

Polkadraai Hills

Scenic Donkey Vineyard Walk / Hike



Thank you for your interest in our Scenic Vineyard & Wine Tasting Donkey Walk!

A few years ago, the members of the Polkadraai Hills appellation got the idea to create an event with a difference, to let you experience our beautiful area with its excellent wines, fine food and cosy guesthouses. If you are curious to explore what we have to offer, come and do the walk, taste our wines, enjoy a rich picnic and reward your health and soul with a hike through the vineyards of the beautiful Polkadraai Hills.

This is the Scenic Vineyard Donkey Walk and Wine Tasting Hike. It is a circular trail, starting at Bein Wine Cellar, and going up and down - with some parts being rather steep - through the vineyards of the Polkadraai Hills. The walk is guided by a winemaker of Bein Wine Cellar, and all in all about 5 km long. The two donkeys Glory and Poppy walk with us and carry the wines, the glasses, the food, water, etc. for you in their bags.

After about 1½ hours walk we arrive at a beautiful scenic spot with a spectacular view over False Bay, from Cape Town till Cape Point, and from Hangklip till Stellenbosch. There we can relax and enjoy the wines and the lekker picnic. Afterwards it's a short walk back to the cellar (approx. 10 min), where people can refresh and buy or order the wines they tasted if they wish to do so. All together, you will spend approximately 3 hours with us.

Please note:

- Though it is an easy hike - if you are used to walk – some basic fitness is required! We had 80-year-old people enjoying it, but unfortunately also people who overestimated their fitness and could hardly follow the group.
- The route is not dangerous.
- Please come with good shoes, which should also be easy to clean as some spots might be a bit muddy at times depending on the season
- We recommend that you bring a hat and sun glasses along, as well as a light jacket against possible wind chill at the picnic place

The costs are currently R 100.00 per Person for the guided walk, wine tasting and a rich picnic, with a minimum of 6 participants or R 600.00 per walk. Children are very welcome, if they are able to walk all the way, at the same price. I must have the definite number of participants at 12.00 a.m. the day before the walk, as I have to organize and start preparing the food. Please note that we appreciate your payment prior to the scheduled walk by deposit into our banc account.

We do the walks generally on Saturdays, on special occasions also on Sundays. During the winter month, we leave at 11 a.m., during summer at 4 p.m. Please contact me a few days before the event, as we have to check the weather forecast. Rain prevents doing the walk.

For more info, please contact Ingrid on 021 881 30 25 or 072 629 38 67 or mail us on lib@beinwine.com

How to find us:

From Cape Town: take N2 towards Somerset West, follow exit R 300 towards Bellville. Then the exit M12/Stellenbosch Arterial in direction Stellenbosch. Follow this M12 over 6 robots, passing the new Zevenwacht Mall and eventually going uphill. There you notice a sign 'Welcome to the Winelands district', and 200m afterwards a green sign 'BEIN WINE CELLAR'. Turn left at this sign into this minor road, and immediately right again after 10 m. The cellar is the 2nd building on your right.

From Stellenbosch: take the M12/Polkadraai road for approximately 12 km towards Kuilsrivier. Do NOT turn towards Muizenberg at the robot. Follow the Polkadraai Road straight, pass the Polkadraai Farmstall, and 500 m later you will see the green sign 'BEIN WINE CELLAR'. There you turn right into that minor road, and immediately right again. The cellar is the 2nd building on your right.

