

Umlalazi Nature Reserve Mtunzini

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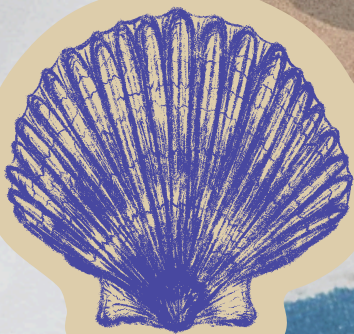
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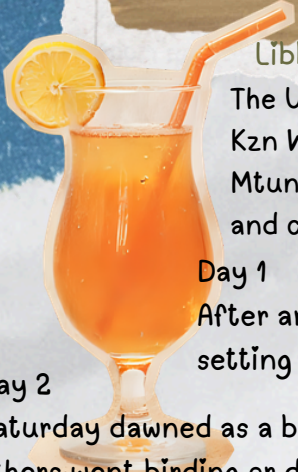
The Umlalazi Nature reserve is managed by Kzn Wildlife and is situated just outside Mtunzini. It offers a combination of chalets and camping and caravan sites

Day 1

After arrivals from all parts of Kzn the afternoon was spent setting up tents or settling into chalets.



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Day 2

Saturday dawned as a beautiful day. The majority undertook the Mtunzini Parkrun albeit at walking pace while others went birding or did their own thing. The Parkrun course wound its way through forest for most of the 5km and must rate as one of the prettiest Parkrun's in SA. A buffet breakfast at the Country Club was followed by free time for the rest of the morning.

In the afternoon, Pat led a 7km walk from the beach parking through the forest. Due to time constraints we didn't make it to Twinstreams however the birders amongst the group were kept occupied identifying various calls and searching more elusive forest species.

An enjoyable evening was spent at Vista Logoa a local restaurant.

Day 3

Sunday morning brought perfect weather and despite inclement weather reports we managed to fit in a 10km walk that morning. We made our way from the beach parking along the beach to the Umlalazi River mouth. During our break at the mouth, we watched a fisherman land a Garrick (aka Leervis) of a size to make a fisherman proud. From there we turned inland through coastal forest before returning to the start.

Afternoon was free with an early evening braai at the chalets.

Day 4

Due to the inclement weather making its presence, haste was made packing up and leaving as early as possible.

All in all, the social and less structured weekend was ideal to enjoy all that Mtunzini has to offer and was enjoyed by all.



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