

Scout/Guide Adventure Hike 1966

This adventure hike was held from the 3rd to 10th October, 1966 at a cost of R6 each for 7 days and the venue was the farm Driehoek in the Cederberg. The leaders from the Scout side were Esmond 'Fatty' Rutter (organiser), Richard Day, Dennis Lambert and wife Flora (HQ cook), Peter Watt, and Carveth Geach (Chief Scout Commissioner) and from the Guides Vi Ettershank, Alison Donnal, Shirley Fitton and William 'Dassie' Fracis.

Arriving in Cape Town from all over the country and mainly by train the 15 Scouts and 20 Guides then convened at the Tulbagh Hotel for breakfast. The long bus trip to Citrusdal was accomplished in good time and after a light lunch pushed on over the Nieuwoudt and Sederberg (now Nieuweberg) passes to arrive at Driehoek at 3 pm. The site had very kindly been prepared by the Scout Mountain Club (SMC) with tents pitched and ablutions erected.



The hikes were led by experienced SMC leaders Neville Weller (wife Colleen HQ support) and Wally Struthers. However it soon became clear that what they thought were reasonable hikes differed somewhat from what the participants thought. They did however visit the Raadsaal Rocks, Bushmen paintings, Wolfberg Cracks and Wolfberg Arch on their first day. A longer two night hike took them to the Crystal Pool where they spent the night and then on to Middelberg hut for the second night. Another day was spent

hiking up Tafelberg that dominated their campsite.

On the last night a campfire was held and a letter of thanks given to the owners. The participants then held a 'Bop' session through to midnight.

The fifteen Scouts who attended were:

Aytoun Ralph	Mpiti	Nixon Denis	1 st Kingwilliamstown
Aytoun Richard	Mpiti	Ravenscroft Peter	1 st Clifton
Haffner John	BP Rover Crew	Ronassen D	1 st Parow
Japha Derek	1 st Wynberg	Ross Brian	Mpiti
Jay Charles	9 th Pretoria	Scott Michael	1 st Parow
Koning P	1 st Parow	Stott Graham	1 st Kingwilliamstown
Lowry Andrew	1 st Wynberg	Swart Robin	1 st White River
Marsh Denis	9 th Cape town		

A mere three years later in 1969 a Scout experimental camp took place at Driehoek and launched what has become known as the Senior Scout Adventure.

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