

Zulu Falls - 4 to 6 Nov 2025

PARADISE. I am sitting in a very refreshing pool overlooking the Zulu Falls.

The Midlands Hiking Club, led and organised by Margret Kirsten, a 2 night stay at the Zulu Falls Lodge with self-catering accommodation from 4th to 6th November 2025. On this venture 12 hikers with variable strengths of walking, took part on the first day at 2pm with a temperature of about 33 degrees. At the view point site looking out over the valley, was the Mooi River, diverse housing/dwellings surrounding the hills and some amongst the natural bush. Heading back was hot for those who aren't fond of the heat. Hence diving in the swimming pool when I got back. Totally invigorating! At least 4 giraffes seen from afar that day.

Wednesday's temperature about 28 degrees, 8 hikers set off to have tea by the falls. An adventure finding our way. Much scrambling around thorny bushes and under a fence: to keep out animals and humans from falling over the falls!

After lunch another walk ventured. 9 hikers took part on the walk to the dam. Before the dam a successful view of game seen: 1 kudu, about 6 giraffe, about 12 wildebeest, about 20 zebra, some impala and blesbok. "Sh sh sh this is a nature reserve you know. They can hear you." There are 16 giraffe and 18 wildebeest on the reserve.

Highlights:

1. A breeding colony of bald ibis flying around the falls.
2. An unusual colouring on a beetle.
3. Secretary bird.
4. Rock thrush nest. Bird not often seen.
5. Last but not the least was our weather. No rain during the day only at night. I consider that a walkers dream.

Fact: The area is rich in ironage and stone age artefacts.

The best part were our evenings, getting together and enjoying each others company.

Our last day was a 2km marked hike which lead us to a siting of a smaller waterfall on the Mooi river. There is a cave just above the end of the falls. These 3 days where restful allowing each person the freedom to walk or not.

My first visit to Zulu Falls and the Midlands Hiking Club has been a wonderful experience, resulting in my becoming a member in 2026.

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