

Although there were only nine of us, the Kromrivier Hut trip from 19 to 22 May was a great success. In fact, it seems that the smaller the group, the bigger the opportunity for deeper conversations and closer bonding.

Our meeting time at the top of du Toit's Kloof worked out perfectly. We had a prompt start at 16:15. Joan - with some assistance - managed to negotiate the tricky lock system at the gates. Shoo! Make sure you print out the instructions if you want to be able to figure out this challenging puzzle.

The sleeping arrangements worked well with four sleeping at the bottom (Archie and Joy van Biljon) and four on the top floor (Rolf Tonsing and Thirlo Fredericks) with good old Bob Johanessen in between on a top bunk!

Those of you who weren't there, missed out on Bob's hilarious rendition of the trip in Zulu.

On Saturday morning, a group of five tackled the fire-devastated hills facing the hut, and were eventually rewarded with green valleys and streams. Joan wasn't feeling well so thank you to Archie van Biljon for leading.

On Saturday night, we had a pleasant time playing General Knowledge around the fire.

The attached photographs show the group which went up the hill on Sunday morning. We departed after lunch on Sunday, but are already looking forward to our next Kromriver trip, when everything will once again be green and the flowers blooming.

Until then

Joan Wootton and Carol



