

BLUE MOUNTAIN TRAIL



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Arrive at South Hill Vineyards at 15h00 sharp, park car and transfer to Wildekrans Country House, Houw Hoek Village, wine tasting, dinner and overnight.

Day 1: Walk above Bot River and into the Elgin Basin (18,5km / 6-7hours / 3lod*)

Pack bags before having breakfast at Wildekrans Country House

Transfer to High Rising and baggage to South Hill Vineyards

Walk above Bot River, taking in views of the wheat fields of the Overberg, and descend into the Elgin Basin

Picnic lunch on the mountain

Walk into South Hill Vineyards

Check in and afternoon tea

Wine tasting, dinner and overnight

Day 2: Above Kleinmond and around Paardeberg (19km / 6-7hours / 3 or 4lod*) (An alternative 12km Day 2 is possible)

Light early self served breakfast at South Hill Vineyards

Transfer to Highlands Forest

Walk above Paardeberg and above Kleinmond

Picnic lunch en route

Wine tasting and tea at Iona Vineyards

Transfer back to South Hill Vineyards

Dinner and overnight

Day 3: Kogelberg, Palmiet, and Dragons's Head (12km / 4-5 hours / 3 lod*)

Pack bags before a light self serve breakfast at South Hill Vineyards

Follow the pylons of the Valleys of the Kogelberg

Lunch to celebrate mission accomplished

Transfer to South Hill Vineyards and collect your car.

P.S. Pick up is at sunrise every day!

*Iod: Level of difficulty, with five being the most difficult. As per Fiona Mackintosh from Slackpacking SA

1 – Easy

2 – Moderate

3 – Hard or long in places

4 – Strenuous, might be long and hard in places

5 – Tough, long and usually hard most of the time

*Itinerary subject to change due to new opportunities, unforeseen conditions, changing seasons or alternative 'hosting' developments.

*Optional extras charged separately – transfer to airport, drinks, early trail exits, wine couriers, farm shopping

*Given different ability of hikers, limited early exits are available. Those exiting early may miss the events on the trail that day and will be charged for any extra transport.