

ESCAPE ROUTE
Stutterheim, Kei Road,
Cathcart &
Keiskammahoek.

**SPECIAL
POINTS
OF INTER-
EST:**

- 25 July: Grand opening of Lavender Leisure Restaurant
- 29 July: SADS Theatre- Ha! Man & Fire Stone/Fire Tongue
- 9 August: Woman's Day
- 24 August: Tourism Meeting of Friendly N6 at Bloemfontien.

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Lavender Leisure Country House

The World Cup may be over and South Africa settling back down after all the excitement, but there are still plenty of new and exciting things happening on the eScape Route.

We would like to welcome our newest members, Driekie & Jimmy d'Arcy of Lavender Leisure Country House. Based in Stutterheim on Bush Road, this newly opened, lovely establishment offers beautiful accommodation in striking surrounds.

The extensive grounds give the property the feeling of being in the country and the lappa, which overlooks the small dam is the perfect spot to laze away the day. Amble down the path to the Cumakala River or spend the afternoon relaxing at the lovely swimming pool, the choice is yours.

Lavender Lodge offers 5 delightful rooms which are all extremely spacious and airy. The accommodation comprises a

family room, one double and two twin rooms. All are en suite, tastefully and individually decorated.

The easy availability of ADSL will make this venue perfect for the business man and full DSTV is offered in the comfortable lounge area.



The extensive grounds harbour lovely nooks and crannies.



There is also a small conference room at Lavender Leisure which can accommodate 15 people. All catering can be provided while conferencing and either the indoor or outdoor dining areas are available for meals.

Driekie and her manager, Roger Carter are committed to pro-



Spacious rooms await at the end of the day. Each one is en suite

viding a unique experience and the restaurant, which is open to the public, has an extensive menu at extremely competitive prices.

With his many years of experience, Roger will be open for breakfast, lunch and evening meals. The small bar will also serve 'bar baskets' as light meals.

Whether the guest chooses the A la Carte or Table d'Hote menu, the sumptuous range of food is amazing. Roger prides himself on using only the freshest of ingredients and has his own herb garden from which he garnishes and flavours his fantastic fare.

At present, you are welcome to bring your own wine to enjoy with your meal and no corkage will be charged.

For more information on Lavender Leisure, contact

084 309 8464 or visit www.lavenderleisure.co.za



The ideal spot to relax in during the long, hot summer days.

The Blue Plumbago, a Piece of Heaven



A family affair, Coenie whips up the most delightful tortillas!

Every so often you come across a place that has that 'something special' and this is undoubtedly what you will find when you visit The Blue Plumbago in Stutterheim.

Sitting at the edge of the indigenous forest, the sheltered veranda commands spectacular views of both the forest and the foothills of the Amata Mountains. Lavender bushes line the edge lending a continental feel to this beautiful property.

The Breedts family have created a little piece of heaven in Stutterheim and their tea

room is definitely a family affair.

Each dish is made using the freshest of local ingredients and menus change with the seasons. Almost everything is made from scratch and Coenie makes the most delightful tortillas!

Whether wholesome winter warmers, fresh summer salads or decadent cheese cake served with fruit in season, every morsel is delicious.

They have followed a 'back to the wholesome basics philosophy, creating slow food that is intended to be savoured.' Mag-

nificent food in spectacular surrounds make this a special experience.

The Blue Plumbago is open weekends and public holidays but are more than happy to accommodate you at other times by appointment.

Contact Adele: 043 683 3269



The sheltered verandah commands stunning views of the forest.

'You got to have a dream. If you don't have a dream, how you gonna have a dream come true?'

Oscar Hammerstein

Boardwalk update

On Saturday 10 July, the second 'community building of the boardwalk' event was held. A smaller group of people arrived in the morning than the previous time (it probably had something to do with rugby and football) but never the less, good progress was made.

Another 40m were completed meaning that the boardwalk now starts from the picnic area and stretches across the river, continuing towards the first waterfall.

Many thanks go to those who came along and helped out. It certainly is true when stated that many hands make light

work. We shall soon be advertising the date for the next building day.



The Blooming Daisy, Cathcart

The gift and décor shop is brimming with a fantastic range of items from scented creams to jewelry.



The next time you are driving through Cathcart, make sure to stop off at the Blooming Daisy.

Situated at No. 2 Station Road, the old stationmasters house built in 1876 has been completely renovated. It now contains a coffee, gift and décor shop as well as offices for CGI

Insurance Brokers.

Charmaine Gouws and her husband Rueben, have tastefully refurbished this lovely old building and packed it full of charming pieces. Ranging from scented creams and jewelry, to art work and household items both old and new. There is definitely something to please every taste.

The coffee shop offers breakfast and light lunches including delicious homemade pancakes, quiche or muffins served with a choice of sweet

or savoury fillings.

With the coffee shop and adjacent rooms, the Blooming Daisy is without a doubt the perfect venue to hold a private function or party.

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VUURKILP / VUURTONG FIRE STONE / FIRE TONGUE



Set in light and shadow dancing.
Enjoy a visual concept by combining these two mediums on stage
Additional ceramic sculptures will be on display
and for sale in the foyer.

HA! MAN

FRANCOIS LE ROUX is a spontaneous cellist, creating music that love: his classical background with Africa and the rest of the world. He is an independent artist who performs globally. His workshops are inspirational to all ages. The Ha! Man has a rare skill as an improviser and is well respected in this genre in South Africa and abroad.

SUPPORT SADS THEATRE

Venue: SADS THEATRE

Date: 29 JULY 2010

Time: 18:30 for 19:00

Tickets: R120pp light meal included

TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR

INQUIRIES TEL: 082 774 8770

Sandile's Rest

The beauty of Sandile's Rest is that everything the nature lover needs is right there on the door step.

Stunning Canadian style log cabins with three double bedrooms, all en suite, cater for the family or group of friends. The fully equipped kitchen includes a microwave and washing machine and there is always plenty of wood for the fireplace during the cooler winter evenings.

Private decks from the lower bedrooms open out with magnificent



The log cabins are made from wood from their own plantation.

views of the forest where over 80 different species of trees including yellowwoods, ironwoods and stinkwood grow. 'Old Yellow', the pride of Sandile's Rest is an Outeniqua yellowwood and thought to be around 450 years old.

During the course of the day, horse riding, mountain bike trails and fantastic walks through the indigenous forest to the wetland are all available. With more than 100 species of birds spotted on the property, birders will be spoilt for choice.

This amazing private game and forest reserve also boasts two dams stocked with trout and bass respectively to cater for the keen fisherman.

The soon to be opened Trout & Forest Lodge will provide a choice of Double and Luxury log suites with en suite bathrooms, private decks, bar fridge, DSTV and heater



Both trout and bass fishing are on a catch and release system.

or fireplace.

At the end of the day, the cosy pub is the perfect place to sit chatting over the day's events with fellow guests before enjoying your evening meal.

Whether fully catered or self catering, Sandile's Rest offers total comfort, absolutely beauty and abundant nature, all within only an easy 1 hour drive from East London and the Wild Coast,

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