

Friends of Moreleta Kloof

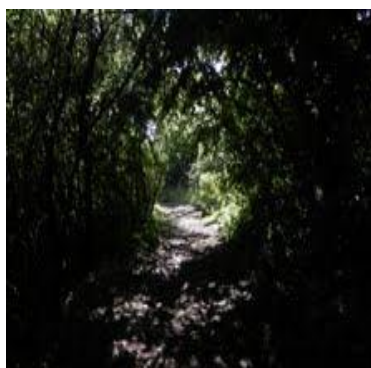
Moreleta Kloof Natuurreservaat



Newsletter December 2012

Friends of Moreletakloof and friends interested in our Reserve,

In the course of this year Nature Conservation initiated the project "WORK FOR WATER", which makes use of young unemployed people, to help with the clearing of invader plants. This involved the drastic eradication of many invader trees and shrubs. Although the reserve looked scarred at first, it healed so well after the first rains and is looking greener and healthier than ever. But this is a long term project and we will have to keep up the clearing process. The Friends would like to thank Adelene Marais, Johan Pietersen and all their helpers for looking after the reserve with such care and special thanks also to the three very friendly guards at the gate.



After two years of working on our DISCOVERY AND SENSORY TRAIL, we can now report that construction will commence early next year. We will start off with the parking area, bird hide as well as the rest deck and toilet facility. It took many months to get the studies done, all the approvals from Nature Conservation and sufficient funds to do the first phase of this project. This will be a dream come true. We thank organizations like Jacaranda FM 94.2, the Bikers Group and the Rand Merchant Bank (through Bird Life SA) for their generous contribution.

PATHWAYS (Moreletapark), is a regular visitor to the Kloof and the kids enjoy the serenity of nature.

BLACK AND VEATCH, helped clean the Rademeyers spruit, with a team effort consisting of 60 staff members. They all worked very hard and cleared all the rubbish that washed in from the surrounding areas, by walking through the thick growth along the spruit on the 1st December.

We would like to increase the number of "WALKS AND TALKS" in 2013 and we will attempt the Star gazing evening again which was cancelled in 2012 as a result of bad weather.



Ons het nou 'n mobiele kaartmasjien by die ingang waardeur u 'n betaling kan doen met 'n debiet of kredietkaart. Ons vra geen toergangsfooi vir 'n besoek aan die Kloof nie maar die fasiliteit is daar indien u 'n skenking wil maak om die reservaat te beskerm en te onderhou. Ons kan nie verwag dat die Stadsraad al die fondse wat benodig word vir onderhoud beskikbaar stel nie.

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Ons ook moet bydra om items soos die palisade te onderhou om die veiligheid van besoekers aan die kloof sowel as ons diere te verbeter.

U kan ook u ledegeld vir Vriende van Moreletakloof wat Januarie 2013 betaalbaar is met die kaart fasiliteit betaal. U kan dit gebruik om aan te sluit by ons organisasie deur die vormpie in te vul en u betalingstrokie daaraan te heg. Dit kan aan die sekuriteitwag van Natuurbewaring gelaat word. Ons sal toesien dat u lidmaatskap kaartjie by u afgelewer word. Lidmaatskap is tans R350.00 per gesin per jaar.

Ons nooi u as Vriende van die Kloof om saam met ons te werk. Die hele gesin kan betrokke wees om ons te help om byvoorbeeld Pom-Poms te oes en die sade by die hek te laat om vernietig te word." Cat- Claws" versmoor van ons bome. As u dit wil afsny, gesels asseblief eers met Jeannie du Plessis (jeanniedp@gmail.com).

Please bring your families for a lovely and peaceful walk and enjoy the shady trees, the birds and cascading water in the spruit and enjoy the prancing Impala en Springbuck but please note that we do not allow picnics in the Kloof.



Spectacular mushrooms and fungi is to be seen in the in the shade, among the dead leaves underneath the trees. Please bring your cameras to take pictures and post some on our Facebook (Moreletakloof Nature Reserve).

It is essential to keep the reserve in the good state that it is in now or we may risk losing it, to lack of security and to development. Please let us take hands in the new year.

Kind wishes,

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