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Destination Drakensberg! Alumnus Weekend Getaway!!!

Join Alumni Relations for a Wild Flowers Weekend at The Cavern Drakensberg Resort and Spa!!!

Date: 20 - 22 November 2020

Price: R2500 per person sharing for 2 nights (Rates include accommodation, meals, teas and activities)

Trip destination: The Cavern Drakensberg Hotel and Spa, District Road D119, End of D119, Northern Drakensberg, Bergville, 3350

Spend an unforgettable two days in the Drakensberg exploring the Drakensberg wild flowers and trees with Dr Elsa Pooley, a UKZN honorary doctorate graduate. This weekend will be a great introduction to flower and tree 'watching' and an opportunity to get to know the mountain plants. The optional planned walks are at a leisurely pace to allow time to observe and identify the plants – sometimes described as 'wild flower stops!' The destinations are chosen on the day, according to the best localities for plants at that time. You are advised to bring along your Mountain Flowers (and Wild Flowers of KZN) field guides, both available at the Cavern shop.

The wild flower walks are optional. If you prefer to do more leisurely or other activities, you are most welcome.

RSVP: To reserve your space please contact Nomcebo Msweli on mswelin@ukzn.ac.za or 031 260 2016.

Places are limited so early bookings are advised.



Elsa Pooley grew up in Johannesburg, Harare and Pietermaritzburg. In 1965 she married conservationist and crocodile ecologist Tony Pooley. They had three sons, Simon, Justin and Thomas. She lived in game reserves in Zululand for 20 years making an extensive collection of the plants of the region, and publishing research papers on vegetation mapping and traditional plant use by local people. The family moved to Clansthal on the KZN South Coast and Elsa began work on her field guides.

Elsa was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 2008.

The Cavern Resort & Spa, named after the infamous Cannibal Cavern, is nestled at the foothills of the Northern Drakensberg in the Amphitheatre World Heritage Site area. A place of captivating beauty, it is surrounded by majestic, lush indigenous forests and clear 'berg streams.

Once a humble homestead, rustic and simple, today The Cavern is a comfortable home-from-home for many families who holiday in these majestic Drakensberg Mountains.

OPTIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday: 17h00 Meet in lounge for an introduction to the weekend. Learn to use your wild flower field guide.

Saturday: 08h30 – 12h00 Wild flower walk. Meet outside the shop. Refreshments will be provided on the walk.

12h30 – 14h00 Lunch

15h00 – 17h00 As above, take along your own refreshments.

18h00 Slide show : Drakensberg Wild Flowers in the Conference Room.

Sunday: 08h30 - 11h30 Wild Flower Walk. Return to cream scones at the hotel!

For more information on the programme, please click on the link below. <https://www.cavern.co.za/wild-flowers-weekend/>

PLEASE NOTE!!!

- A deposit of R500 per person secures your booking
- Bookings are per person sharing, you need to find your own partner as the University cannot be responsible for placing people in pairs
- Payments can be made over 10 months with the final payment due on 30 September 2020