



Outing to the Rock Engravings at Bosworth Farm, Klerksdorp

Tour guide: Ms Lynette Boardman

Date: SUNDAY, 28 May 2023

Time: 09:30 for 10:00

Meet at: The Klerksdorp McDonald's Drive-Thru, c/o Joe Slovo Road (N12) and Central Avenue. From here we will travel in convoy to the Bosworth Stud Farm. More detailed directions are given at the end of this flyer.

Duration: About 2 hours

Charge: Members R85, Non-members R130

Booking: Please contact Anne Raeburn to book, preferably by email: anner@mweb.co.za or if email not available then by SMS/phone: 072 349 6507 during business hours.

Bring: Wear comfortable walking shoes – we will only walk for a short distance, water, hat, sunblock, picnic lunch and folding chairs. There are ablution facilities at the McDonald's and at Bosworth Farm.

Sharing of vehicles: To avoid congestion of vehicles at the Bosworth Farm and reduce costs, we propose the sharing of vehicles as far as possible.

Information about Bosworth

In 1940, Bosworth was declared one of South Africa's first National Monuments. At that time, only the rock engravings at Bosworth, Stowlands near Christiana, and the glaciated rock formations at Nooitgedacht near Kimberley, were among the 102 ruins, sites, and buildings, accorded National Monument status. Today, Bosworth is one of South Africa's twelve Rock Art National Monuments. It is home to over 600 San and Khoekhoen rock engravings. Bosworth's rock engravings have long been famous and the presence of rock graffiti from the 1880's at the site confirms this.

You will note thousands of stone tools from the Early Middle and Later Stone Age lying between these rock engravings. Such tools are between 500 and 1.5 million years old.

Dr Neil Orford is the current owner of the Bosworth Stud Farm.

Neil's uncle, Dr Herbert John (HJ) Orford purchased Bosworth Farm, shortly after the Anglo Boer War. He was a distinguished surgeon, keen sportsman and equestrian, was one of the first people to introduce flyfishing to the Transvaal.



Plaster cast of the rock engraving of a rhinoceros at Bosworth Farm. Original length 38 cm.

Our Guide: Lynette Boardman: After school Lynette initially completed a BCom degree specialising in law and later went on to complete a BA degree. In 2021 she completed an MSc dissertation at the University of the Northwest in 2022, entitled: *The application of GIS and distance observation technology in the 3D modelling of rock art: Bosworth Farm case study*. Lynette is currently the leader of a project to develop a comprehensive database of the Bosworth rock art site which will also contain weblinks to other South African rock art databases.

Directions to the McDonald's Drive-Thru in Klerksdorp:

Please capture SJ de Klerk's phone number 083 386 1035 before you leave in case you need directions or get lost.

The distance from Johannesburg to Klerksdorp is approximately 180 kms along the N12.

Visitors from Johannesburg should allow at least 2.5 hours to travel to Klerksdorp as the N12 passes through Potchefstroom and Stilfontein **where strict speed limits are enforced.**

The roads are all tarred and generally good, although be aware of possible potholes.

From Johannesburg

Travel south along the N1 for about 17 kms past the western city centre and then take the N12 towards Potchefstroom and Kimberley.

Once you enter Klerksdorp, the N12 becomes Joe Slovo Road.

Park and meet at the McDonald's Drive-Thru on the right hand side and on the corner of Joe Slovo Road and Central Avenue. The Builders Warehouse is opposite the McDonald's.

From McDonald's Drive-Thru to Bosworth Farm: We will leave in convoy from the McDonalds.

Travel about 300 meters further along Joe Slovo Road and then turn right at the next traffic light into Latham Road.

Proceed along Latham Road until the **T** junction at Buffelsdoorn Road.

Turn left into Buffelsdoorn Road and then almost immediately right into Dr Yusuf Dadoo Avenue.

Travel for 4 kms and then turn left where the road is signposted 'Palmietfontein'.

Drive for 9 kms when the entrance to the Bosworth Stud Farm appears on the right.

We will meet at the farmhouse.

BOOKING CONDITIONS FOR OUTINGS

Contact Anne Raeburn to book, preferably by email: anner@mweb.co.za or if email not available then by SMS / phone: **072 349 6507** during business hours.

Do not pay until you have confirmed your booking with Anne. If you pay before your booking is confirmed and an outing is already fully booked, we must refund your payment. This entails a lot of extra work.

**Please deposit the fee in the NORTHERN BRANCH account given below
(and NOT in the Cape Town membership account).**

SA Archaeological Society, Standard Bank, Branch no: 025 009

Account number **001 945 920**

Reference: SURNAME and EVENT.

Send the proof of payment to Anne Raeburn e-mail anner@mweb.co.za or cell: **072 349 6507**.

If you pay by cash or cheque, you must please add R40 for bank fees.

PROTOCOL FOR OUTINGS

Please take note of the following guidelines for outings.

1. Arrive on time and immediately report to the committee member who has the attendance register.
2. Sign the attendance register and indemnity immediately.
3. Only people who have booked and pre-paid may come on outings, we do not accept bookings or cash on the day.