

# JOHANNESBURG Walking trails



**Norscot Koppie — Douglasdale**

Serene, small reserve of 22 hectares with rocky koppie where birds, duiker, blesbok, klipspringer, dassies and people mingled without conflict. There are several dams and a bird hide where one can sit and feed the soul. It is completely fenced with well-marked trails. More information on [www.footprint.co.za/norscotkoppies.htm](http://www.footprint.co.za/norscotkoppies.htm).

Getting there: Off Witkoppen Road to Alexander Avenue, with parking on left side.



**Rietfontein Nature Reserve - Witkoppen**

In the centre of condominiums you can find nature in this small 25 hectare reserve. Home to duiker, steenbok, springbok, rocky koppies and myriad of birds. For walks, booking is required. A guide will impart his knowledge of what is lovely in the city. Rietfontein is perfect for children, as there is an educational centre and outdoor environmental classes. For bookings contact Johannesburg City Parks.

Getting there: Off Witkoppen Road, north into Hokham Road and park inside reserve at main gate on right. By booking only.



Welcome to the Johannesburg City Parks' Walking Trail Guide, the first since 1982. Johannesburg, a city that is said to have more trees than any other city in the world, has made the most of its natural resources. There are over 2 300 parks and over 10 000 hectares of green, nature experiences to comfort and inspire. This guide introduces one to many of these areas, some well known, others not. Explore the nature areas of Johannesburg with family and friends, enjoy our parks, and let nature restore body and spirit by walking Johannesburg's trails.

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Enjoy the City of Johannesburg's nature areas and urban open spaces while walking. These areas are our privilege to keep and conserve for future generations.

Please send any comments on the Trails Guide to [jcp@jcpctyparks.com](mailto:jcp@jcpctyparks.com)



**Golden Harvest — Northgate**

Near the Northgate Dome is a pristine 55 hectare park with rolling walks around a dam and indigenous bushveld. As the koppie an ancient iron smelting area reminds us that Johannesburg is enveloped by history. Walks may take 30 minutes to 1 hour. It is completely fenced with a guard at the gate with an entrance fee. More information on [www.footprint.co.za/goldenharvest.htm](http://www.footprint.co.za/goldenharvest.htm).

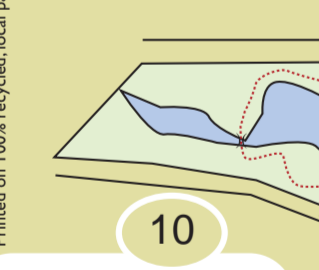
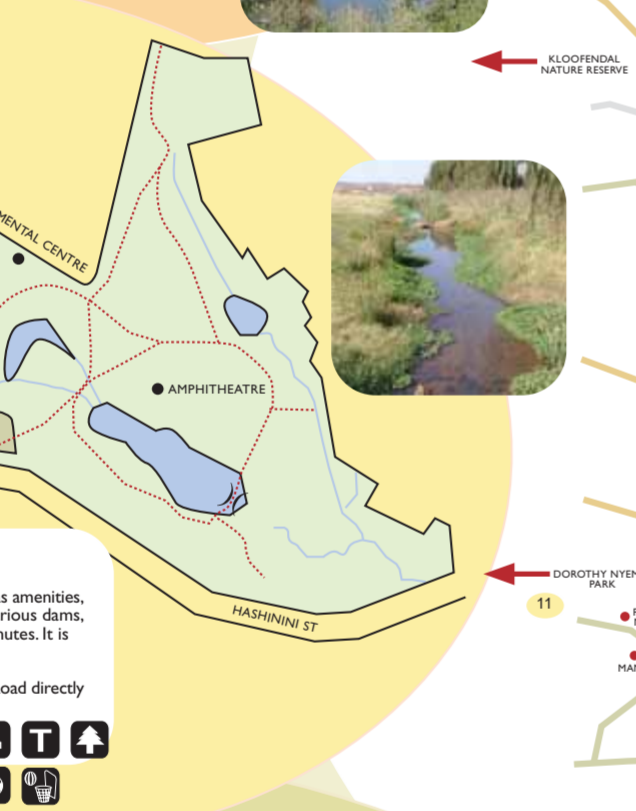
Getting there: Off Hans Strijdom Drive to Olivenhout Avenue, Maple Road to the entrance.



**Dorothy Nyembe Park — Soweto**

This is a picturesque park in Mofolo North. It has amenities, including an environmental centre, bird hide, various dams, amphitheatre and walking trails of 30 to 45 minutes. It is fully fenced.

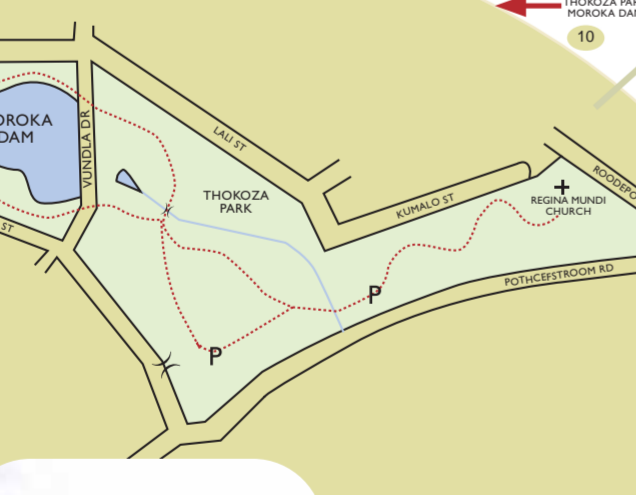
Getting there: Off Roopeport Road onto Main Road directly into park for parking.



**Thokoza Park/Moroka Dam — Soweto**

An attractive park with a dam, wetlands, various bridges and short trails in the middle of what used to be the sprawl of a Johannesburg township. It is well used by the community and has links to the historic Regina Mundi Catholic Church. Walks take 20 to 45 minutes.

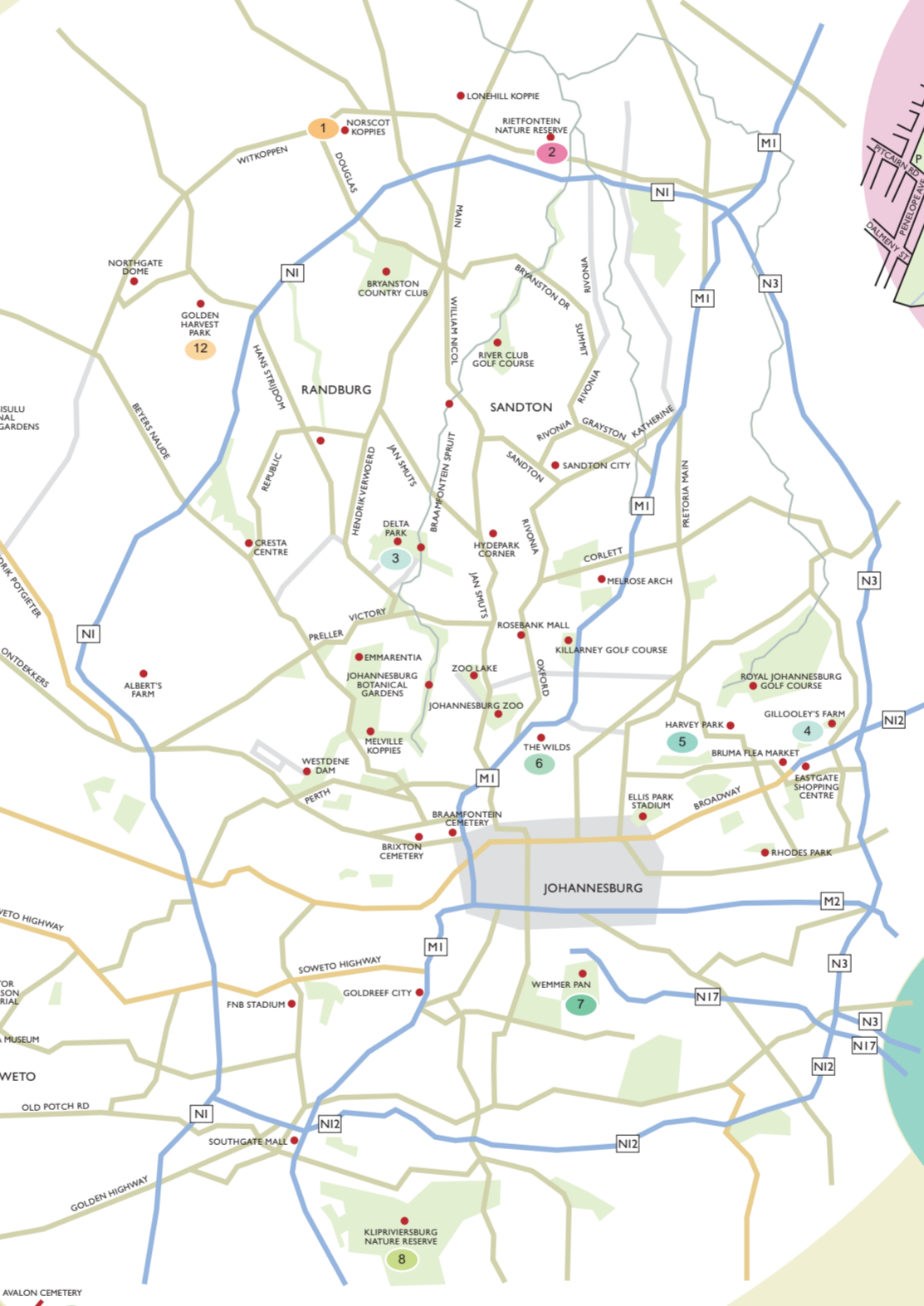
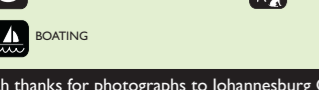
Getting there: Off Potchefstroom Road in Soweto just past the Roopeport Road. Easily visible from the road. Enter parking on the right.



**Avalon Cemetery — Soweto**

Located just off the main Johannesburg railway line, Avalon Cemetery is the site of the graves of many apartheid heroes. There is no specific trail to follow, but historical graves are marked with heritage site markers. The cemetery can be tied in with a visit to other historical sites in Soweto. More information on [www.joburg.co.za](http://www.joburg.co.za)

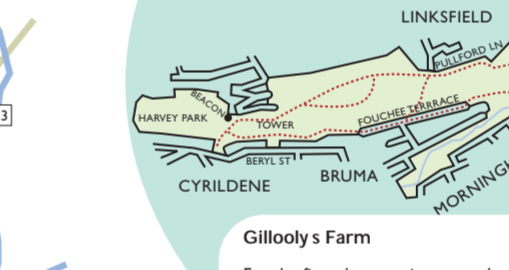
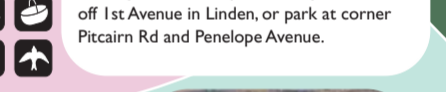
Getting there: From Bara Taxi Rank off Potchefstroom Road, turn left at Tshabuse Street across from Chiawelo Clinic, and follow road to Soweto Mountain of Hope. Turn to right for 20 - 30m, pass railway bridge to cemetery entrance.



**Delta Park-Blairgowrie**

A beautiful multi-use park that contains one of country's best environmental centres, a bird sanctuary and scout training grounds. For bird watchers this is a lovely spot. Walk in groups. More information on [www.delta.org.za](http://www.delta.org.za) or [www.footprint.co.za/deltapark.htm](http://www.footprint.co.za/deltapark.htm)

Getting there: Enter park through Road No 3 off 1st Avenue in Linden, or park at corner Pitcairn Rd and Penelope Avenue.



**Gillooly's Farm**

For the fit and energetic, a steep koppie walk along the Linksfield Ridge, where on a clear day you can see forever; the Magaliesburg Mountains, maybe even heaven. As it is steep and requires energy as you climb. A walk may range in time from between 1 to 3 hours. The walk starts in Ekurhuleni Municipality at Gillooly's Farm. More information on [www.footprint.co.za/linksfield\\_ridge.htm](http://www.footprint.co.za/linksfield_ridge.htm).

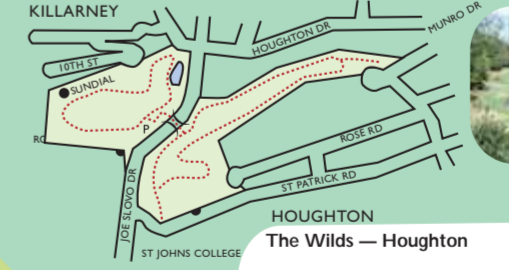
Getting there: Off Beeching Street West to Gillooly's Farm next to driving range.



**Harvey Park — Cyrlidene**

A 360 degree panoramic view of Johannesburg and a steep climb. For 1 hour you can follow a circular trail which may link to Gillooly's farm in the west. It is best to walk in groups. More information on [www.footprint.co.za/linksfield\\_ridge.htm](http://www.footprint.co.za/linksfield_ridge.htm).

Getting there: Off Friedland Avenue in Cyrlidene to Beryl Street. Continue and park past boom.



**The Wilds — Houghton**

A stunning koppie with old original stone paths where you can forget the city, unless you raise your eyes and look at the magnificent views of the Hillbrow Tower and Ponte. At the top of the koppie rests a sundial and a greenhouse; time waits for only the sun. Walks of 30 minutes to 1 hour. It is close to the city centre so walking in groups is recommended. More information on [www.wildswalk.co.za](http://www.wildswalk.co.za)

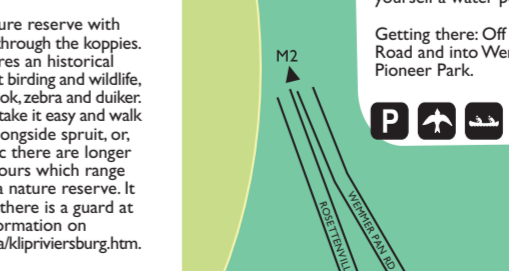
Getting there: Park off Joe Slovo Drive in Houghton by bridge.



**Wemmer Pan — La Rochelle**

Seagulls where there is no sea, mine water run off where there is no mine. A pleasant circular walk of 1 - 2 hours around Wemmer Pan, or if you fancy yourself a water person try canoes or dragon boats.

Getting there: Off M2 south (or N17) to Wemmer Pan Road down to Turf Road and into Wemmer Pan, which lies between Santarama Miniland and Pioneer Park.



**Klipriviersburg Nature Reserve — Kibler Park**

A 644 hectare nature reserve with lovely hiking trails through the koppies. This reserve features an historical farmstead, excellent birding and wildlife, which include blesbok, zebra and duiker. You may decide to take it easy and walk for 30+ minutes alongside spruit, or, for the enthusiasts there are longer walks of up to 3 hours which range across koppies in a nature reserve. It is fully fenced and there is a guard at the gate. More information on [www.footprint.co.za/klipriviersburg.htm](http://www.footprint.co.za/klipriviersburg.htm).

Getting there: Off the Columbine Avenue exit from the M1 to Ormonde Drive and Frandolph Drive. Park in cul-de-sac by guard house and start walk by Silent Pools.



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