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Our group of 20 was whittled away to 14 by life. Despite damaging rain and hail hitting Pmb and surrounds the night before, Sunday dawned clear and bright, albeit a bit chilly! Driving in, we were met by a herd of Waterbuck mixing happily with Impala on the drive up to the Lodge, a sure sign of an interesting day ahead.

Over steaming cups of coffee at the Shiloh Guest Lodge on the Tweefontein farm, we were hosted by Brendon Raw and his daughter Justine. What gracious hospitality from the beginning, which extended to a halfway picnic spot, a table adorned with a white tablecloth and various high energy snacks and fruit juices - the latter served with ice!

The 10km "Eland Camino" as it was christened by Richard de Kramer, the estate manager, who so diligently laid out the path with way markers freshly painted for us to follow, proved to be an easy walk going up dale and down dale, through forests and grasslands with beautiful views opening up as we traversed around the farm.

True to expectation, we came across a herd of Natal Wildebees who galloped off to join a mixed herd of Zebra, Blesbuck and Eland, wow what a treat.

The photos tell the story of a relaxed morning in a beautiful setting, dams decorated with trees in their autumnal colours, with huge fluffy cumulus cloud against a deep blue sky finishing off the picture.

On arriving back at the Lodge we were greeted by tea and coffee served with cream scones. We all agreed, this will definitely become a regular fixture.

Hike report by: Hettie Randall

