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GNOME TRAIL

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This Gnome Trail was not the traditional route in the eastern Karkloof Forest as the plantations were being felled and there was no access allowed. So on a cool early morning, 15 hikers set off from Howick along Curries Post Road into the west side of the Karkloof Forest. The gum plantation afforded us a soft underfoot, fungi in the plenty and welcomed shade. Margret Kirsten, our "military" leader had diligently done a few reccies to navigate the maze of paths we explored that day. Gnome surprises met us along the way, dotted here and there. Like Easter egg hunting children we meandered up and down searching for gnomes and fungi. The forest cleared at the top of the hill and we enjoyed an early lunch break. A few of us slipping and sliding across muddy patches, chatting along the way, enjoying each other's company and listening to fascinating stories from our Canadian visitor, we covered 17km without hardly feeling it!



Report by Sue Gow