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Indeed a *Life in Abundance*

Welcome to this edition of the Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village newsletter! We've got an exciting mix of topics that have been buzzing around our community, all centered around the thriving community and stunning natural environment that makes our village so special.

Firstly, we're thrilled to share the news of our mountain biking trails. These routes offer a unique and exhilarating experience for both nature enthusiasts and adrenaline junkies alike, allowing riders to explore off-the-beat-en-path trails and immerse themselves in the breathtaking beauty of our reserve. For those who prefer a slower pace, our "Staproetes" are open and ready for exploration. These hiking routes cater to various fitness levels, allowing residents to enjoy the breathtaking scenery and diverse wildlife at their leisure.

Another aspect of our village that sets us apart is the unique blend of wildlife and residential living. With over 10 species of wildlife sharing our backyard, including zebra, giraffe, and various antelope species, every day brings new opportunities to connect with nature. Our estate is also home to over 300 bird species, alongside the Fish Eagle nesting corner, making it a birdwatcher's paradise.



Additionally, our community has been hard at work, and we want to express our gratitude to the teams involved in initiating and completing estate projects. Your dedication and enthusiasm have contributed significantly to the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural surroundings.

Speaking of our community, we would be remiss not to acknowledge the incredible milestone of 100 completed houses. This achievement is evidence of the hard work, dedication, and vision of our team, as well as the unwavering support of our residents. We are proud to provide a sanctuary where families can grow and thrive, surrounded by the beauty and serenity of nature.

As we continue to grow and develop, we remain committed to preserving the natural beauty and wildlife that make our village so special. Thank you for being part of our community and for your ongoing support of our mission to create a unique and sustainable lifestyle amidst nature.

Stay tuned for more updates and stories from Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. Until then, we wish you many unforgettable adventures and moments of connection with the incredible natural world around us.

Inderdaad 'n *Lewe in Oorloed*

Welkom by hierdie uitgawe van die Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village nuusbrief! Ons het 'n opwindende mengsel van onderwerpe wat deur ons gemeenskap beweeg, alles sentraal om die lewendige gemeenskap en pragtige natuurlike omgewing wat ons behuising kompleks so spesiaal maak.

Eerstens is ons opgewonde om die nuus van ons bergfiets roetes te deel. Hierdie roetes bied 'n unieke en opwindende ervaring vir almal wat die natuur koester en adrenalien najaag, met geleenthede vir avontuur-lustige fietsryers om afgeleë roetes te verken en te verdwaal in die pragtige natuurskoon van ons reservaat.

Vir diegene wat 'n stadiger pas verkies is ons Staproetes nou oop en gereed vir ontdekking. Hierdie staproetes is geskik vir verskeie fiksheid vlakke, sodat inwoners ons asemrowende natuurskoon en verskeidenheid wildlewe in hul eie tempo kan geniet.

'n Ander besondere kenmerk is die unieke samevoeging van wildlewe en residensiële lewe. Met meer as 10 wildspesies wat ons agterplaas deel, insluitend sebras, kameelperde en verskeie wildsbok spesies, bring elke dag nuwe geleenthede om met die natuur te verbind. Ons landgoed is ook die tuiste van meer as 300 voëlspesies, tesame met die Visarend nes, wat dit 'n ware paradys vir voëlkykers maak.

Ons wil ook graag ons dankbaarheid uitspreek aan die spanne wat betrokke was by die inisiatief en voltooiing van ons gemeenskap projekte. Julle ywer en entoesiasme het grootliks bygedra tot die vreugde en waardering van ons pragtige natuurlike omgewing.

En dan, ons kan nie praat van ons gemeenskap sonder om die ongelooflike mylpaal van 100 voltooide huise te noem nie. Hierdie prestasie is 'n bewys van die harde werk, toewyding en visie van ons span, sowel as die onwrikbare ondersteuning van ons inwoners. Ons is trots om 'n veilige hawe te bied waar gesinne kan floreer, omring deur die skoonheid en sereniteit van die natuur.

Terwyl ons aanhou om te groei en te ontwikkel, bly ons verbind om die natuurlike skoonheid en wildlewe te bewaar wat ons behuising kompleks so spesiaal maak. Dankie dat jy deel is van ons gemeenskap en vir jou voortdurende ondersteuning van ons missie om 'n unieke en volhoubare lewenstyl te skep te midde van die natuur.

Bly op hoogte vir meer opdatering en stories van Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. Intussen wens ons jou baie onvergeetlike avonture en oomblikke van verbinding met die ongelooflike natuurlike wêreld om ons.



OUTENIQUASBOSCH
The Wildlife Village

Bergfietsry in Outeniquasbosch

'n Opwindende avontuur te midde van die natuur

Spesiaal net vir ons Inwoners wat Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village hulle tuiste maak... Stel jou voor dat jy deur ruwe terrein sweef, vinnig trap en die wind teen jou gesig voel terwyl jy die kinkels en draaie van 'n bergfietsroete navigeer. Stel jou nou voor om dit alles te doen te midde van die skoonheid en kalmte binne Outeniquasbosch. Bergfietsry in so omgewing van ons Ontwikkeling bied 'n werklik unieke en opwindende ervaring vir beide natuur-entoesiaste en "adrenaline junkies".

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is 'n beskermde gebied wat spesifiek aangewys is vir die bewaring van ons wild en hulle habitatte. Dit dien as 'n toevlugsoord vir verskeie spesies plante en diere, wat hulle 'n veilige hawe bied om te floreer. Outeniquasbosch word gekenmerk deur ons ongerepte landskappe, uiteenlopende ekosisteme en boeiende natuurlike skoonheid. Hulle is egter nie net beperk tot die waarneming en studie van wild nie. Bergfietsry het 'n gewilde ontspanningsaktiwiteit binne Outeniquasbosch geword, danksy die perfekte kombinasie van avontuur en onderdompeling in die natuur.

Een van die grootste trekpleisters van bergfietsry in Outeniquasbosch is die geleentheid om roetes wat andersins ontoeganklik is vir die algemene publiek te verken. Terwyl stap 'n nouer verbinding met die natuur kan bied, laat bergfietsryers toe om groter afstande in minder tyd af te lê, wat hulle in staat stel om versteekte juwele binne in ons Ontwikkeling te ontdek. Soos fietsryers deur ruwe terreine beweeg, word hul sintuie wakker met die besien-swaardighede en geluide van die omliggende wildernis. Die gevoel van vryheid en konneksie met die natuur wat bergfietsry bring, is ongeëwenaard.



Daarbenewens bied bergfietsry 'n kans om jouself fisies en geestelik uit te daag. Die tegniese aspekte van navigasie deur ongelyke terreine, steil hellings en hindernisse vereis vaardigheid, fokus en vinnige besluitneming. Ruiters moet voortdurend hul tegniek aanpas by die voortdurend veranderende roetetoestande, wat elke rit 'n unieke en lonende ervaring maak. Die fisiese inspanning wat nodig is om opdraand te trap en balans op die afdraandes te handhaaf, bou nie net krag en uithouvermoë nie, maar stel ook endorfiene vry, wat ruiters verkwik en bekwaam laat voel.

Verder maak bergfietsry in so Ontwikkeling van ons, voorsiening vir 'n dieper begrip en waardering van die omgewing en die deurslaggewende rol wat dit speel om verskeie spesies te onderhou. Namate ruiters inheemse flora en fauna langs die roetes teëkom, word hulle meer bewus en ingestel op die delikate balans van die natuur. Om 'n bok grasieus oor hul pad te sien spring of 'n blik op 'n ontwykende voëlspesie te kry, herinner fietsryers aan die belangrikheid om hierdie habitatte te bewaar en te beskerm.

Bergfietsry word meer as net 'n adrenalien-pompende avontuur; dit word 'n platform vir omgewingsopvoeding en -bewaring.

Ter afsluiting, bergfietsry in Outeniquasbosch is die perfekte samesmelting van avontuur, fiksheid en onderdompeling in die natuur. Dit laat individue toe om die wonders van ons wild te aanskou, ongerepte landskappe te verken en hulself fisies en geestelik uit te daag. Deur verantwoordelike en volhoubare praktyke kan fietsryers 'n deurslaggewende rol speel in die bevordering van omgewingsbewustheid en -bewaring.

So, gryp jou helm, spring op jou fiets en begin met 'n opwindende avontuur deur Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village - 'n ervaring wat jou sekerlik asemloos en in ontsag sal laat vir die merkwaardige skoonheid van ons natuurlike wêreld.



Mountain Biking in Outeniquasbosch

A Thrilling Adventure Amidst Nature

Especially just for our Residents who make Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village their home... Imagine gliding through rugged terrain, pedaling fast, and feeling the rush of wind against your face as you navigate the twists and turns of a mountain bike trail. Now, envision doing all this amidst the beauty and serenity of Outeniquasbosch. Mountain biking in such a setting offers a truly unique and exhilarating experience for both nature enthusiasts and adrenaline junkies alike.

Outeniquasbosch is a protected area specifically designated for the conservation of wildlife and their habitats. It serves as a sanctuary for various species of plants and animals, offering them a safe haven to thrive. Our Development is characterized by their untouched landscapes, diverse ecosystems, and captivating natural beauty. However, they are not limited solely to the observation and study of wildlife. Mountain biking has become a popular recreational activity within Outeniquasbosch, thanks to the perfect combination of adventure and immersion in nature.

One of the greatest attractions of mountain biking in our Estate is the opportunity to explore off-the-beaten-path trails that are otherwise inaccessible to the general public. While hiking may provide a closer connection to nature, mountain biking allows riders to cover larger distances in less time, enabling them to discover hidden gems within the reserve. As cyclists traverse through rugged terrains, their senses awaken to the sights and sounds of the surrounding wilderness.

The feeling of freedom and connection with nature that mountain biking brings is unparalleled. Additionally, mountain biking offers a chance to challenge oneself both physically and mentally. The technical aspects of navigating through uneven terrains, steep slopes, and obstacles require skill, focus, and quick decision-making. Riders must constantly adapt their technique to the ever-changing trail conditions, making each ride a unique and rewarding experience. The physical effort required to pedal uphill and maintain balance on the descents not only builds strength and endurance but also releases endorphins, leaving riders feeling invigorated and accomplished.

Furthermore, mountain biking in Outeniquasbosch allows for a deeper understanding and appreciation of the environment and the crucial role it plays in sustaining various species. As riders encounter native flora and fauna along the trails, they become more aware and attuned to the delicate balance of nature. Witnessing antelopes gracefully leap across their path or catching a glimpse of an elusive bird species reminds riders of the importance of preserving and protecting these habitats. Mountain biking becomes more than just an adrenaline-pumping adventure; it becomes a platform for environmental education and conservation.

In conclusion, mountain biking in Outeniquasbosch is the perfect fusion of adventure, fitness, and immersion in nature. It allows individuals to witness the wonders of wildlife, explore untouched landscapes, and challenge themselves physically and mentally. Through responsible and sustainable practices, cyclists can play a pivotal role in fostering environmental awareness and conservation.

So, grab your helmet, hop on your bike, and embark on a thrilling adventure through our Development – an experience that will surely leave you breathless and in awe of the remarkable beauty of our natural world.



Vorderingsproses: Kant & Klaar

Staproetes is afgehandel en gereed om lekker te gaan stap, draf of met jou troeteldiere die mooi natuur in te neem en te geniet.

Al ons inwoners en hulle vriende en familie sal al die gemerkte bordjies en pyltjies opmerk langs die pad en in die veld wat sommer baie genot gaan verskaf.

Ons volgende gemerkte roetes is:

-  10.65 km – Pers
-  8.25 km – Pienk
-  5.7 km – Geel
-  3.7 km – Rooi
-  3.7 km – Blou
-  1.5 km – Wit



Blykie van Waardering

Graag wil ons ook van die geleentheid gebruik maak om 'n blykie van waardering en dankbaarheid aan ons betrokke inwoners te gee, wat die inisiatief op hul self geneem het om met ons verskillende staproetes te begin EN aan die gang te sit...

Beplanning was so deeglik gedoen, mooi uiteengesit en so vinnig afgehandel. Ons besef hoeveel tyd en groot werk in ons staproetes in is.



Hiking Trails

Advancement Process: Done & Dusted

Walking routes are finished and ready to go walking, jogging or taking in and enjoying the beautiful nature with your pets.

All our residents and their friends and family will notice all the marked signs and arrows along the road and in the field which will simply provide a lot of enjoyment.

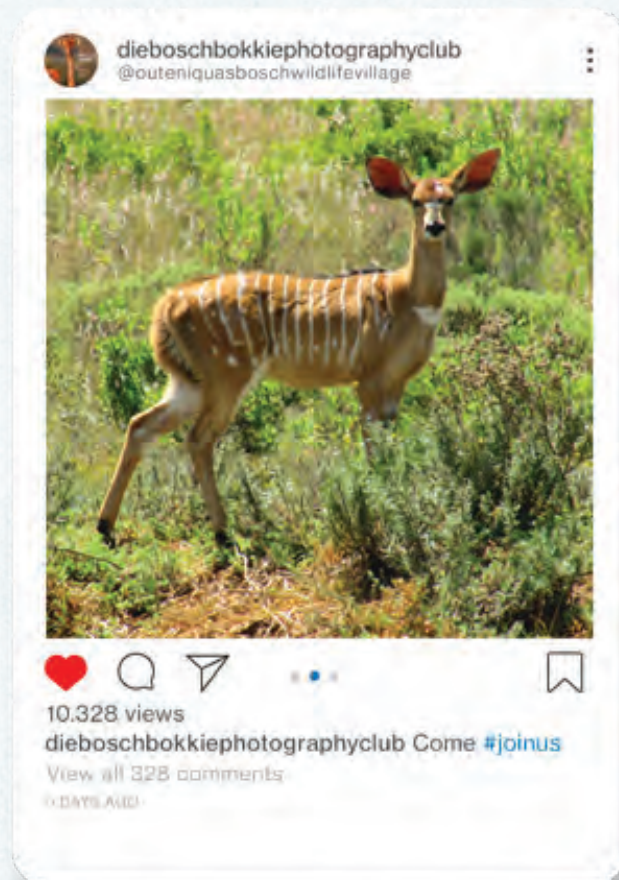
Our next marked routes are:

-  10.65 km - Purple
-  8.25 km - Pink
-  5.7 km - Yellow
-  3.7 km - Red
-  3.7 km - Blue
-  1.5 km - White

Token of Appreciation

We would also like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation and gratitude to our involved residents, who took the initiative to start AND get our various walking routes going...

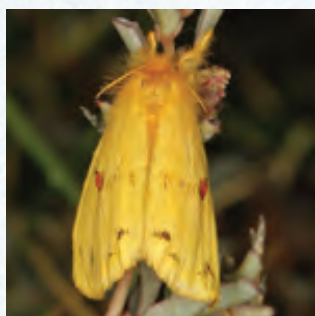
Planning was done so thoroughly, laid out beautifully and completed so finningly. We realize how much time and a lot of work goes into our hiking trails.



Exploring nature

Dive into the world of insects at Outeniquasbosch

Besoek gerus op ons Website onder Gallery – **JOHAN HEYNS PHOTOGRAPHY** vir al die mooi en verskillende insekte en kleiner gediertetjies wat op en onder ons voete leef.



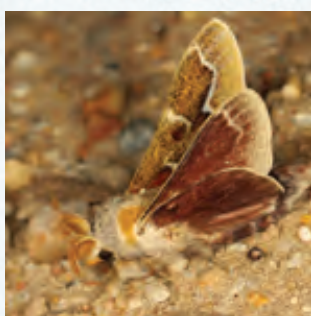
Euproctis crocata
~ J. Heyns ~



Lacipa nobilis
~ J. Heyns ~



Androlymnia torsivena
~ J. Heyns ~



Streblote cristata
~ J. Heyns ~

Mayflies

Male mayflies have 7 eyes: 3 simple, 2 compound & 2 turbinate.

The blue globes in front are the 3 simple eyes or ocelli. The brown eyes on the side of the head are the 2 compound eyes. The two red eyes looking up are the turbinate eyes.

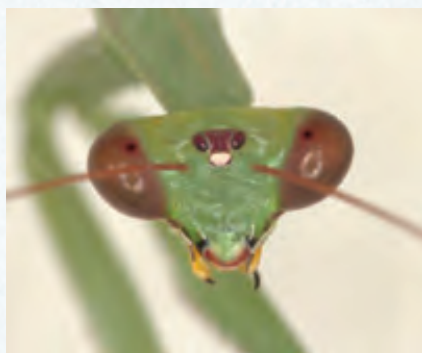


Photo above taken with specialized equipment and photo stacked by Matthias Lenke.

Photos below taken at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village on 14 January 2024 by Johan Heyns.

The dark spots on the turbinate eyes shows where the view from the camera is in line with the ommatidia, which is the individual eyes of which the compound and turbinate eyes are built up of, where the light is absorbed.

This is where the concept of a pseudo pupil come from. It is more visible in mantis eyes. It looks like a pupil that is following the viewer as seen below with the black dots.

Handheld Canon 6D MkII, EF 100mm f/2.8L Macro IS USM, Macro Ring Lite MR-14EX II.
Male Mayfly - Order Ephemeroptera: Fly body is about 5mm long.

Terreinpersoneel

The HOA's facility workers is a familiar face in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. They aim daily to keep our streets and sites in prestine condition.

Photos of our facility staff who planted trees in the green area at Phase 3. Let us encourage each and everyone to plant trees in our beautiful estate.



Landscaping

You will have noticed that there are large deposits of topsoil adjacent to the parking area and T-junction on Oupoot Street. This topsoil will soon be used to create Landscaping features to improve the aesthetic appeal of this important entrance to Outeniquasbosch.

After a process of consultation and procuring of quotations, the Landscaping committee have asked Kobie Jacobs of Cutting Edge Landscaping to be responsible for the project. She will begin in the last week of March and should complete the project before the end of March barring unforeseen complications.

We apologise for the unsightly mounds of topsoil for a protracted period, but it was donated provided that we could take it immediately. We felt that benefit of the saving in cost to the HOA outweighed having to put up with the mounds for a few weeks and we are sure that the end result is going to be well worthwhile. Watch this space!



Ons het die wonderlike voorreg gehad om Mosselbaai Brandweer by ons Ontwikkeling te ontvang nadat hulle n “courtesy visit” kom doen het. Wat hulle besoek behels het, was om te toets of hulle met die Brandweerwa en ander voertuie, maklik by ons “booms” kan in en uit beweeg in die geval van n brand of n noodgeval.

Ons Ontwikkeling is veral gekomplimenteer op die voorsiening wat Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village by elke erf / huis maak nl. “Verpligte brandbestryding-maatreels vir elke erf” wat die spreiers weerskante van die huis insluit. Dit vergemaklik hulle werk aansienlik baie met die wete dat daar alreeds water voorsien word om die brand te blus tot hulle ons Ontwikkeling kan bereik.

Ook tydens hulle besoek het die brandweermanne opgelet dat daar by sekere “manholes” die natuur hulle gang gegaan het en swerm bye by verskeie fases hulle tuisgemaak het en wat ons by ons volgende artikel bring...





Bye: Behulp same Werkers

Veiligheid eerste in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village! Vir ons is dit baie belangrik dat alles veilig en vlot verloop en sodoende voorsorgmaatreëls tref vir ons Inwoners en wild en diere op ons 525ha Ontwikkeling.

'n Gezoem in jou ore, stroopsoet heuning, geel en swart strepe... dis mos bye waarvan ons praat! Heuningbye is van die heel nuttigste spesies op aarde.

Bye, perdebye en miere behoort almal tot die orde Hymenoptera. Een van hul kenmerke is 'n reeks klein hakies tussen hul voor- en agtervlerke wat dit bymekaarhou.

Het jy al gehoor mense praat van 'n perdebylyfie wanneer hulle na 'n vrou se dun middeltjie verwys? Dis nie sonder rede nie: Bye, miere en wespe of perdebye het almal hierdie unieke kenmerk – 'n vernoude middellyf.



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om meer oor bye te lees





Wees Aktief in die Natuur

AKTIEF

Kano's, Roei, Visvang & Piekniek

Hier in Outeniquasbosch is n lekker piekniek, die geleentheid om in die buitelig te eet, 'n welverdiende breek te vat, die warm sonskynweer te geniet en pret te hê in jou vrye tyd. Bring die piekniekmandjies saam en geniet die mooi uitsig saam met die varsheid van die natuur.

Outeniquasbosch is ideaal vir 'n groot groep inwoners, vriende en familie wat saam wil wegbreek en die natuurskoon wil geniet. Ons verskeidenheid wildspesies loop vrylik op die 525ha rond, so almal sal sommer vinnig van al die gejaag vergeet en die rustigheid van ons omgewing geniet.

Waar julle lekker by die rivier kan kuier en die sons- ondergang geniet, bring jou eie Kano's, visstokke en piekniekmandjies saam, sodat julle vir ure lank by die water kan kuier en kinders kan baljaar. Daar is ook verskeie roetes wat te voet of per fiets verken kan word en julle kan vir Kolle of Wagter ook saambring, want Outeniquasbosch, soos almal weet, is troeteldier-vriendelik!

U word net weer vriendelik herinner om asseblief die hek ten alle tye toe te hou, terwyl jy visvang, roei of piekniek hou.

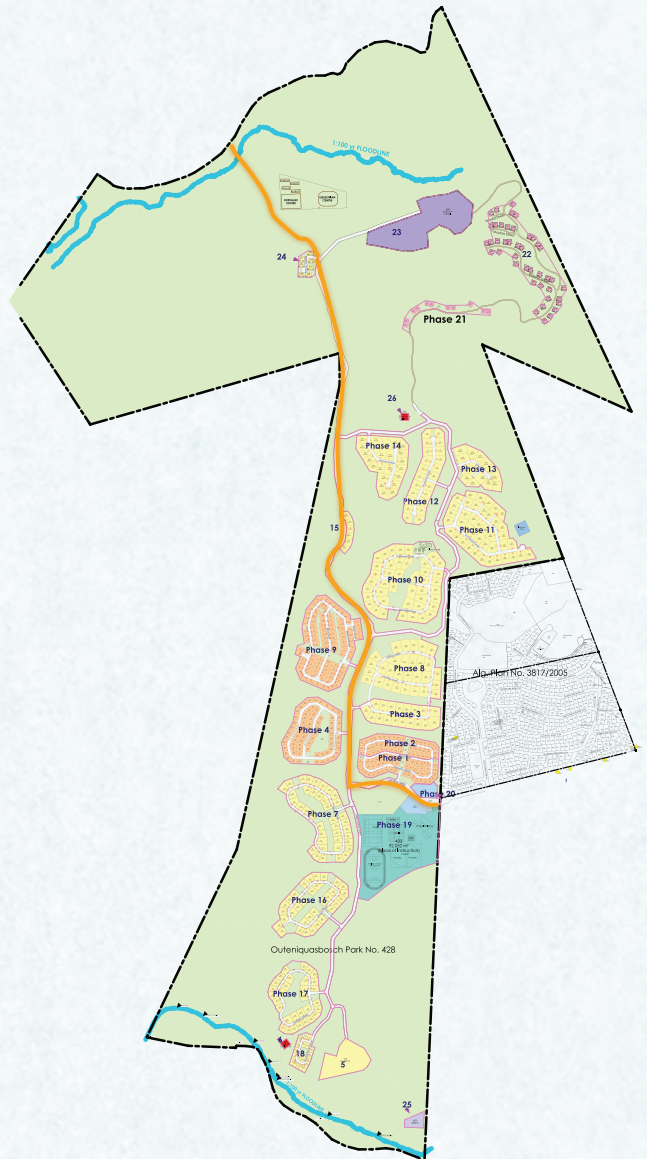
Ten opsigte van die gebruik van die pad na die rivier & perdekampies, let asb. daarop dat 'n deel van die pad 'n afdraende het waar 2 voertuie nie veilig by mekaar verby kan beweeg nie, daarom is dit gemerk om uitsluitlik eenrigting naamlik afdraende gebruik te word.

Die enigste terugroete is die pad langs ons oostelike grens. Vir almal se veiligheid en die pad se behoud vra ons almal om sodoende die regte instruksies te volg.

Neem kennis dat ons Inwoners die rivier-sleutel op dieselfde dag weer moet terug besorg aan ons Wagte voor by die Hekhuis .

Somertyd: 18:00

Wintertyd: 16:00



Tortoises

What should I do if I see a tortoise?

Move the tortoise out of harm's way, only if it is safe to do so.

Can I pick a tortoise up and move it?

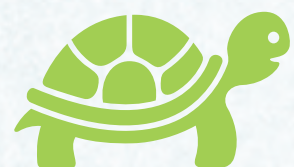
Tortoises are wild animals that form a part of our unique biodiversity and play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. When you are walking in the veld and you find a tortoise, the kindest favour you can do is just to admire one of nature's wonders and not pick it up, just let it go because it's not lost or lonely and please don't take it home.

When you pick a tortoise up it often urinates in fear, losing precious moisture that was saved during the dry season, which may have to carry it over to the next rainy season. Tortoises store water in a bursa sac. This reserve is used for hydration and also to moisture the soil when females want to dig a hole to lay eggs in. So even if you let it go after you picked it up, its health may have been compromised. If you have to move a tortoise off a road, pick it up gently, but never by just the shell, your hand must be placed under its body to take the body weight or the tortoise will dispose of all its inner stored fluid. Thus endangering it further to dehydration. Put it down gently and move away.

Wild tortoises in captivity suffer from stress, which causes natural, normally dormant, disease agents such as viruses, bacteria, internal and/or external parasites like ticks, to come to the fore. This inevitably leads to disease.

Meanwhile, runny nose syndrome spreads like wildfire in the otherwise healthy local population, and before long, nature conservators are confronted with serious losses in the local tortoise population and even if the animal survives all of the above, you run the risk of genetically contaminating resident populations.

You also may not release a tortoise back into the wild without permission from Nature Conservation, as the animal risks being released into the wrong environment. It's important to remember that, as with any wild South African bird, reptile or mammal, you may not capture, transport or keep tortoises in captivity without relevant permits.



The sprawling fynbos-covered space is home to over 300 bird species and the Fish Eagle nesting corner located in the village has been sacred terrain since 1981.

Ons is kinderlik opgewonde om te rapporteer dat ons Visarend broeipaar weer terug is op hulle pos, na n kort rukkie wat ons op die uitkyk was vir hulle en nie kon opmerk nie. Hulle nes is soos oudergewoonte tussen die mooi kranse van Outeniquasbosch. Wees op die uitkyk vir hulle terwyl julle ons staproetes geniet.



**BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR OUR BREEDING
PAIR WHILE ENJOYING
OUR HIKING TRAILS!**

EXPLORE

Our Wild & Nature

Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.

1. Nature

With an emphasis on nature and conservation, this development was designed to incorporate the beautiful scenery of rolling fynbos-covered hills and uninterrupted sea views into daily living. The layout of the stands was developed to allow wildlife to roam between homes for a unique lifestyle.

2. Wildlife

Living in this eco-estate, you will share your backyard with over 10 species of wildlife. Zebra, giraffe, Bontebok, Kaapse grysbok, Bosbok, Nyala, Kudu, Impala, Waterbuck and Common duiker are but some of the species you will encounter daily. The sprawling fynbos-covered space is home to over 300 bird species and the Fish Eagle nesting corner located in the village has been sacred terrain since 1981. The entire property is game-fenced along its perimeter.

3. Convenient Location

The estate is conveniently close to everything you may need. Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is situated a mere 3km from Hartenbos, 12km from Mossel Bay and 20 minutes from George Airport.

4. Outdoor Activities

In line with the development's focus on nature, the eco-estate offers a variety of opportunities for outdoor activities. The 35km hiking, mountain biking and horse riding trails ensure an escape into nature among the abundant wildlife.

The Brandwag/Kleinbrak River which runs on the northern border of the estate offers opportunities for angling and canoeing.

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to see all outdoor activities



5. Building Style

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village encourages a lifestyle of embracing nature and being sensitive to an environment that the homeowners and wildlife share.

Clusters of homes are surrounded by natural areas, resulting in a network of grouped homes and natural corridors. These corridors are important to allow the free movement of game throughout the entire development. All homes on the eco-estate are built according to the Cape Vernacular architectural style, a more informal version of the Cape Dutch style. This charming, country-style architecture creates a unifying aesthetic and distinctly rural character which blends into the natural surroundings. Earthy building materials like stone and timber, textured plaster and non-reflective finishes and subdued colours are used.

6. No Building Time Limit

Unlike many estates, there is no building time limit at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. Purchase your stand now and start building when you are ready.

7. 24-Hour security

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is protected by 24-hour security which includes access-restricted entrances, electric perimeter fences and security patrols throughout the night.

8. Treated Water

With the focus on conservation, each home will be connected to a supply of affordable, treated, recycled wastewater to keep your garden beautiful. Recycled water for garden and toilet use is available for every stand at a lower cost than municipal water.



Die Ratel

Honey Badger [MELLIVORA CAPENSIS]

Die generiese, of algemene naam vir die ratel, nl. Mellivora, is afgelei van die Latynse mel – oftewel heuning, en voro- om te verorber, en verwys na 'n belangrike voedsel vir die ratel. Die ratel se voorkoms word gekenmerk deur sy swart pels waaroor daar 'n breë, ligkleurige “saal” strek vanaf sy oë tot by die basis van sy stert.

Die ligte kleur van die saal se hare kontrasteer sterk met die swart hare op die laer deel van sy lyf, en ook sy swart ledemate – dus sy voor- en agterbene en pote. Hy het klein oë en sy ore wys nie eintlik meer as verdikkings op sy vel nie. Die lyf, of romp, is breed en bonkig met kort bene. Sy voorpote beskik oor lang, sterk ontwikkelde kloue wat lyk na gekurfde messe. Die agterpote is baie korter en is dik gekussing. Sy voetspore wys altyd duidelik vyf “tone” of naels.

Die ratel beskik oor twee anaalkliere wat 'n uitskeiding onder stres afskei en wat uiters sterk en onaangenaam ruik, en ten doel het om sy bedreiging mee af te skrik! Hy maak ook hiervan gebruik wanneer hy 'n territoriale gebied wil merk / afbaken.

Die ratel beskik oor 'n baie dik, los vel, en dit maak dit vir hom moontlik om tydens 'n aanval terug te draai, as't ware “in sy vel”, en terug te byt na sy aanvaller. Sy groot, swaar skedel is baie sterk gebeen, met lang, sterk slagande. Die ander tande is kleiner na die middel en is stewig, kort en skerp, en sorg dus vir 'n uitstekende greep of “byt”.

In die Suidelike streke van Afrika is die ratel een van die wydste verspreide kleiner tipe karnivore, en kom voor in Namibië (uitgesluit die Namibwoestyn), Botswana, Zimbabwe en suidelike Mosambiek. In Suid-Afrika kom hulle wyd voor in die Kaapprovinsie, die Noordelike Provinsies en in KwaZulu Natal.

Ratels is kragtige grawers en maak gebruik van holtes (gate) en rotssplete vir skuiling. Hulle beskik oor 'n lae water-afhanklikheid.



Die fotos is onlangs geneem deur Dreyer van Zyl tydens 'n namiddagstap.

Die ratel beweeg hoofsaaklik snags, en is bekend vir die die roof van hoender- en voëlhokke en ook byekorwe. Hy kan verbasend vining oor die weg kom met sy kenmerkende lompe draffie (lumbering trot), en kan ook soms skielik aggressief optree sonder dat daar oënskynlik enige rede voor is.

Onderling baklei ratels soms en sal dan mik vir die sagter vel van die buik. Ratels sal ook onverskrokke teen selfs groter diere veg wanneer hulle bedreigd voel – daar word in die volksmond beweer dat 'n ratel nie oor 'n tru-rat beskik nie!

Ratels sal méér pluimvee doodbyt as wat hulle kan eet wanneer hulle vir hulself 'n opening na 'n hok oopgebyt het. Verder eet hul skerpioene, duisendpote, spinnekoppe, akkedisse, slange, muise en kleiner voëls, en natuurlik heuning en byelarwes.

Die ratel kan geboorte gee aan twee kleintjies per keer, en 'n "gesin" kan bestaan uit twee volwassenes wat tegelyk babas en half-volgroeide kleintjies by hul het.

Die geluide wat die ratel maak, wissel tussen 'n sagte, herhalende haarr-haarr – gromgeluid wanneer hy gesteur word, en 'n baie luide grom as hy bedreig voel.

Die interessante *Mellivora Capensis*, oftewel die ratel (honey badger), kom op Outeniquasbosch voor en word dikwels deur die personeel of inwoners opgemerk. Hierby word dan ook n foto geplaas van 'n ratel met 'n jong "baba".

Fibre

New Service Provider

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village has partnered with VDS to provide residents with super-fast fibre internet from a selection of over 200 service providers.

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Pet Friendly Estate

Volgens ons kliente wat later inwoners geword het, is ons Troeteldier-vriendelike Landgoed nie net vir hulle as diere-ouers n groot plus punt en aanwinst nie, maar ook vir hulle "cute" en opvreetbare troeteldiere self ook, wat elke meter van ons 525ha kan geniet en lekker rondhardloop by die huis en baljaar, asook aan hulle leibande, loop of saam hardloop met ons fikse inwoners, so verskaf Outeniquasbosch vir almal... net pure pret en plesier.





Embarks on Construction Journey

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village kicked off an exciting new chapter with its groundbreaking ceremony on Monday morning (19 February 2024), marking the official start of construction for its eagerly awaited private school. The event was filled with anticipation and enthusiasm as key figures gathered to witness this significant milestone.

With shovels in hand, esteemed guests including developers Grethe Verster, Greg and Anndri Garrett, Pieter Dreyer van Zyl, Annette van Zyl, and Dreyer van Zyl, along with building contractor Etienne Herselman, architects Hannes Buys and Chris Kleu, engineer Charl Möller, and Mayor Dirk Kotze of Mossel Bay, gathered to symbolize the start of construction.

Mayor Kotze delivered a heartfelt speech, expressing gratitude to all involved in bringing this vision to life. He emphasized the importance of education and the positive impact the new school will have on the community.

The groundbreaking ceremony was a momentous occasion, signaling the beginning of a new chapter for Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village Private School. Students, teachers, parents, and the entire community eagerly anticipate the completion of the project, which promises not only modern educational facilities but also a harmonious blend with the natural surroundings.

As construction continues, the school looks forward to welcoming students into a vibrant learning environment designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a deep appreciation for the wonders of the natural world. Stay tuned for more updates as the project progresses, and get ready to witness the transformation unfold before our eyes!



Among the distinguished guests present were key figures instrumental in bringing this vision to life. From left to right, we see Charl Möller, Andries Reitsma, Anndri Garrett, Etienne Herselman, Grethe Verster, Greg Garrett, Pieter Dreyer van Zyl, Dirk Kotze, Chris Kleu, Annette van Zyl, Hannes Buys, Dreyer van Zyl and Sonwabo Diniso. Their collective presence underscored the collaborative effort driving the project forward.

The Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village, under the stewardship of ZEC4 Pty Ltd, is proud to present an update on the much-anticipated construction project of Outeniquasbosch Private School. The Board of Directors thanks the Outeniquasbosch Homeowners' Association (HOA) for their ongoing support and interest in this transformative educational initiative.

The journey towards establishing the Outeniquasbosch Private School has been marked by meticulous planning and a commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for the community. With the submission of building plans for Phase 1 to the Mossel Bay Municipality, we eagerly anticipate the imminent positive feedback, paving the way for the commencement of construction. Phase 1 will encompass **11 classrooms**, purposefully designed to accommodate an **initial cohort of 300 learners**.

Enrollments are set to open for Grades RR to Grade 8, with an ambitious goal of inaugurating the school's operations in 2025. Subsequently, **each year will witness the addition of a higher grade**, culminating in Grade 12 by 2028, marking the inaugural matriculation for Outeniquasbosch Private School.

The **'Grand Opening' slated for January 2025** signifies a momentous milestone, a culmination of dedicated planning and preparation. Construction teams stand ready and poised to commence work as soon as the approved building plans are received.

The school's distinctive ethos as an **English Christian Private School** reflects a thoughtful decision by the ZEC4 board. A comprehensive analysis of the local educational landscape illuminated a pressing need for an English-medium institution amidst the prevalence of high-quality Afrikaans schools nearby. Interestingly, a paradigm shift in parental preferences towards English education has emerged, **even among Afrikaans-speaking families**. Recognizing the advantages offered by English proficiency in the professional realm, many parents opt to provide their children with bilingualism, enabling a competitive edge in diverse sectors such as business and higher education.

Crucially, Outeniquasbosch Private School doesn't view neighboring schools as competitors but rather as **complementary entities within the educational ecosystem**. This pioneering initiative seeks to contribute positively to the community by diversifying educational offerings while fostering unity and collaboration among institutions. As Outeniquasbosch Private School progresses toward its envisioned launch, it aspires to cultivate an environment conducive to holistic learning, character development, and academic excellence. The school's commitment to nurturing future leaders equipped with a global perspective stands as a testament to its unwavering dedication to educational innovation.

In conclusion, Outeniquasbosch Private School **endeavors to be a beacon of educational excellence**, forging a path toward a brighter, more inclusive future for learners within the Outeniquasbosch community and beyond.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Living in the tranquil Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is as close as you will get to paradise. Below you will find answers to common questions, explaining what you can expect when buying a property in this stunning wildlife village.

What is the surface area of Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village?

525ha game camp enclosed with 2.7m fence

How many dwellings are being developed in Outeniquasbosch?

± 640

What is the pet policy in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village?

Residents are allowed two pets per household – pets should be kept behind a fence or inside the house. Pet owners are free to walk their dogs on the estate as long as it's kept on a leash.

Are residents allowed to go offroad 4x4 driving?

Licensed drivers may only drive on designated roads with licensed vehicles. Deeper in the "veld" areas will remain reserved for jogging, horse riding, cycling etc. (non motorized).

What does the '75% green' mean?

Only 25% of the total Outeniquasbosch surface will be developed, so that means 75% remains green and serves as habitat for our wildlife.

What is the current Security situation in Outeniquasbosch?

Outeniquasbosch is fenced off with a 2.7m game fence which is being upgraded in stages to an electric fence. We already have 24/7 boomed off access control by our gatehouse. We have a sophisticated security camera system, including two 40x zoom ptz cameras that patrol the green strips and fences and we also fitted a license plate recognition camera that is registered on the NAVIC data base which means we get alerted as soon as any suspicious vehicle move into our area. Security cameras are being monitored off site.

What does the clubhouse at phase 10 involve?

The zoning includes a wide range of possibilities, ie. a fitness center such as a crossfit gym and/or a juice bar. However this is an exciting component of the estate's future amenities, the developer has not yet established exactly what will finally be developed there.

Explain more about the mandatory fire fighting that comes with every home

Outeniquasbosch Architectural Design Manuel prescribes that every house must install sprinklers around its borders that can protect us in the unwanted event of a wildfire. The network is being fed from Outeniquasbosch's irrigation dam, in other words it has an alternative water supply and therefore, even in extreme wildfire conditions we will still be able to do effective fire fighting in Outeniquasbosch's residential clusters.

Where does the street names in the Estate come from?

It's named after the Magnificent Seven elephant bulls of the Kruger National Park.

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Which game species can I expect to see roaming freely?

Zebra, Giraffe, Bontebok, Cape Gray Buck, Bushbuck, Nyala, Kudu, Impala, Waterbuck and Common Duiker.



Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village spog met 'n splinternuwe wandelroete

'n Paar enstoesiastiese inwoners van Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Estate het koppe bymekaargesit en 'n pragtige nuwe wandelroete ontwikkel.

Ons as inwoners van Outeniquasbosch is bevoorreg om in 'n juweel te kan woon, waar jy uit jou huis kan stap en binne 'n paar meter deur 'n snorkende bontebok gegroet word en ondersoekend deur 'n zebra aangekyk word. Rooibokkies wat grasieus voor jou oor die pad spring, gevolg deur hul kroos, of 'n patrys wat sy teenwoordigheid luidkeels aankondig.

In die meer digte areas kan jy verseker wees van 'n nyala en sy harem wat jou nuuskierig aankyk. Vir die meer enrgieke stapper wat die pienk en pers roete aandurf, is daar die moontlikheid om deur 'n koedoe, kameelperd of sabel verras te word. Meneer ystervark is ook soms op die roete. Dit alles moontlik, sonder om in jou voertuig te klim.

'n Besoek aan die rivier is ook 'n pluspunt vir 'n lekker piekniek onder die bome, terwyl manlief probeer om vis te vang. **Al bogenoemde maak Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village 'n voorkeur bestemming.**

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is 'n voorkeur bestemming
Pieter Theron



After returning from a holiday on the Garden Route we decided that we would like to make the semi-gration move from Pretoria to the area. From when we entered the gates of Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village we already knew that this was the place that we would want to make our home, the beautiful surroundings, wildlife roaming happily and freely and a secure environment - Outeniquasbosch ticked all the correct boxes.



Outeniquasbosch in all its beauty feeds ones soul with invaluable gratitude, peace and appreciation. Having your children grow up in an environment where they can learn, interact and be part of nature on a daily basis is priceless. We would recommend any young family wanting to make a semi-gration move to purchase at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village.

Johan & Megan Barkhuizen

Landscape Manual

The philosophy of the landscaping and rehabilitation of the Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is to manage and maintain the wildlife and to restore the naturally occurring habitats of the area and enhance the screening effect as a visual barrier and softening tool within the urban context.

The natural habitats of the area are a mosaic of fynbos, renosterveld and valley bushveld / thicket. This diversity will be recreated within the open space areas between the villages and will be brought back into the individual rehabilitation areas and gardens using indigenous vegetation.

The philosophy for the development is one of restoring the naturally occurring habitat diversity within the and between the new village areas.

Plant List

We have compiled a list of locally indigenous plants that may be planted at Outeniquasbosch.

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to download our Plant List



Know the Rules

We love our children!

Please adhere to the general speed limit of 30km/h
Keep a careful eye out for the other speed limit road signs
throughout our streets.



Visit www.oudeniquasbosch.co.za for available properties

Oudeniquasbosch *Stats*

8 *Phases sold out!*
Phase 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14
• Resale stands are available



PHASE 12 *Now Available!*
37 active building sites
100 completed homes

Erven Transferred

Number of erven transferred from Developer to Members

300 owners



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The Wildlife Village

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village Patrol Vehicle	063 963 3599
Medical Doctors Hartenbos	044 695 1666
Mosskem Pharmacy Hartenbos	044 601 6700
Hartenbos Pharmacy	044 695 1510

USEFUL NUMBERS MOSSEL BAY

Police: 044 606 2805 / 10111

Crime Stop (report criminal activity anonymously): 08600 10111

Ambulance: 044 691 3170 / 10177 or 1022

Clinic: 044 690 3545

Pharmacy: 044 691 1835

ER24: 084 124

Fire Department: 044 691 3722

Snake, Scorpion, Spider Bite Hotline: 021 931 6129

South African Tourism helpline: 083 123 6789

Doctors: 044 693 1470

Hospital: 044 691 3718

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