



Indemnity & Liability Waiver

ERDVARK HIKING TRAILS

Please read carefully and sign before setting out. One form per hiking group of up to 12 hikers. Every adult hiker signs their own line; a parent or legal guardian signs on behalf of any minors in their care.

1 · Group details

Group leader	_____	Leader cell number	_____
Trail(s) to be hiked	_____	Date(s) of hike	_____
Hikers (max 12)	_____	Expected return time	_____
Emergency contact	_____	Emergency number	_____

The emergency contact must be someone who is not on the hike and who can be reached by phone until the group is back.

2 · Acknowledgement of risk

I understand that the Erdvark Hiking Trails cross remote, mountainous Karoo terrain on a working farm, far from vehicle access, reliable cellphone reception and the nearest medical facilities. Hiking here carries inherent risks. These include, but are not limited to: steep, rocky and uneven paths, loose stones and scree, kloofs and stream crossings, slips and falls, extreme heat and cold, dehydration, sudden storms, lightning and flash floods, getting lost, and encounters with snakes, scorpions, bees and wild or farm animals. I confirm that I take part voluntarily and at my own risk.

3 · Indemnity

I indemnify and hold harmless Rooiheuvel Guestfarm, its owners, Marge Vivier, and their family, employees and agents against any claim, loss, damage, injury, illness or death suffered by me or any person or property in my care during the hike, on the farm, or while travelling to or from the trail, whether arising from the ordinary risks of hiking or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4 · Health and fitness

I confirm that I am fit enough for the trail I have chosen and that I have disclosed any relevant medical condition to the group leader. I accept responsibility for carrying any personal medication. In an emergency, I authorise Rooiheuvel to call for rescue or medical assistance on my behalf, and I accept responsibility for the costs of any search, rescue, treatment or evacuation.

5 · Rules of the trail

I agree to stay on the marked trails, carry enough water, food and warm clothing, and follow all reasonable instructions from Rooiheuvel. I will leave gates as I find them, take all litter with me, make no fires on the trail, and respect the farm, its animals and other guests. The group stays together, and the group leader reports back to the farm on return. If the group is not back by the expected time, Rooiheuvel may contact the emergency contact and start a search.

6 · Children

I understand that hikers under 18 remain the responsibility of their parent or guardian at all times, and that they must be supervised on the trail, especially near cliffs, water and animals.

7 · Declaration

By signing the register below, each hiker confirms that they have read and understood this indemnity, that they sign it freely, and that it is binding on them, those in their care, and their heirs and successors.

8 · Hiker register (maximum 12)

Each hiker completes and signs their own line. For a hiker under 18, a parent or legal guardian signs and adds their name.

No.	Full name	ID / passport no.	Cell number	Medical notes / allergies	Signature (guardian for minors)
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Medical notes are optional but help rescuers in an emergency, for example allergies, asthma or chronic medication.

9 · Sign-off

Group leader signature

Date

Group leader name (print)

Signed on behalf of Rooiheuwel

Group returned safely at _____ (time) on _____ (date). Checked by _____