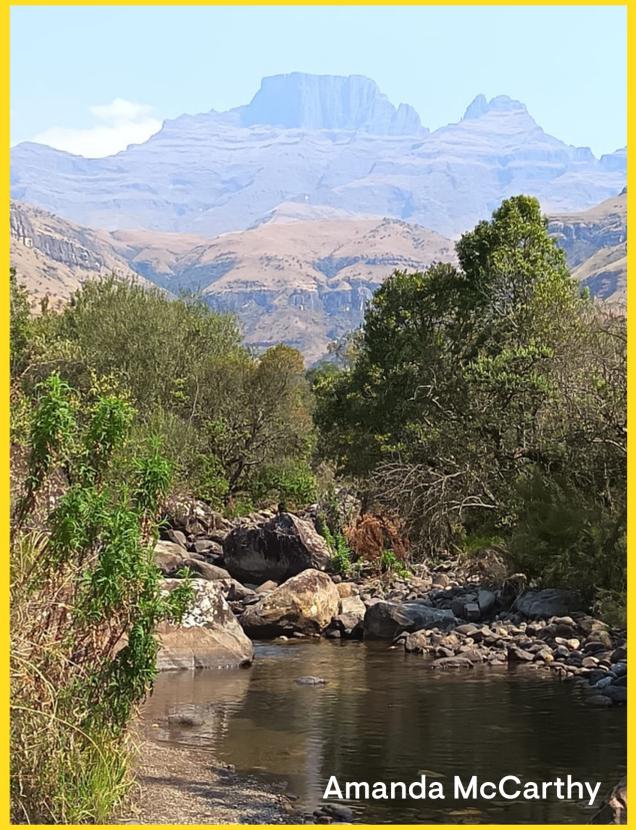
Dates: 29-31 August 2025

Number of hikers: 9 on Saturday; 8 on Sunday

Leader: Lizette Gerber



What an incredible weekend exploring the stunning trails at Cathkin Peak park and staying at the lovely Mountain Splendour resort in the Champagne Valley. Some stayed on the fully equipped cabins while a few brave hikers pitched their tents.



Saturday took us up to the nearly dry Nandi Falls surrounded by a beautiful indigenous forest where we had a well-deserved break before taking the scenic circular route through Hlatikhulu Forest over the ridge with a quick stop at Sterkspruit Waterfall. The weather was absolutely perfect - warm sunshine and ideal hiking conditions!



On Saturday evening we did the customary braai and great food was shared amongst the hikers.

Sunday brought an early start as we tackled a challenging 500m ascent to Breakfast Stream, passing through Crystal Falls and the impressive Sphinx formation. We were back at the resort by 11am so that we could head home. A lucky few stayed on until Monday.



Perfect weather, breathtaking scenery, and great company - this is what hiking in the Midlands is all about!



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