

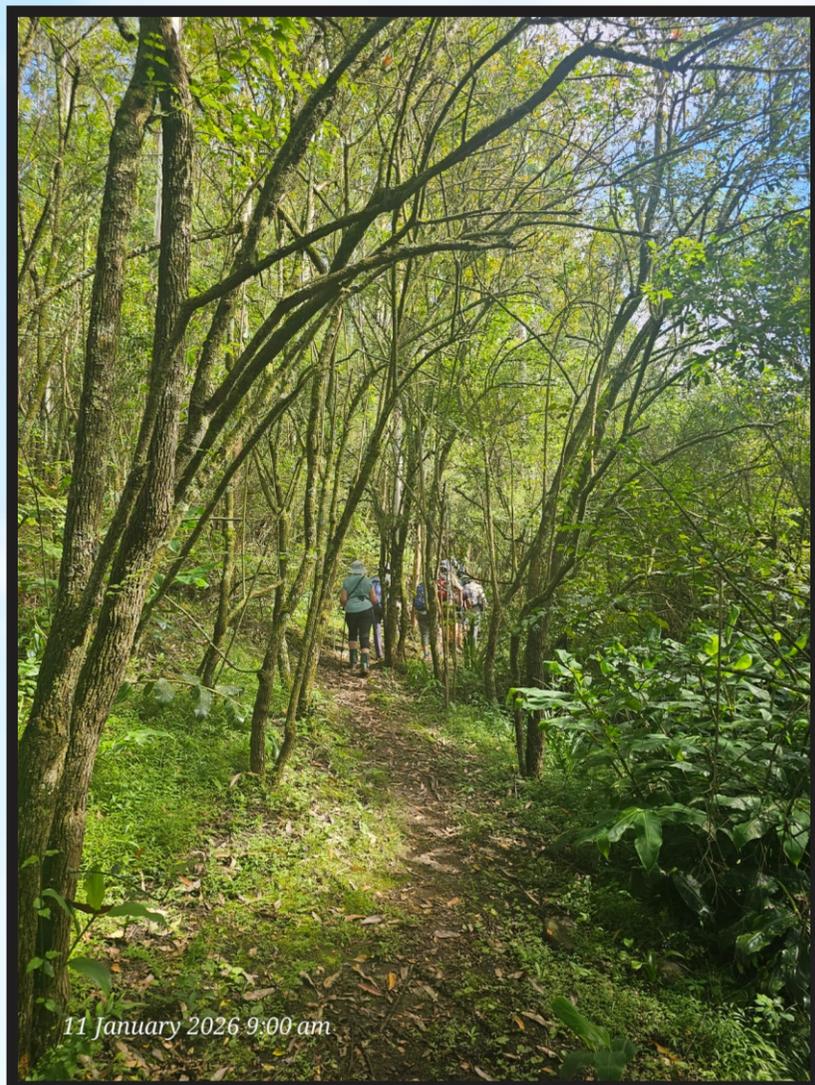
St Ives - Midlands

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26 hikers

Leader: Dawn Norton

Hike report by: Dawn Norton



A new hike for the Midlands Hiking Club through the forests at St Ives Lodge and Venue in the Midlands opposite Piggly Wiggly.

It was a hot day as the troop set off into the forest where the paths rambled along the stream.

There was plenty of birdlife to enjoy as we progressed.



After leaving the forest, we hiked along side the perimeter road - a 280m climb over 700m.

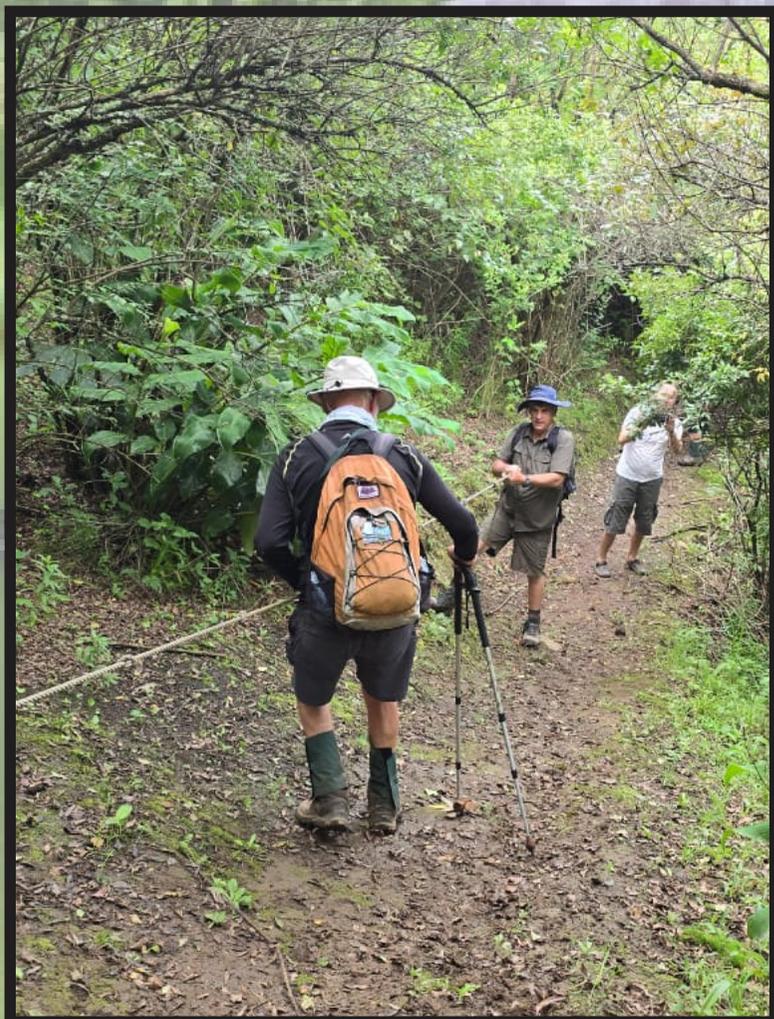
This was not for sissies but everyone made it and welcomed a tea break with beautiful view looking back over the Midlands landscape and Piggly Wiggly.



A fallen tree in the forest made a perfect group photo and a welcome water break.

It was soon time to move on and as we meandered back through the forest, you could see everyone winding their way along the path.

There were plenty of insects and mushrooms to keep our environmentalists happy.



The trek back also had some slippery sections but luckily the trails were equipped with ropes to assist, though our poor chair lady did make an impromptu fall passing over one of the streams.



The dam as we came back was looking very inviting for a swim but the pizzas were calling, so we all gladly settled into St Ives Boma for a well earned lunch.

Even the game was hiding under the trees as we approached the end.

All in all, a lovely hike in our beautiful countryside. Distance was 9.1km with some steep sections but all came home safely and looking forward to our next adventure.