

Virginia Trails Hike

ESTON

26 July 2026



Our hike today was all about good company filled with jokes and laughter, fresh air with great scenery, peace and tranquility. None of us were bothered about time and pace.

Ten hikers braved the winter morning chilly start and before long the jackets and extra layers were coming off. We had planned to start at 08h30 but everyone was ready to go by 08h00.

Our route first took us through the sugar-cane fields and thereafter the magnificent views of the mountainous Eston farm, down the winding road to the dam. We could not resist taking a group photo under the Wine Run sign even though the event had long passed, but we promised ourselves that we would join the next one. Unfortunately, we only had our water and juice to drink during the hike.

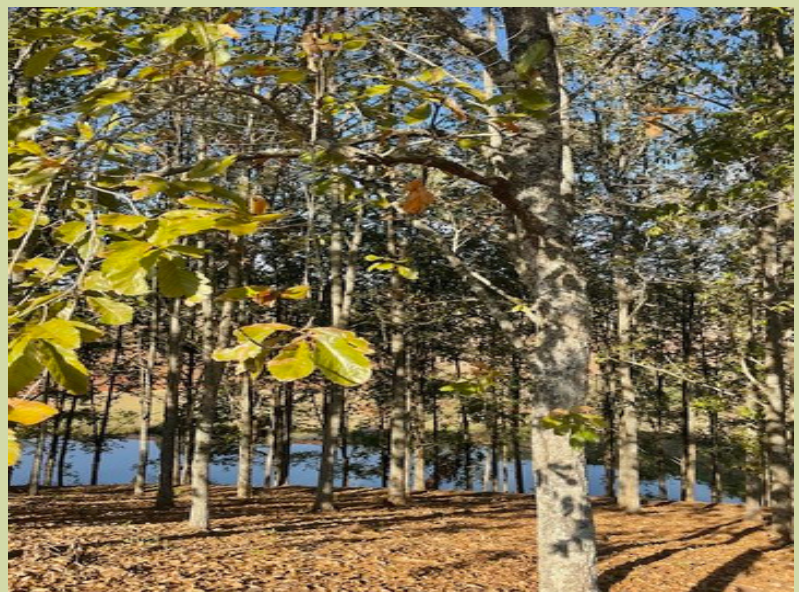
The path then took us through the sugar-cane fields, thick indigenous bushes and the valley. Across the valley swung a huge ESKOM powerline, with large red and white warning balls hanging from many points across the line to warn those that fly over the valley.





We found an amazing spot for our lunch break, it looked down a steep valley with the river shining down below. We could have spent the whole afternoon here.

A total of about 11km was covered and we were back in our cars around 12h15.



We would like to thank Midlands hiking club members for a memorable hike, it was a great pleasure to be in your company.

Report by Sthabiso and Nonhlanhla Chiliza.