**SOETWATER OUTING - SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2022 – 09:30 to 15:30.**

34°09'32.8"S 18°19'44.3"E North of Kommetjie, below Slangkop Pass.

This is a dual-facetted archaeological experience: a ramble to sites of visible human activity of the (recent) past; and an optional, modern version of an *al fresco* meal reminiscent of coastal foragers of the distant past (‘strandlopers’).

Janette Deacon and Flor Wijsenbek will be our archaeology guides. There is no limit to the number of people who can join the ramble (2-2.5 hours – 09:30 to 12:00).

Phil Mansergh will be our chef and host at the optional kelp-inspired lunch (13:00 to 15:30).

**Directions**: From Fish Hoek, take Kommetjie Road, pass Masiphumele (on your right). Continue straight to the 4-way traffic lights at Imhoff’s Gift/Ocean View. Continue on straight to next turn off and turn left. Pass Ocean View Police Station on your left. Continue up hill and down. At the intersection of Ocean View Road and Slangkop road go straight across into the Soetwater road. Continue to the prominent gates of Soetwater Reserve (10 mins). Entrance R10 p.p. or by password for free entry which will be circulated in advance. Note: Proceed for 3 km to the end of the Soetwater road.

**Meet at 09:30 at the Environmental Centre parking at the end of the Soetwater road – where the whale model is prominent. We will be rambling in the field for 2 to 2.5 hours. The Kelp Shack is located nearby; we will not have to move cars. Toilet and seating facilities available.**

**ARCHAEOLOGY :**

Soetwater is located on the Witsandsbaai Coastal strip. The property was surveyed by Dave Halkett of the (then) U.C.T. Archaeology Contracts Office in 1999 (see attached report). The surveys were prompted by the proposed development of the recreation areas.

W. Cape Branch eCRAG (east Cederberg Rock Art Group) surveyed the area some months ago to find and re-record shell middens, artefact scatters, fish traps, remaining historical buildings and the grave of a ship’s crew member (Clan Munroe) which Florentien located last year. She also located the recorded superficial midden (Soetw001), Soetw002 (headstone of a grave) and Soetw003 (shell midden). Behind the camping ground at the foot of Sandkop mountains, there is at least one overhang with a thick archaeological deposit. The terrain, apart from the higher slopes, is easily accessible. Dune vegetation is quite dense, but there are small foot paths.

**KELP SHACK LUNCH EVENT 13:00 TO 15:30**

This optional event is a unique experience - popular with overseas visitors.Our host, Phil, will demonstrate the culinary preparation of fresh kelp followed by a 4 course, kelp-inspired vegetarian meal (vegan variation on request). Menu depends on availability of fresh locally ingredients from neighbouring farms, growing sustainably. Cold spring water is available during the meal, followed by filter coffee and herbal tea. All alcohol is strictly BYO – bring your own!

A minimum group of 10 people is required and a maximum of 16 people can book for this event.

**COST: R450 + 10% Gratuity. As soon as 10 meals have been booked, I will inform Phil. Our reservation for the group cannot be held indefinitely. Please make your booking as soon as possible – preferably before 5 March. Payment details will provided when we have 10 (ten) bookings. Bookings** c/o Yvonne. yflvyoead@gmail.com or yv3@mweb.co.za Cell: 082 416 0032.