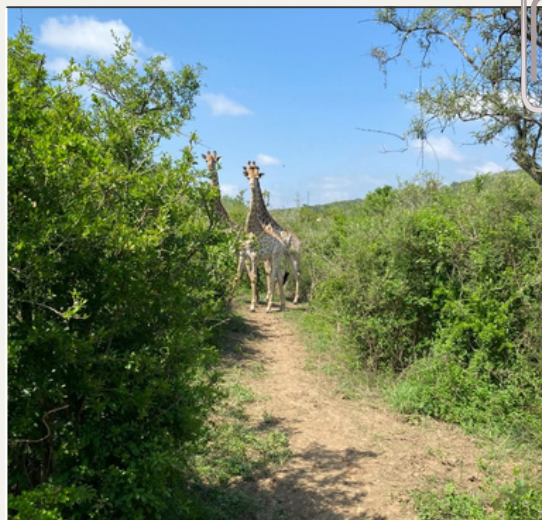


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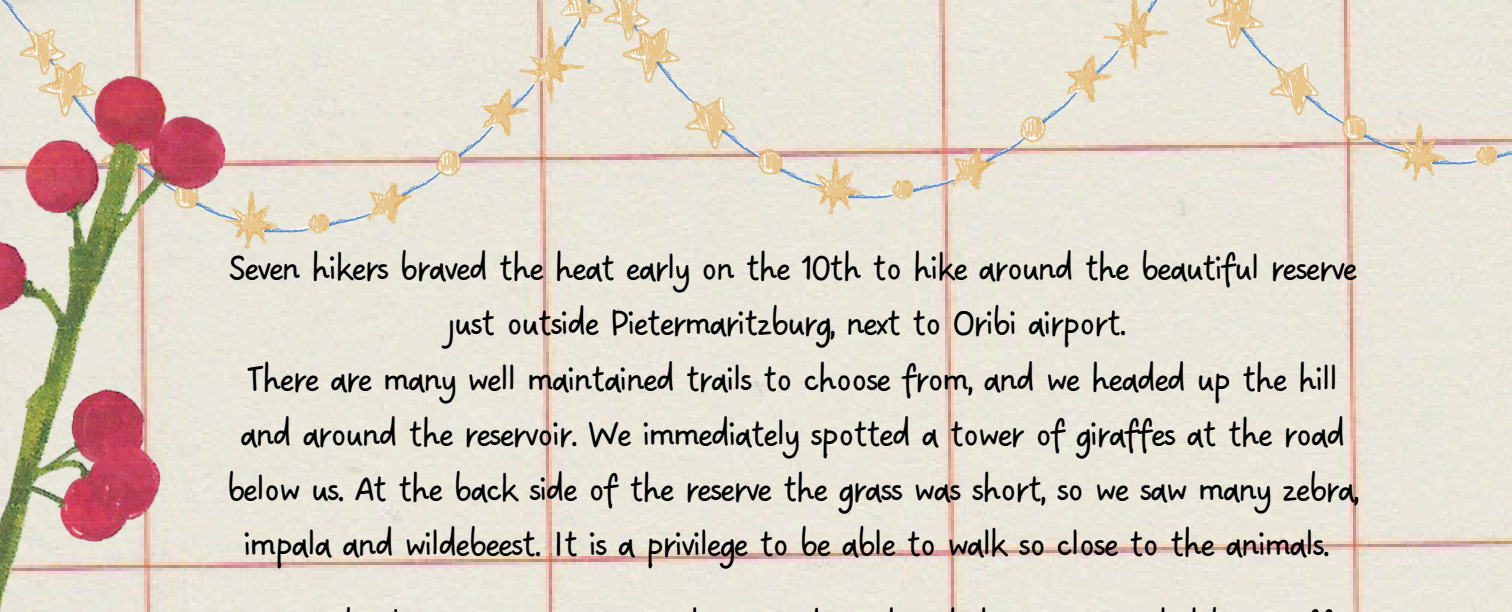
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Nature
reserve



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Seven hikers braved the heat early on the 10th to hike around the beautiful reserve just outside Pietermaritzburg, next to Oribi airport.

There are many well maintained trails to choose from, and we headed up the hill and around the reservoir. We immediately spotted a tower of giraffes at the road below us. At the back side of the reserve the grass was short, so we saw many zebra, impala and wildebeest. It is a privilege to be able to walk so close to the animals.

On our way back we were on a very dense path and ended up surrounded by giraffes eating peacefully on the trees around us. It was a magical experience. We also spotted a variety of birds, including 3 young owls.

The reserve does have many ticks and taking precautions before hiking is recommended.

We ended the morning with brunch at Jaxx Café in Hayfield. The food is tasty and the service very good.

This is a hike that will be on the calendar for the future as a regular event.

