


Magaliesberg Biosphere
(UNESCO Designated)



**CROCODILE
RIVER RESERVE**

Grassland Stewardship Alliance- registered NPO number 095-125



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Welcome to the Crocodile River Reserve

WALKS and TALKS



The Crocodile River Reserve, soon to be proclaimed as a Nature Reserve, is home to a myriad of fauna and flora, many of which are listed as either "threatened" or "vulnerable".

On the doorstep of Johannesburg and Tshwane, you can experience a wide variety of natural and cultural heritage and by regularly supporting our Walks and Talks you are contributing to conserving this jewel!

2018 Calendar for Walks and Talks

27 May 2018 Bats and Owls

Starting at 09h00 at The Interpretation Centre, R511, Eco Solutions shares information on how bats and owls control pests!

17 June 2018 Scorpion Walk

Starting at 09h00 from The Sheds at Birdsong, Jonathan Leeming invites you to meet some of his best friends, scorpions!

15 July 2018 Geology Rocks!

Starting at 09h00 from The Sheds at Birdsong, Prof Adam Bumby reveals the unique story of the rocks in the Reserve!

19 Aug 2018 Secrets of Poo

Starting at 09h00 at The Interpretation Centre, R511, experts from Pretoria University show the eco-use of droppings!

16 Sept 2018 Vultures of the Magaliesberg

Starting at 09h00 at The Interpretation Centre, R511. Kerri Wolter speaks on her conservation of this critically endangered species.
Vultures need your help now!

18 Nov 2018 Exploring our Heritage

Starting at 09h00 from The Sheds at Birdsong Dalene van der Merwe leads a self-drive tour on history and heritage sites of the Reserve.

BOOKING: Karen Schimmel, k.schimmel@gmail.com, 082 465 2413

PRICE: Adults R60, Children under 12 R30- Refreshments included
"Exploring our Heritage" price on request



11th Ride The Rhenoster on 21 October 2018

An MTB ride for conservation



GPS Coordinates (DD Format):

The Interpretation Centre: -25.863682; +28.009106

The Sheds @ Birdsong: -25.872996; +27.975933

The Crocodile River Reserve (CRR), soon to be proclaimed and registered in the National Register of Nature Reserves in South Africa, forms a part of the UNESCO Magaliesberg Biosphere. It is also a Buffer to the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site. It is situated between the R512 (to the west) and the R511 (to the east) and stretches from the Schurveberg range in the north, southwards to the border of City of Joburg's Northern Farm.

The Reserve consists of five Clusters grouped under the umbrella of the Crocodile River Reserve. The Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Biodiversity Stewardship Unit approved the Nature Reserve status in October 2017. This was the culmination of many evaluations by a panel of expert scientists over several years and the dedication and tenacity of private landowners who decided to conserve the biodiversity of their land.

It is the first nature reserve of its kind in Gauteng.

The CRR includes grassland and savannah biomes and boasts ridges, caves, riverine areas and wetlands. The Reserve will conserve threatened ecosystems, critically endangered Egoli Granite Grassland, endemic to Gauteng and home to a wide variety of flora and fauna - many threatened as a result of high-density urbanisation.

The area is part of the North West Birding Route and is noted as an IBA (Important Birding Area) with more than 300 species of birds listed. Particularly important are resident Grass Owls, African Finfoot, Half-collared Kingfishers and Secretary Birds.

The presence of man-made tools, pottery shards and burial sites is evidence of Early Stone and Iron Age occupation. Mzilikazi passed through the area, fleeing the wrath of Shaka Zulu. Anglo-Boer War battle sites, an apartheid interrogation site and important cultural landmarks, still used today for prayer and worship, are evidence of a more recent history.

Our Walks and Talks aim to make the younger generation aware of the CRR's fascinating biodiversity and the need to conserve nature, while giving the public at large an experience to remember. As the Reserve grows into a major natural attraction in Gauteng, more and more people will return to experience it.

For more information on the Crocodile River Reserve visit www.crocodileriverreserve.co.za



Snare hunts are conducted monthly

Venues, dates and times are announced about 2 weeks prior
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