



Uitsoek Hiking Trail

Location

Nelspruit / Sudwala Caves

How to get there

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Trail options

The trail offers several hikes

- Bakkrans Day Route:
- Beestekraalspruit Day Route:
- Houtbosloop 2 day overnight hiking trail:

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Hut Facilities

Uitsoek Hut : 24 bunkerbeds, electricity, hot water, braai facilities, firewood, 3 Toilets, no pots or pans

Lisabon Hut : Only cold water from river, no electricity, firewood, 12 bunkerbeds, 1 Toilet, no pots or pans
Hikers must provide own utensils and gas stove.

Starting Points

Parking and starting point at Uitsoek Hut.

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Trail options:

- **Bakkrans Day Route:**

The route winds through pine plantation above the Houtbosloop and through indigenous scrub forest in the gorges. The trail passes the Bakkrans Waterfall, before returning to the base camp, crossing several small tributaries, feeding the Houtbosloop.

Distance: 11 km

Difficulty: Moderately difficult

- **Beestekraalspruit Day Route:**

The route gently climbs through pine plantations, indigenous scrub forest to the cliff edge of the Beestekraalspruit, after which it descends gradually into the gorge with its riverine forest. The route follows the Beestekraalspruit for about 4 km and crosses the stream 20 times by means of wooden bridges. After leaving the stream, the trail gradually climbs to the starting point.

Distance: 11 km

Difficulty: Moderately difficult

- **Houtbosloop 2 day:**

The first day of this route climbs from the foothills to the plateau crossing several streams whilst contouring to the Lisabon Hut. The second day descends into the Houtbosloop Valley before returning to Uitsoek Hut. The trail traverses through indigenous forest, lowveld sour bushveld and scarce north-eastern mountain sourveld.

Distances: Uitsoek – Lisabon 14.5 km (grading 9)
Lisabon – Uitsoek 13.5 km (grading 6)

Difficulty: Very Difficult

Rates.

R85.00 per person per night.

Reservations

Reservations are done at the KOMATILAND ECOTOURISM office in Nelspruit. Tel: (013) 754 2724
We advise that you do your reservation well in advance

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