

Fanie Botha



The Fanie Botha Trail is synonymous with the establishment of organized hiking trails in South Africa. Originally the trail was meant to be part of a whole network of trails called the National Hiking Way System stretching from the Soutpansberg in the north, all along the escarpment to the Cederberg in the Western Cape. The trail is situated in the Sabie area in Mpumalanga. It is located on the Drakensberg escarpment and provides hikers with marvellous views over a variety of landscapes far below.

“As one walks along the pine plantations and indigenous forests and stand in awe at the sheer beauty of the various crystal-clear waterfalls, it becomes obvious why so many hikers describe this as the perfect hiking destination.” – SAFCOL

There are five trail options to choose from along the Fanie Botha route, ranging from 17.5km to 75km and two-to-five days. Trails are both circular and open-ended. The trail has three different starting points at the Ceylon Forest Station, Graskop and President Burger Huts. Trails rate from easy to difficult and can be enjoyed by families and hikers of all ages. For the more experienced hiker and those looking to experience the true adventure on offer in the area, the five-day trails are rated as some of the most difficult in the area and will challenge your hiking skills and determination for adventure.

No matter where you are along the trails, the scenery is beautiful. The Mac-Mac falls and Lone Creek Falls are both national natural-monuments and the wildlife on display at the Hartbeesvlakte will satisfy any nature lover's eye.

