Boschhoek Update June 2015

JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY @ BOSCHHOEK!!

Welcome to Boschhoek!!

Our private access road gently climbs and curves for two kilometres up to our second gate with all-round vistas before descending

the mountain onto the savanna below

where a welcoming committee has taken up residence.

Another curve in the road
and a lovely little dam reflects in the morning sunlight, attended by hamerkop and waterfowl.

Our evocative clubhouse

under a towering Wild Fig tree

is a prelude to sudden discovery

along the road into the mountain.

Here Boschhoek's amphitheatre

sets the scene for hidden dams and waterfalls

rock pools and forever views.

It's a journey without end where every hour brings something new.

With only around a quarter percent of Boschhoek's almost 1500 hectares to be covered by our building footprint, we do tread lightly, barely touching the land. Our journey continues to discover how bush living takes shape on Boschhoek. No minimum size or prescribed building style leaves ample room for individual preference, provided nature reigns.

Our first stop is at Combretum Ridge. Set against the foot of the ridge with its boma under another humbling Wild Fig tree.

Timber amongst the trees, also Combretum Ridge.

A bush retreat for two, Dombeya Krantz.

Cliff-top eyrie, Ochre Krantz. An elevated wooden floor overcomes terrain difficulties, finished off with an innovative screed technique. With two sleeper chalets to be added later, the living area doubles as sleeping area.

Another cliff-top perch with a view to die for at Ochre Krantz, with a sighting from the patio of courting giraffe! Congratulations, Carl and Helen!

Poles being shaped into a superb lodge blending with mountain and bush, Kudu Ridge.

Permanent bush living at Kudu Ridge.

Family retreat at Eagle's Nest.

Karee - what are you up to, Phil and Sue?

Stacking Stumble Blocks at Rocky Creek.

Tucked amongst the trees, Wildeseringwoud.

Veranda in the bush, Valleisig.

Trees amongst the house, Valleisig.

Valleisig, what a view! Note again the elevated floor with rib-and-block system.

Rammed Earth at Oxwagon Trail. Karl is having tremendous fun building! He was fashioning louvres from palettes when I visited...

See-thru bush lodge, Oxwagon Trail.

Beauty in the bush, Oxwagon Trail.

Overlooking the wetland, Fountain View.

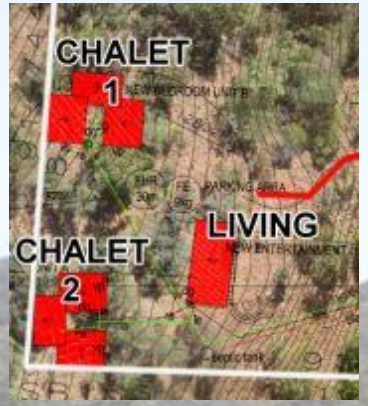
To conclude our discovery of our bush lairs at Boschhoek, what a stunning weekend retreat at Fountain View!

Our journey continues.

, our initiative for those who prefer part owning a furnished lodge at Boschhoek rather than having the responsibility of full ownership, is on track.

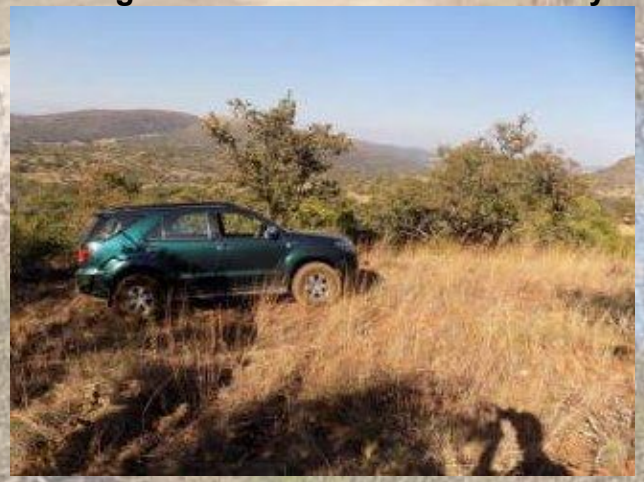
The combination of a shared living area

and two separate sleeper chalets



tucked away among the trees with 4-6 beds each gives you the option of inviting friends along or purchasing jointly at half the cost.

The plans have been completed and approved by the Boschhoek control architect and by the local municipality. Draft documentation has been received for distribution to prospective owners, and we'll be calling for formal offers. The response to date has been overwhelming, though, and we are proceeding with construction. The access road up to the site at Kudu Ridge B, one of the highest on Boschhoek with views unlimited, has been cleared and was conquered on Wednesday, admittedly in low range for now. Our building team should be on site shortly.



See here for more details.

Further along, we discover that Boschhoek is quietly, true to its nature, reaching one milestone after the other.
A hundred (!) stands sold tells the story of a yearning for simple enjoyment of the bush, for the chance to leave the trimmings and trappings of city life behind at a cost that doesn't defeat. In particular it tells the story of nature unsurpassed at Boschhoek.

For those still wandering, around 14 amazing bush properties currently remain.

Knobwood Glen - secluded and on your own in a lush little valley with magnificent trees and a summer stream gurgling past.

Savanna - gathering place of the game morning and afternoon, against the backdrop of plains stretching into the distance.

Combretum Ridge - lush bush sheltering against the ridge.

Kudu Ridge - up high, the mountain at the back and the valley down below.

Protea View - what a view to bush living!

Shakama - mountain plateau with stunning rock features.

This leg of our journey makes its about turn with the amazing views of mountain and wetland at Karee.

Whether for full time bush living or soul retreats, these 1 to 2 hectares of full title nature range from R499 000 to R599 000 and slightly beyond. With recent changes in legislation, this is an opportunity not likely to be repeated. With levies at only R600 per month and 10 years to start building, there is no rush once you have gained your foothold in the bush. With nature as your living room, you are free to start building as small as you wish and expand over time.

Our regular full page ads in

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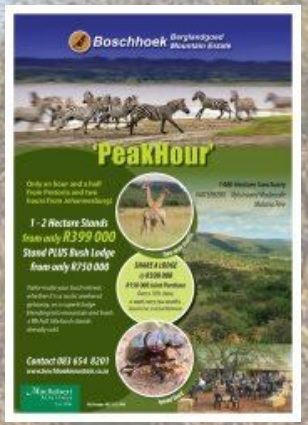
continue to whisper the word about Boschhoek.

Our latest series of full page ads have been particularly inspiring!



Thanks, Hantha, you are gifted!

Whilst this may bring our present journey of discovery of Boschhoek to its conclusion, you are more than welcome to undertake your own with our estate manager and field guide Jandre Higgo leading the way. Complete it with a light lunch at Leeuwenhof Country Lodge and Garden Spa next door, or enjoy a streamside picnic on Boschhoek.

Jandre takes out only one family at a time, typically Saturdays and Sundays at 09h30, 12h00 and 14h30. Kindly call me beforehand to arrange!

Wishing you a safe bush journey!

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Full title 1-2 Ha stands from R449 000; Stand PLUS Bush Lodge from R799 000 (or less)
Share a furnished lodge @ R300 000
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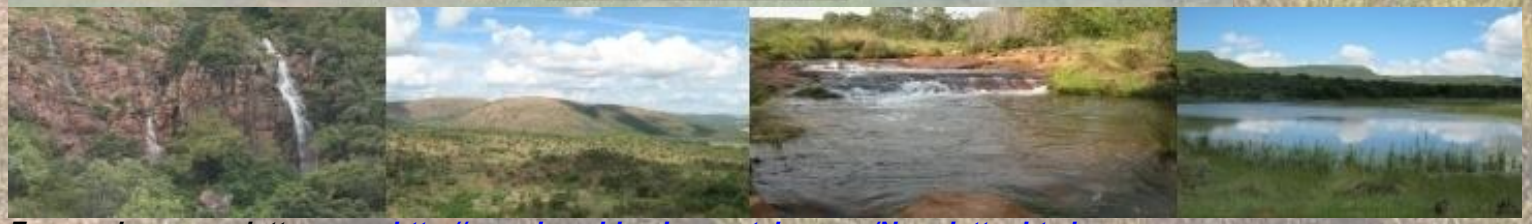

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