

BARBERTON

MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

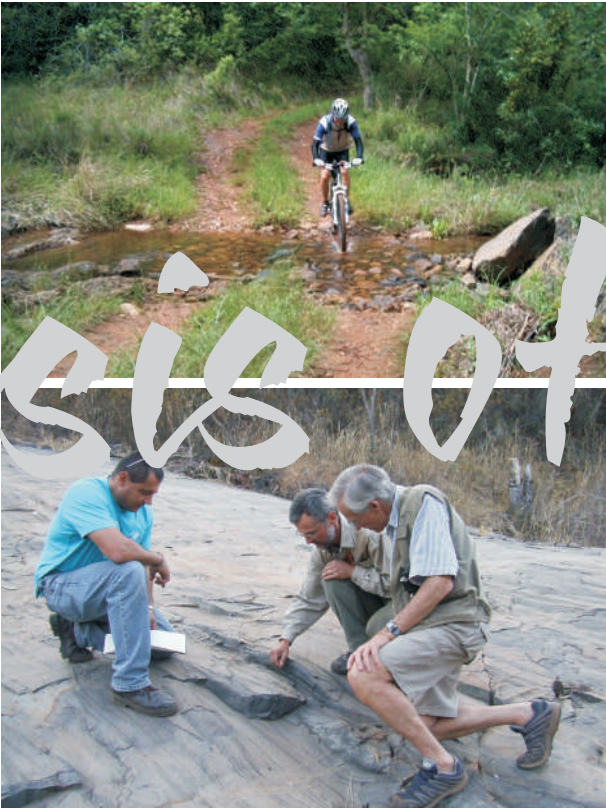
Barberton rocks!

Barberton is about more than gold and daisies. You can journey back into time to the early earth whilst savouring the current landscape. It is so easy! Stay a bit longer, join the locals and plan your sojourn to include some of the activities listed or by contacting the Information Centre 013 712 2880. Or simply visit the information stand which will be at the event on Friday night and Saturday. You will find it in the hall close to the race registration desk.

Celebrating FIRSTS:

- It is the FIRST time that the MTN Mountain Bike Challenge will pass through the FIRST World Heritage Site for Mpumalanga- and yes this is a big deal and a big area with lots to see and do.
- It is the FIRST time the participants will be able to race through the magnificent Mountainlands Nature Reserve, part of a suite of reserves that form the core of the proposed World Heritage Site.

And if it is your FIRST time in Barberton, then we would like to welcome you FIRST.



Geologists studying evidence of ancient tidal activity captured in rocks in the Fig Tree Creek in the Mountainlands Nature Reserve.



Q What is the World Heritage Site about?

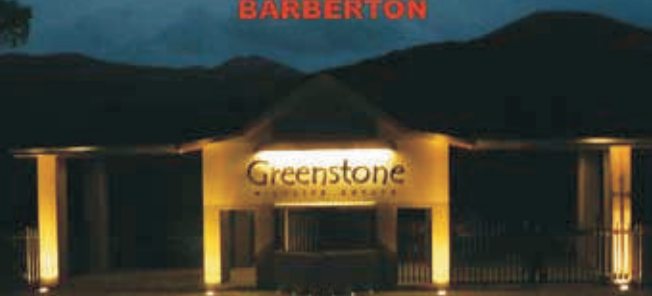
Our rocks are so unique we treat them as holy cows. So we honour the geology by having it internationally recognized through World Heritage Site status. Every year scientist from across the globe visit Barberton to study the geology and early life forms which date back to nearly 4 billion year ago. The Barberton Greenstone Belt is the best preserved Archaean formation in the world, which makes it the best place in the world for scientists to gather information about the early years of our planet and how life evolved. But the geology is just the basis for WHS status. On top of that we have unique biodiversity, cultural traditions and many more aspects that got us the UNESCO Tentative listing status. You can put your energy behind this effort by spreading the word and spending some time to take a good look around.



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Q And Mountainlands Nature Reserve?

Up on the road to Swaziland, about 8 kilometers out of town, looking to the east, you are looking out over the Mountainlands Nature Reserve. You will be excused if the beauty of the scenery takes your breath away. And that is the reason why this year the mountain bike challenge will pass through the reserve. Mountainlands is probably one of the most awe inspiring wilderness expanses in the country, with a secret world of crystal streams, savannah, bushveld and riverine forests. The 18 000 hectare reserve stretches from Barberton in the west to Low's Creek in the east. It is home to over thirty species of game and more than 300 species of birds. The plant species diversity is second only to the Cape Fynbos with some 2 100 different species known already. It is also the protected home of three species of rare endemic butterflies included on the country's red data list.

It is the first time that the mountain bike challenge passes through Mountainlands and the adjoining Greenstone Estate. So, while your wheels are happily humming along, take a moment to savour the sights and scenery that few would ever get to see it.

Experience the adventure

Share our paradise



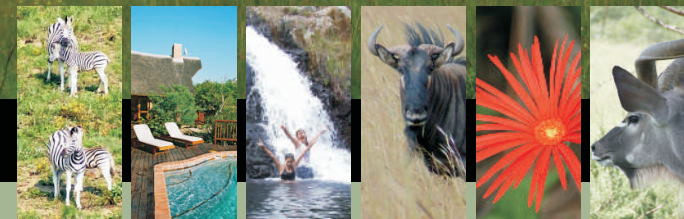
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The circular structures in this rock are evidence of the fallout from an ancient volcanic eruption. While this eruption may have occurred elsewhere on the planet the rocks of Barberton contain the record of this pre-life, extinction level event.



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GENERAL




Activity	Contact Person	Telephone No	Physical Address	Description
Barberton Bird club	John Bunning	013 712 6881	5 Bok street Barberton	Bird watching club
Barberton Toergidse	Johan Schoeman	082 826 0645	Hoerskool B'ton Koshuis	Tourguide for Fuana & Flora
Barberton Bowling club	Dick Terburgh	013 712 2821 082 574 8075	General Street	Bowling club
Boondocks Mountain Lodge	Stuart & Anne	013 726 0140 082 808 2733	Kaapmuiden Road	Labyrinth Walk R50.00
Bush Air	CC	086 658 6903	B'ton Valley Airfield Snymansbilt Road	Airfield, advanced flying training
Crocodile Farm	Hennie Goosen	082 888 9605	Nelspruit Road Castle Kop Farm	Game drives & Crocodile farm
Gilmour Foundation	Jean Gilmour	082 671 3700	Macsvale Kaapsehoop Rd 4km	Horse trails
Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Foundation	Jane	013 745 7406	R40 Road to Nelspruit	Chimpanzee Eden
Lowveld Slope Soaring club	Basie Geldenhuys	013 752 7278 083 630 1588	Lone Tree Hill	Paragliding, Tandem Flight
Madikelo Safaris Madikelo Archery	Roelf du Preez Kobie	072 123 6512 082 372 6790 083 680 2884	Corner of Nelspruit R40 & Kaapsehoop Road	Birding, Game viewing & hiking Archery range
Makhonjwa Horse Ridind club	Taryn Vermaak	013 712 4143 072 123 2631	+/- 15km out of B'ton, opp Jock of the Bushveld Huts	Teaching children & adult to ride & care for horses
Old Coach Road Guest House	Adriaan & Lili	013 719 9755	9 KM from Barberton, off R38 Kaapmuiden road near Noordkaap	4 Hours Mountain Hike. Open Sat & Sun. Meals & Drinks available to sustain you
Pyramid Flight school	Brain Young	013 712 6209 082 337 8206	1 Kaapsehoop Road	Flight school, Micro lights, Pleasure flight

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Pangold Tours	Danny Brink	083 482 1803	Agnes Gold Mine & Diggers Retreat	Gold Panning
Rose's Creek Hiking Trail	Roland Jones	013 712 2247 083 305 5246	58 Pilgrim Street	The round trip takes 3-4 Hours
Umjindi Jewellery Project		013 712 6481	Bias Building Pilgrim Street	The project boasts an Espresso Bar and Gallery which acts as a curio shop where tourists can purchase the uniquely crafted jewellery, artefacts and art from local artist
Shialongubu Dam			Bulembu Road	Fishing
Philip's Tours	Phil Wikberg	013 712 6385 084 580 2845	8 Sheba Road	Underground mining tours Daily visits, Discover the old mining operations and experience the golden memories from the early history
Heritage Walk	The walk starts in front of the Museum			Museums, Blockhouse, Stock exchange, Jock Statue, etc

NATURE RESERVES

Nature Reserve	Description
<p>1. Barberton Nature Reserve</p> 	<p>Barberton Nature Reserve is a home to a variety of game, including kudu, mountain rhebuck, zebra, grey duiker, impala, wildebeest and the red duiker. Klipspringer also occur on the numerous rocky outcrops.</p> <p>The Noordkaap River, running through the reserve, provides an interesting focal point. A feature known as "the Barberton Sea" attracts many visitors for the sea-sand quality of the riverbed</p> <p>Activities: Scenic walks and a picnic area provide for a pleasant day outing</p> <p>Contact details: 013 759 5432</p>
<p>2. Songimvelo Nature Reserve</p> 	<p>Songimvelo is one of the most scenic wilderness areas of South Africa, the grasslands are home to a wide variety of game, including a thriving population of white rhino, elephants and over 300 species of birds and more than 1400 plant species. The reserve is a geological treasure house and the movie "The Ghost and the Darkness", starring Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas, was filmed on location in the reserve</p> <p>Contact Details: 017 883 0390 Komdraai Camp: 017 884 0047</p>

BARBERTON MUSEUMS

Museum	Operating Days	Operating Hours
<p>MAIN MUSEUM You can learn about the geology, mining, the inhabitants and the cultural history of the area</p>	<p>OPEN DAILY</p> 	<p>09:00 – 16:00</p>
<p>BELHAVEN HOUSE MUSEUM This house museum which has been restored and furnished to its original appearance in 1904, depicts the life style of a family from the wealthy middle class during the late Victorian/Early Edwardian periods.</p>	<p>MONDAY – SUNDAY</p> 	<p>10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00 15:00</p>
<p>STOPFORTH HOUSE MUSEUM The original wood and iron house and outbuildings (stable, woodwork shed and outside bedroom) were built in 1886 by James Stopforth, a Baker and General Dealer. The house, which was rebuilt in 1892, was occupied by the Stopforth family until 1983.</p>	<p>MONDAY – SUNDAY</p> 	<p>10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00 15:00</p>