



Shiloh Lodge Kamberg
September 2026 leader: Hettie Randall

September Long Weekend at Shiloh Lodges

Ten energetic ladies from the Midlands Hiking Club enjoyed a wonderful September long weekend at Shiloh Lodges on Sans Souci Farm, nestled in the picturesque Kamberg Valley. Surrounded by tranquil farmland and with magnificent views of the Drakensberg, it was the perfect setting for a peaceful getaway.

The main lodge and two cottages are modern, beautifully furnished and thoughtfully appointed, with lovely views overlooking the gardens, farmland and river. The spacious private outdoor braai area, complete with a pool table, was a favourite gathering spot and added to the relaxed atmosphere.

Inside, the comfortable lounge and dining area, warmed by a fireplace, provided the perfect setting for long, chatty dinners around the large dining table. There was certainly no shortage of laughter and good conversation!

Shiloh Lodges is an ideal destination for hikers looking for a combination of beautiful surroundings and quiet relaxation, with opportunities for walking, birdwatching and fly-fishing right on the doorstep.

We had a wonderful few days exploring the area, enjoying the peaceful surroundings and making the most of the superb accommodation. It was a memorable weekend shared with good friends, beautiful scenery and plenty of fresh mountain air.

Thank you to Hettie for arranging this gem of a place.

Dale Bosiger



*Photos: Di, Dale, Kristen,
Nicole, Tanya and Beth*



Day 2
What a glorious day of sunshine, cool breezes and welcoming pools of icy, crystal-clear berg water. The Roman Baths at the hottest part of the day were so welcome. We all enjoyed the shade of the magic faraway Oak Tree on our way out and especially on the way back on an otherwise shadeless trek through the golden fields dappled with spring flowers and surrounded with stunning mountain vistas the entire route. A few hills and a short climb down to the baths completed a worthwhile 10km day hike in Kamberg Nature Reserve.

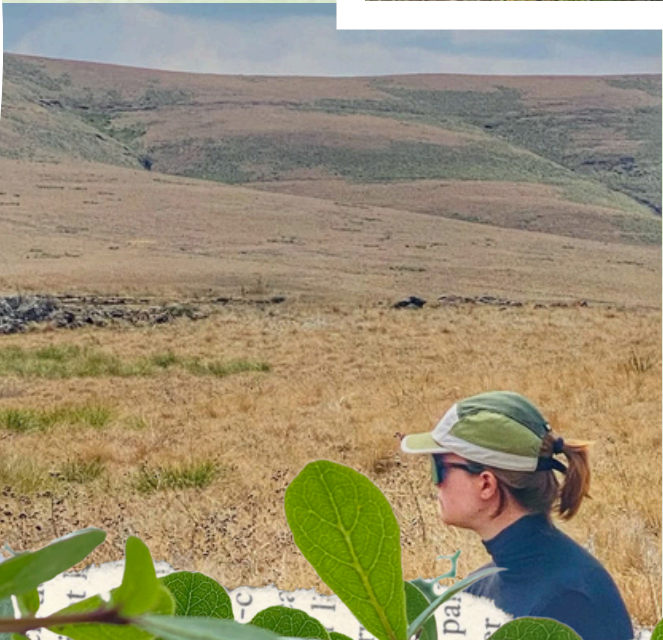
Tanya Adey.



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Highnoon





Day 3: Highmoor Hike

The plan for Saturday was a hike at Highmoor Nature Reserve. The morning greeted us with clear skies, though rain was predicted for the afternoon, so we set off to make the most of the good weather.

Our route followed the old jeep track, winding steadily through the expansive grasslands heading toward the lookout point. The trail offered wide, open views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Along the way, we were treated to sightings of local wildlife. Baboons moved across the slopes in small troops, while blesbok grazed in the distance. These encounters added a lively rhythm to the hike and reminded us of the reserve's rich biodiversity.

After covering approximately 5 km, the group paused for a well-earned break. We left the jeep track and made our way toward the edge of the slope, where the valley opened up with sweeping views. The vantage point offered a perfect spot to rest, enjoy some snacks, and take in the scenery. The Giant, however, remained shrouded in cloud throughout the day, never revealing itself.

Adding to the sense of renewal, we noticed the first blooms of spring beginning to appear, the splashes of colour hinted at the changing season and brought a cheerful touch to the landscape.

Taking into account the afternoon weather predictions, the group headed back, choosing a different path that led us toward the dams. Our final stop was at the waterfall, located just 100m before the car park, where we enjoyed the sound of rushing water before concluding the hike.

Seeing that we had finished earlier than anticipated and the weather was still holding, the group decided to extend the day with a social treat. We gathered at Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse, where Hettie kindly spoilt everyone to coffee and freshly baked scones, a fitting end to a memorable day in the mountains.

Hike report Beth

