

## Holiday Camps

**D**unblane is a massive estate, comprising a total of 3 000 hectare of pristine ecology in the Northern Drakensberg Mountains, with 15km of 2000 foot high escarpment face running through its centre. Dunblane is situated just outside of Newcastle in Northern KwaZulu Natal. The Dunblane Golf, Trout and Berg Estate, widely marketed as South Africa's Greatest Lifestyle Development, is currently being developed in the basin. However, the majority of the Estate and thus of the hiking trail, 4x4 trails and river fishing is situated on the Drakensberg escarpment or on top of the berg plateau, which is totally undeveloped and which is home to 13km of trout streams and endless waterfalls and views over Northern Natal. Dunblane currently boasts a species list of 266 birds, an excellent hiking trail, a challenging 4x4 trail and good trout and bass fishing. The opportunities presented here makes it a fantastic environment to train children to become tomorrows leaders or decision makers.

So parents, get rid of your holiday stress levels and your children's holiday 'blues'. Send your child/ren to me for five days to learn more about our environment. These camps are held during April, July, December and January each year and your child/ren are accommodated at our cottages on the Ngogo River on Dunblane Estate. Both boys and girls are welcome and a lady educator will be on the camp to see to your little girl's welfare. This invitation is extended to children from ages 7 to 15 years of age and a maximum of 20 children are accepted on a 'first come first serve' basis. Total price is R1235 all inclusive. A 50% deposit is required to secure your child's place on these Holiday Camps and the payment of the remainder at the start of the camp.

Accommodation at Dunblane comprises of three 120 year old sandstone cottages (pre-Anglo-Boer War), which are electrified, with hot running water and flush toilets. They have 2 dormitories with 15 beds and mattresses as well as an ablution, kitchen and open dining room cottage, with chairs, tables, cutlery and crockery Just bring your toiletries, clothes (including hat, binoculars, warm tracksuit), any medication and sleeping bag, etc. The environment is totally safe.

My back-round is that I have a Diploma in Nature Conservation, and have backed this up with 22 years working experience with KZN Wildlife and the former Natal Parks Board. I am also an accredited Nature Guide/Assessor/ and cover all nine Provinces as well as Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. For the last five years I have been conducting tours with foreign tourists to all these areas. I am also a qualified First Aid Instructor with the SA Red Cross.

Aspects covered in these Holiday Camps are: leadership skills, bush craft, survival, direction finding using the natural environment, Ethology (study behavior of wildlife); introduction to snake, bird and mammal identification; fishing ethics and lots of group activities. Swimming in the numerous rock pools will be encouraged without fear of Bilharzia. The environment is also Malaria free.

Lets face it, realistically children are spending far too much time playing TV Games, PSPs, Nintendos and X Boxes and spending too little time outdoors. While technology is vitally important for brain development, a good outdoor back-ground will really provide your child with a balanced lifestyle.

Please go to our Website where you can download a PDF version of the Application Form and a copy of the Indemnity Form. On the application form please make sure that the section on dietary requirements eg. Halaal, vegetarian etc. is completed correctly. Should there be any other special needs ie. deafness, asthmatic etc. please be sure to inform us and fill the condition in on the Application Form. Both the Application and Indemnity Forms must be faxed back to us at +2734 3151887.

The camps are being held over the following dates:

- APRIL 2009 Holidays - 29 March to 04 April 2009
- July 2009 Holidays - 28 June to 04 July 2009
- December 2009 Holidays - 06 December to 12 December 2009
- January 2010 - 03 January to 09 January 2010

For further information on these Holiday Camps and other activities at Dunblane Estate, please contact Tony Roberts, the Ecology Manager, at +2734 8217779 or via Email at [tony@bushbaby.co.za](mailto:tony@bushbaby.co.za). Also please visit our Website at [WWW.dunblaneestate.co.za](http://WWW.dunblaneestate.co.za). for a full range of activities available at Dunblane Estate.

**T**he following are available on the website, and can be downloaded from [www.dunblaneestate.co.za](http://www.dunblaneestate.co.za).

1. Lists of the fauna and flora
2. A GPS 4x4 Trail Route map (To come)
3. A GPS Hiking Route Map
4. Directions to Grey Goose Farm Lodge
5. Directions to Dunblane Site Office
6. Numerous other activities on Dunblane Estate.
7. Holiday Camp Application Form
8. Indemnity Form

Kind Regards

Tony Roberts  
**ECOLOGY MANAGER: DUNBLANE ESTATE**