

HOGSBACK NEWS

MAJOR NEWS!

✨ Away with the Fairies is FOR SALE!! ✨

This is your chance to own your beloved and the very famous Away with the Fairies! Don't worry, we're definitely not closing the doors and the Amatola Trail will be exactly the same, we're not even stopping the improvements!!!

We've been renovating since the 3rd week of lockdown and haven't stopped, so The Fairies has never looked better! We're now a Nature Lodge as well as a Backpackers, and we now have the amazing Fairies Heart Centre which has completely transformed the whole space and opened us up to lots more people to be able to experience the magic of the Fairies.

We're looking for the next lucky custodians of this incredible land to take her to the next phase of her remarkable evolution. Now that the Fairies is a renovated Nature Lodge and Backpackers, Retreat Centre and Café/ Bar it's time for new energy to take her to her full potential.

A very sensible price for the right owner.
Contact Dan Cornick 072 668 0602

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION

A once in a lifetime opportunity. Boasting the premier locations in the stunning mountain village of Hogsback in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. At an altitude of 1200m Hogsback is 140km from East London and 260km from Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth).

These bordering properties are perched on the edge of a cliff overlooking the oldest indigenous forest in South Africa, everything here is about nature. One look at the almost unbelievable postcard view of the 3 Hogsback Mountains, with the ancient Auckland Nature Reserve (the oldest forest in South Africa) and even a waterfall all from our very own viewpoint is enough to convince you that you are in JRR Tolkien's Rivendell.

Hiking trails start at the bottom of our garden at the viewpoint / bath on the cliff, straight into the Auckland Nature Reserve - which is home to The Big Tree (the oldest and biggest tree in the Eastern Cape) as well as Madonna and Child, Swallow Tail and Bridal Veil Waterfalls.

Away with the Fairies Nature Lodge and Backpackers, The Green Dragon Café, The Fairies Heart Centre healing & retreat centre and the iconic 6-day Amatola hiking Trail are run from this location. These 4 businesses work in perfect harmony to create the ideal destination for retreats, weddings, Amatola Hikers, weekend guests and any other kind of specific target market.

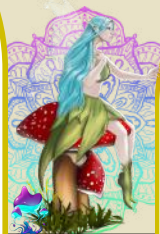
Prime Land in Hogsback Away with the Fairies property perched on the edge of the cliff, overlooking the Auckland Nature Reserve 1.71-hectare - including established businesses; Away with the Fairies Nature Lodge and Backpackers, The Green Dragon Cafe and licensed bar For Sale R5.5m

The neighbouring ERF, Striders 1.71 hectare - Self Catering Apartments and Rondavels For Sale or optional rental R3m

The neighbouring ERF, the newly created Fairies Heart Centre 0.8 hectare - For Sale or optional rental. R2m .

To see more photos and info visit them on Facebook @ Away With the Fairies Hogsback

And Contact Dan Cornick 072 668 0602 to enquire.



ADVENTURE TIME.

**Would you like to experience Hogsback in every way possible?
Hogsback Adventures offers you just that.**

They can design your adventure for you, so that you can get the most out of your visit in this unique little village.

Feel free to meet with us anytime to plan your activities. You can also contact us via Facebook, WhatsApp, email or live chat from our website. Bookings are essential for most of our activities so please contact us beforehand to avoid disappointment!

If adventure is not your thing, Pop into our restaurant, RedClay Cafe and enjoy some local hospitality and delicious food. We are open Tue - Sun 9am to 3pm.

WATERFALL ABSEIL R380 / PERSON



If you are looking for an adrenalin rush, then choose to do a 35m abseil down Madonna & Child Waterfall into the indigenous forests below. Discounted rate available for a second attempt!

ARCHERY R150 / PERSON

Try your hand at the age-old sport of archery in an enchanted garden setting. It's the perfect activity for the whole family to enjoy! Kiddies bows are also available.

BIKE RENTAL R100 / HOUR

Mountain Bikes are available to rent on an hourly basis. We provide you with a map, bicycle & helmet. Explore the forest on two wheels or potter around town to places of interest such as the Eco Shrine, Labyrinth & Crystal Corner.

HORSE RIDES FROM R430 / PERSON



Take a scenic ride through rolling hills, valleys, mountain plateaus, winding rivers & streams and take in the breathtaking views of all Hogsback has to offer! Suited for all ages and experience levels. Chat to us about finding the perfect ride for you and your friends & family.

GUIDED HIKES FROM R120 / PERSON

We have some amazing tour guides available, ready to share their knowledge with you on some of our many hiking trails in the area. Choose from a varied range of trails from easy to difficult depending on your fitness level.

COMBO DEAL *POPULAR R490 / PERSON

Get the most out of your stay in Hogsback with our Combo Deal (choose between self-guided or guided). Start with a very easy 5km bike ride ending at Madonna & Child Waterfall. Meet your instructor and abseil down a 35m cliff right next to the waterfall into the indigenous forest below and hike back to our restaurant, RedClay where a refreshment awaits you, on us!

Please check our website and Facebook page for new activities, competitions & specials.



Whatsapp us on 0663507485



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THE EXPLORERS WAY



Discover the extraordinary diversity of the Eastern Cape. Self-drive along the road less travelled, - without the crowds.

- A HUGE VARIETY OF WILD LIFE - MALARIA FREE AREA
- THE BEST PRISTINE BEACHES AND COASTAL VILLAGES
- EXPANSIVE KAROO LANDSCAPES AND JAW DROPPING ROCK FORMATIONS
- AUTHENTIC SOUTH AFRICAN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE
- INDIGENOUS FORESTS, MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS & WATERFALLS, BEAUTIFUL SHOW GARDENS
- FRIENDLY SMALL TOWN HOSPITALITY ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

SUGGESTED ROUTE

Starting point is Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), then make your way to Addo, Graaff Reinet/Camdeboo National Park/Nieu Bethesda, Mountain Zebra National Park/Cradock, Hogsback, Port Alfred/Bushman's River Mouth/Kenton on Sea, returning to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

You will love this route if you enjoy...

The road less travelled, without the crowds.

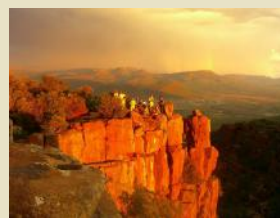
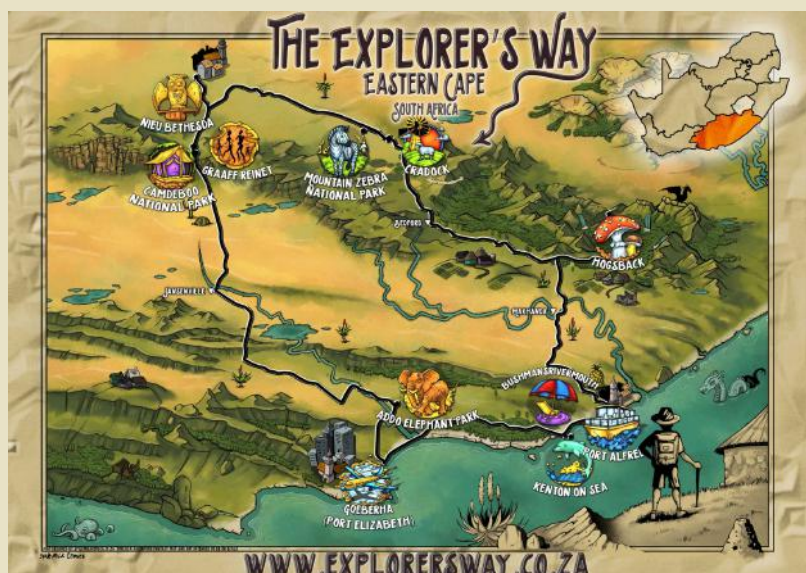
Leisurely drives through nature, with stunning landscapes and wide-open spaces.

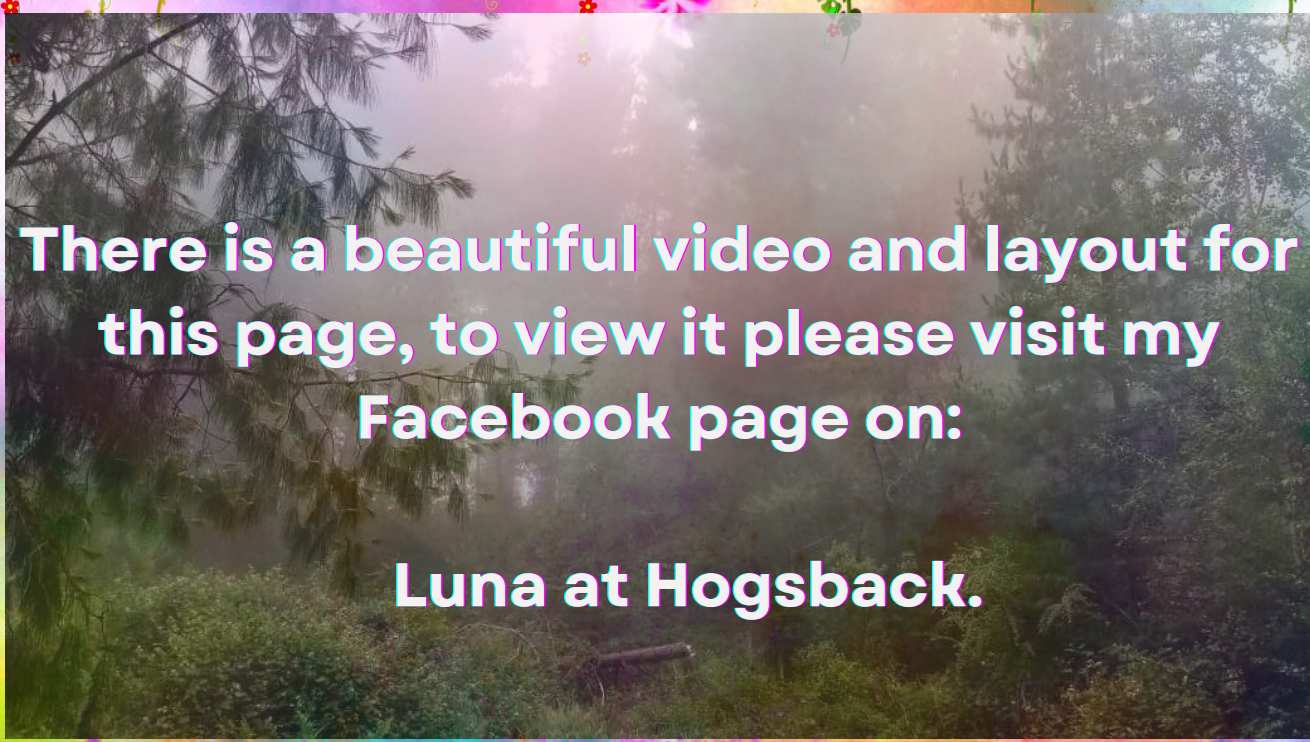

Beautiful natural African bush and indigenous flora.

Occasional game spotting along the roadside.

Pockets of fascinating South African history.

River cruises, beach walks, hiking, bird watching, and visiting beautiful gardens.



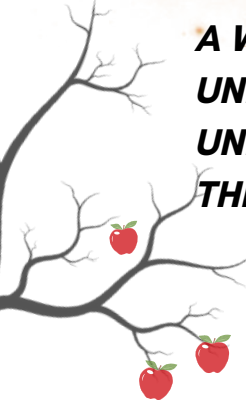


**There is a beautiful video and layout for
this page, to view it please visit my
Facebook page on:**

Luna at Hogsback.



HOGSBACK



**WELCOME TO
HOGSBACK
A WONDROUS AND
UNIQUE PLACE
UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN
THE COUNTRY.**



**A SPECIAL PLACE OF MYSTIQUE AND
SUBLIME BEAUTY. IF YOUR SOUL IS IN
NEED OF ADVENTURE OR REST, THEN THIS
IS THE MOST IDEAL PLACE FOR JUST THAT.
THE MOUNTAIN IS ALSO ONE OF THE BEST
PLACES FOR MUSHROOM HUNTING AS WELL
AS PHOTOGRAPHY.**



*I HAVE MANY WONDERFUL AND UNIQUE
PLACES TO OFFER YOU. EACH WITH ITS
OWN LITTLE WORLD OF WONDER AND
MAGIC.*

*THE OFF-GRID PLACES I HAVE
AVAILABLE ARE THE MOST POPULAR,
WHERE YOU CAN EXPERIENCE TRUE
NATURE LIVING AT ITS FINEST WITH ALL
THE NEEDED COMFORTS OF HOME.*



*SERENE MOSSY FORESTS,
ENDLESS HIKING AND
EXPLORING, CASCADING
WATERFALLS, IMPRESSIVE
MOUNTAINS, COLORFUL
FLOWER SCENES AND EVEN
SNOW AT TIMES!*



**0795202205
to enquire**

THE INSIDE SCOOP

A DIFFERENT KIND OF ADVENTURE



Greetings Hogs Back residents (and folks further afield) many know me in these parts as Wayne the Leatherman/Frontiersman.

Having been the manager and caretaker @48 Main Road for just over a decade, I am excited to announce the opening of the venue @48.

The best way to describe @48 I feel is if one had to imagine Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn (for us old folks familiar with these characters) being given permission to utilize a piece of land for all of their bushcraft and adventure games.

Having a young son on the mountain myself, it has become clear that a space is needed for the gathering of games and activities for both young and old.

A space where beings can connect with each other and themselves in the sober setting.

The first step is to open @48 as a picnic and game area and take it from there.

Some may remember that in 2020 before the global event, that I had some games and stalls @48 on Sundays. There was a great response from the Bold Point (BP) village and with our 'Tasks for rewards' system, all who participated could enjoy food, games & refreshments.

The rules were simple, Positive, Patient, Polite.

With my limited (near non-existent) budget, I have been able to employ one BP resident to help me clear the area and create picnic areas and trails for ambling or bicycles (depending on the energy).

We have been able to host a few soccer gatherings with the young BP children about my son's age which have been amazing.

The plan is to be able to offer enrichment programs (trades & skills) for locals (&visitors), the possibilities are endless but the beginning steps have been taken toward an NPO, so we shall follow our footfall and see what is beyond the rise.

These are our plans for the future but for now we have the space at our disposal for the enrichment of all who would get involved.

In closing, @ 48 main will be opening as a picnic area with a spectacular view of Gaaika's Kop (and one of the first places to get snow after Gaaika) with activities to be announced.

Wayne F. Benade
The Frontier Leatherman @48





Editors note

My name is Luna Wolf. Last year, in December I arrived in Hogsback, all the way from Mossel Bay in the Western Cape. It took me ten years to get here. Ten years of dreaming about this magical place, training and prepping for the lifestyle as well as working very hard to be able to get here. I have a deep love for nature, especially forests. I spent my years in the Garden Route exploring as many forests as possible as I find them to be the most beautiful creations that bring the most peace. When I first heard about Hogsback and saw the images of the vast lush forests, I fell in love with it and decided that Hogsback would one day be my home.

I was a pet sitter for well over a decade as well as an animal handler and I have my own business. I travelled often for my work and got to see the most stunning places where I would live and work for months at a time. My business allowed me to travel and explore many different places as my business is based online, doing marketing and accommodation bookings, which flowed well into my other jobs and gave me the freedom to enjoy all of it without being tied down.

It became time to make a permanent move and settle down, it was time for Hogsback. A year before I arrived in Hogsback I had already begun to do marketing for the local establishments as well as for a few of the accommodation spots.

Finally arriving in Hogsback, I was blown away by its beauty and magic. In all my little travels I had never seen a place so unique and special. It fully stole my heart on day one, love at first sight. The home I chose to settle on is a private Homestead at the very top end of Hogsback. I have a small cabin surrounded by forest with epic views. Being a loner wolf, I traveled here with only one small companion, my beautiful black cat called Angel the Boogyman. Here our new life began. A year in and I am set here for life, the Garden Route now but a distant memory. Life in Hogsback is very different from anything I have ever experienced. My years of farm living, off-grid prepping, and training could not quite prepare me enough for this life, which is true frontier living, at its best and I cannot be happier! Each day in this small village is an adventure and a challenge and makes one very humble and driven. I find peace in living this simple yet busy life, and I have found more purpose.

I started this newspaper as I felt there was a need for it and I thought it would make for an interesting addition to Hogsback. I also wanted to do it differently from normal newspapers and give it a bit more charm and beauty than a standard newspaper. I began to research newspapers of the olden days to draw inspiration from them and to find elements that would suit Hogsback, being such a unique little village, it deserves a unique newspaper. I wanted the newspaper to have a very colorful and whimsical theme to it, to express the way I see this village. I have come to deeply love this place, with all its ins and outs, dodgy roads and harsh weather to boot. My mission is to support the folks living here as much as I can, thus I try to involve as many local businesses as possible. And of course, as the paper grows and gains a following, it will surely greatly help to boost tourism for this amazing village.

With all the marketing I do for accommodations, everything is focused on being Unique. I have accommodations from the Garden Route, Hogsback and all the way up to the Drakensberg which I support. All of them are Unique and special or located in very unique locations, offering guests a one of a kind experience. Thus the newspaper should also be unique and draw as much attention as possible. All of it flows into one, aiding in tourism for the mountain and allowing more people to discover this special place.

If the paper can succeed online and gain a following I would like to go to print with it, as for now it is only available online. I would like the paper to become part of Hogsback History, telling the story of not only the location, but all of its people. I think Hogsback should have had its own little newspaper long ago as it certainly justifies it and wholly deserves it. This is a busy little place, with so much going on all the time, and more of the world needs to see this. I would like to see Hogsback thrive, but still remain as beautiful and unique as it is now. I hope that my little newspaper can make a difference.

If you would like to contribute to the paper or support it please contact me on 0795202205. Due to frontier living and bad signal, whatsapp messages would be the best way to reach me.

Angel, AKA The Boogyman



ENVIRONMENTAL & WEATHER

STAYING POSITIVE IN THE GARDEN.

Tips from Thrive.

1: LOVE COMPOST and ferment your 'weeds'
Hate weeding? Aaah, that's because you are not seeing their potential.
I see some parts of my garden that is in need of food and so I go and **COLLECT COMPOSTING MATERIAL** (not weeding, collecting). I either make a tea, (fermented weeds in water for around 3 weeks), to spray as a foliar feed, or add them to my compost pile. Either way, I have changed the outlook of **WEEDING** into a much more satisfying task.

2: BUGS?
Collecting some of those annoying worms eating your garden, can end up in a pest deterring spray.
Most worms have a bacteria in their gut called "Bacillus Thuringiensis", that if multiplied by mashing up those forms and fermenting them with a bit of sugar or preferably molasses in water, produces a fantastic bug spray for your plants.

3: KEEP IT REAL.
Sometimes looking at a large potential space for a garden can be daunting and thus procrastination usually wins.
Set a daily plan, look at a 1m2 area and fully ready that area for planting, doing whatever is needed. Collecting composting material, composting, bordering, raising, etc. Once that is fully done, then move on 1m2 at a time.

-Dianne.

Healthy Humans need healthy soil.

Thrive will be hosting a walk and talk around an organic vegetable garden.
Many people are afraid to begin their journey on a more natural and sustainable level, but only because the concept is still quite new.

Through our walk we would like to showcase the possibilities, once the concept is fully embraced.
With humble and continuous observation, and living in harmony with nature, we can actively participate in its healing, one mindful choice at a time.

The dates left for this are:
SAT 4th & 11th November 3- 4PM
R100 per person.
Tea/Coffee & cake available.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.



The graphic features the word "thrive" in a large, lowercase, sans-serif font. Surrounding the text are various icons: a sun, a heart, a leaf, and the words "energy", "soil", "perma", "time", and "organic". Below the text is a basket of bread, a pumpkin, and other produce. The phone number 0828200260 is displayed at the bottom.

7 Waterfall drive weekly special food creations.

0828200260

Weather as it is, as it may be.

This past month, the mountain has seen quite a lot of rain. It had made the first week of the open gardens a bit tricky as it was pouring down on most of the days. The mountain is very grateful for all the much needed rains and I am sure that most people that gather rainwater now sit with full tanks again, which is truly a blessing. We were also met with yet another very cold snap that brought days and days of heavy rain and light flurries of snow in the last weekend of the month.

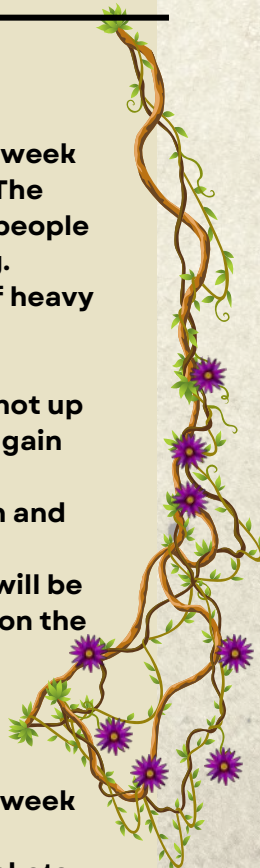
Warmer days there has been with cloudless sunny days. The plant growth has shot up from all the rain and by the next round of open Gardens, all of them will once again look different.

Many of the hotter days end off with a thick mist which swallows the mountain and cools it down nicely.

There have been sparse heavy thunderstorms, and we await the days where it will be almost daily. The thunderstorms are beneficial for the plant life as well as fungi on the mountain.

For a look at the weather coming:

The next ten days look to be warmer, with Friday being the warmest day of the week reaching high into the 20's. Rain is expected on Thursday and Saturday. When visiting the mountain be sure to bring gumboots, an umbrella and rain jackets.



LOCAL ADS & INFO

LOCAL OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES OF MAIN SHOPS

SPAR:

MON TO FRI. 07:30 AM – 6 PM
 SAT: 07:30 AM – 5 PM
 SUN: 8 AM – 2 PM

BUTCHERY:

MON: CLOSED
 TUES TO FRI: 9 AM-5 PM
 SAT: 9 AM-3 PM
 SUN: CLOSED

PETROL STATION:

MON- FRI: 7:00 AM - 6 PM
 SAT & SUN- 7 AM - 6 PM
 LOADSHEDDING MAY AFFECT TIMES

HARDWARE STORE:

MON-FRI: 7:30 AM - 5 PM
 SAT: 7:30 AM - 1 PM
 SUN: CLOSED

LIQUOR STORE:

MON-FRI: 9 AM - 6 PM
 SAT: 9 AM - 2 PM
 SUN: CLOSED



The Chocolate Shop

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EST. 2023 HOGSBACK

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Main road, opposite spar.



WOLTREE HOGSBACK

Est. 2019 Crafts, Gifts & Goodies

071 873 4500

Woltree Coffee Shop and Farm Stall



Crystal Corner

1 Bramble Close lane

076 147 7345

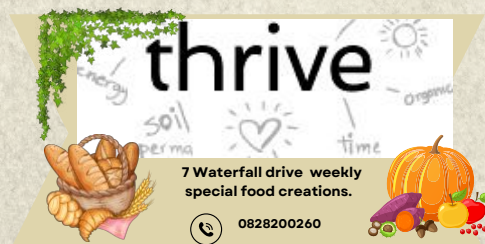
Crystal Corner Hogsback



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