



The Two Hills Walk

Events and Trails

- The short ***Coastal Dune Hiking Trail*** starting at the Reserve head office. It is unguided and open to the public. An FoBCA CREW group conducts a monthly guided botany walk on the Trail. A handy pocket flower guide, available at the Eerste Steen office, provides valuable assistance when walking the Trail.
- The ***Blaauwberg Two Hills Hiking Trail***, normally held on the last weekend of every alternate month for the public, under guidance of an FoBCA committee member.
- The ***Battle of Blaauwberg Walk and Talk***, an expert-led walk on the route that the British followed in their advance to occupy the Cape, held every alternate month-end.
- The ***Battle Up Blaauwberg Trail Run*** occurs in Spring every year. It is organised by the West Coast Athletic Club in partnership with the FoBCA and the City of Cape Town.
- The ***Battle of Blaauwberg Commemoration Event***, held in January each year.

Become a Member!

- With membership of the FoBCA you pay no gate fees to visit the City of Cape Town - managed BBNR, the Eerste Steen resort with its braai picnic facilities right on the beach, or the Coastal Dune Trail.
- Your membership helps provide essential facilities and equipment for visitors and Reserve staff, such as providing equipment for many of the specialised support teams.
- You can participate at no cost in the many hikes offered by the FoBCA.
- You can become the eyes and ears that warn the authorities of activities or threats that could harm the conservation of both nature and heritage in our area.
- You can participate in our volunteer groups according to your personal interests or start a new group if your experience, knowledge and enthusiasm is currently not represented.
- You can attend the many interesting talks, presentations and events arranged by the Friends on various topics. A regular FoBCA newsletter keeps you informed.

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Conservation Area

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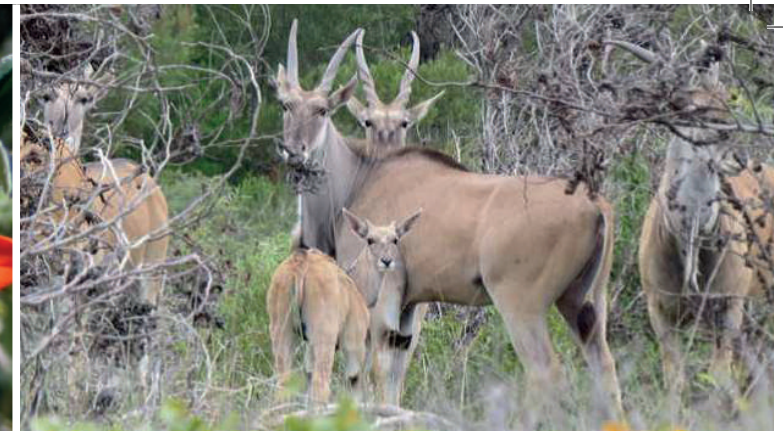
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Information Guide



Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of Blaauwberg Conservation Area (FoBCA), founded in 2008, is to conserve, protect and enhance the unique, natural, historical and cultural resources of the West Coast region of Cape Town for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations. Our core partner is the Blaauwberg Nature Reserve.



A few interesting facts

The Blaauwberg Nature Reserve (BBNR) is an area of approximately 2000 ha comprising a rich mosaic of natural, cultural and historical elements. It is situated immediately north of Cape Town and is under constant threat from urban development.

The BBNR represents one of the most intact and diverse lowland habitats near Cape Town, comprising 3 highly threatened vegetation types: Cape Flats Dune Strandveld, Cape Flats Sand Fynbos and Swartland Shale Renosterveld.

Over 600 plant species have been identified in the Reserve to date, including 45 Red Data plant species. There are 45 species of mammal, including red hartebeest and eland, as well as many reptile, tortoise, butterfly, bird and amphibian species.



The Battle of Blaauwberg

The BBNR is the site of the historic Battle of Blaauwberg of 1806, when the British invaded the Dutch-ruled Cape with 54 ships and 5500 men – the biggest land invasion since the Battle of Waterloo.



Accommodation

The Montispectus accommodation facility on top of Blaauwberg Hill is available to the public. It offers breathtaking views and is the only place in the world where two heritage sites can be seen simultaneously.

It can be booked via the FoBCA website www.bca.org.za.

