

Witzenberg Valley Activities



The Witzenberg Valley offers a wonderful array of activities for everyone to enjoy. Far from the madding crowds and rush of town, you will experience country hospitality & discover breathtaking places & much more.

Many businesses are small, family run enterprises and may have limited opening hours or require pre-booking, don't let that put you off, give them a call and enjoy the . With this in mind, it is worth pre-planning your time to avoid disappointment – arriving at closed gates is no fun!

This document is not a comprehensive guide to all the Witzenberg Valley's activities, but aims to highlight a few highly recommended attractions as well as some of the lesser known ones, allowing you to plan ahead and get the most out of your visit to our wonderful valley. Should you have any queries, please do ask your host(ess) for more information.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Witzenberg Valley!

Activity	Where	Contact details	Business Hours
Bird watching – Bergsig Estate, ±4.5 km guided or un-guided trail	Wolseley	sales@bergsig.co.za 023 355 1603 079 512 5779	By appointment 7 days a week R20 pp includes map & complimentary grape juice/bottled water
Bird watching - General Information on birding in the Witzenberg Valley	Wolseley	Paul - 023 231 0705 - stay@whitebridge.co.za	By appointment
Bird watching – Guinevere Farm	Tulbagh/Wolseley	William - 072 667 6063 info.guinevere@gmail.com	By appointment
Ceres Golf Club	Ceres	023 312 3068 083 392 2792 http://www.ceresgolfclub.co.za/	By appointment
Ceres Zipline Adventures	Ceres	079 245 0354 http://www.ceresadventures.co.za	Open daily 08:00 - 16:00 (15:00 in winter). Tours leave every 30 minutes.
Horse Riding @ Horse About Trails . - Spectacular scenery in the Witzenberg Mountains. Suitable for all ages. Breathtaking trails. Sunset & picnic rides. Engagement & special occasions. Sunset & Moonlight	Tulbagh/Wolseley	082 884 9881 info@horseabout.co.za www.horseabout.co.za	Open every daily, by appointment Small groups - Book early to avoid disappointment
Horse riding @ Tulbagh Horse Trails Scenic rides on Vrolikheid Farm in the Winterhoek	Tulbagh	082 691 0020 tht@breede.co.za	7 days a week, by appointment
Hiking – Murludi offers a two route hike, (4km & 10km) with fynbos & birdlife – R25 p/p Permits available at the Tourism Office	Tulbagh	023 230 0732 023 230 1375	See Tourism office hours
Hiking – Waterval, short and long walks to the Tulbagh waterfall, you can swim in the rock pools	Tulbagh	023 230 1348 023 230 1375	Permits available at the Tourism Office Adults R10 pp / Children R5 pp
Hiking – Silwerfontein offers a one or two day hike with bird & wildlife, spring flowers & fynbos with accommodation	Gouda	023 232 0531	Contact for more information and prices
Hiking - Waverley Hills, enjoy a picnic in our fynbos garden, explore the Cape Floral Kingdom on our walking and mountain biking trails or purchase endemic plants from our fynbos nursery	Wolseley	023 231002/3 info@waverleyhills.co.za http://www.waverleyhills.co.za	Mon – Sat : 10am – 4pm Sunday: 11am – 3pm

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Hiking - The hiking trail starts and end on a farm 4km north-west of Prince Alfred's Hamlet in the Skurweberg Mountains. There are 2 routes: One of ±2 hours and one of ±4 hours. Route Map and Trail description available at the Ceres Tourism Office.	Ceres	Ceres Tourism Office Tel: 023 316 1287	Route Map and Trail description available at the Ceres Tourism Office
Hiking – Nature walks at Guinevere with special focus on Birding and fynbos & wild flowers.	Tulbagh/Wolseley	William 072 667 6063 info.guinevere@gmail.com http://www.guinevererequestfarm.net/	Booking required
Fishing - Silwerfontein/Voelvllei	Gouda	023 232 0531	By prior arrangement only
Fishing - private @ Artois	Wolseley	083 656 5752	By appointment
Fishing – Fraaigelegen	Tulbagh/Wolseley	083 288 4685	By appointment
Seasonal			
Cherry Picking – Mid-November to end-December – come and pick your own cherries, bring a container along.	Ceres	023 312 1521 farm@klondyke.co.za http://www.cherryfarm.co.za	Open for day visitors 7 days a week. Entry fee R20 per person. Picked cherries R45 per kg
Fig Picking - January till March	Wolseley	083 762 2803 madrwilson@gmail.com http://laderawines.co.za	Saturday 8h.00 – 13h.00
Long Table Picnics in the orchard - There's nothing quite like a summer picnic spent with family and friends	Wolseley	083 762 2803 madrwilson@gmail.com http://laderawines.co.za	By appointment – pre-booking essential
Country Markets – fresh country produce, hand crafted and unique gifts and much more.			
Ramkiekie Country Market – Farmers market held on the last Saturday of each month at Mountain Ridge Wine	Wolseley	083 650 4109 https://www.facebook.com/ramkiekiecountrymarket	
Tulbagh Country Market – held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Unique, authentic and local products	Tulbagh	079 670 6922 https://www.facebook.com/TulbaghCountryMarket	At Tulbagh Show grounds 3rd Saturday of each month 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
Special Interest, History, Family Outings, Art & much more			
Annette Barnard Creations – Art gallery in the Epicentre – Van der Stel Street.	Tulbagh	Contact Annette 083 373 5818	By appointment
Block houses in Wolseley – interesting historical tour of beautifully restored block houses.	Wolseley	082 780 7516	Tours by appointment
Christo Coetzee Art Museum & Marmalade Angel – showcasing art by Christo Coetzee, Ferrie Binge-Coetzee, Susan Smuts, Jan du Toit, Alexander Laurean	Tulbagh	076 214 2579 26 Church Street	Weekdays by appointment Saturdays 10.00 - 16.00 Sun 10.00 – 15.00

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Crystal Cave - Local art. Stones, crystals, essential oils, beads, gifts, cards, souvenirs and a large variety of succulents and cacti. Don't miss the magnificent Protea bouquets at unbelievably low prices!	Tulbagh	072 270 6651 http://tulbaghinfo.co.za/	Tuesdays – Saturdays 10.00 - 16.00 Sun & Mon by appointment only
Fynbos Guest Farm – come and meet a variety of animals from donkeys to goats, pigs and a wonderful variety of birds	Wolseley	072 223 4674 peter@fynbosguestfarm.co.za http://www.fynbosguestfarm.co.za/	By appointment
Guernsey Dairy @ Guinevere Guest Farm – fresh Farm milk and other dairy products available for sale, come and meet the herd!	Tulbagh/Wolseley	082 255 0065 info.guinevere@gmail.com http://www.guinevereguestfarm.net/	By appointment
Hire a 1929 Estate Car – hire this vintage car and experience what travel used to be!	Wolseley	023 355 1603 http://www.bergsig.co.za/welcome.php	Booking essential
Moniki Chocolatier – hand made Belgium chocolates	Tulbagh	023 2300673 072 504 9592 info@schoonderzicht.com	Mon, Tues, Thu – Sat: 10h00 – 16h00 Closed Wed & Sun
Tulbagh Dried Fruit – sales & tours. For top quality dried fruit, dainties & nuts	Tulbagh	023-230 0960 083 442 5132 orders@tulbaghdriedfruit.co.za	Mon–Thurs: 07:30–17:30 Fri: 07:30–16:30 From Nov-Mar Sat from 09:00–12:00
Art Route Tulbagh – meet talented local artists while you admire their fabulous creations.	Tulbagh	Contact Susan 076 214 2579 https://www.facebook.com/ArtRouteTulbagh	Various artists by appointment
Oudekerk Volksmuseum - documented historical information and examples of artefacts and relics of days gone by, with wonderful exhibits	Tulbagh	http://www.tulbaghtourism.co.za/tulbagh-lifestyle/tours-activities/oudekerk-volksmuseum.html	See link for Operating hours & contact details
Saronsberg Theatre - regular line up of South African musicians, & bands	Tulbagh	082 301 4951 https://www.facebook.com/SaronsbergTheatreTulbagh	Closed Monday Wed - Thu: 11:45 - 21:30 Fri: 11:45 - 22:00 Sat: 09:00 - 22:00 / Sun: 09:00 - 16:00
Togryers Museum - historical information about the early days in Ceres, the people, fauna and flora, the cultural heritage of the area and an excellent display of wagons and carriages	Ceres	023 312 2045 togryersmuseum@gmail.com http://showme.co.za/tourism/ceres-transport-riders-museum-brede-river-valley/	Mon to Fri 08.30-17.00. Closed daily between 13.00-14.00 and on Saturdays and Sundays
Wellness pamper yourself with a relaxing massage or spa treatment			
Fynbos Therapies – shampoos, massage oils, soaps and more hand-crafted with fynbos essential oils	Tulbagh	082 404 7778 vindoux.marketing@gmail.com www.fynbostherapy.co.za	By appointment only
Health & Skin Care – Anel	Tulbagh	072 230 3059	By appointment only
Pamperlang - Sonyah Holder focussing on wellness. Massages, hand- and foot treatments, body scrubs and more.	Tulbagh	072 246 8646	By appointment only
The Blue Butterfly Yoga Retreat	Tulbagh	072 719 8147	By appointment only

Serendipity Holistic Therapies – Wendy Upcott Tailored especially to your needs – ranging from reflexology to reiki	Tulbagh	083 525 1085	By appointment only
Vindoux day Spa – Our highly qualified therapists will guide you through your healing journey with expert hands	Tulbagh	023 230 0635	By appointment only
The following venues offer wine tasting and sales weekdays and also on Sundays			
Guinevere Boutique Winery – for tastings and introductions to the hands on process of small scale wine production	Tulbagh/Wolseley	William 072 667 6063 info.guinevere@gmail.com	By appointment only
Lemberg - Pinotage, Syrah, Pinot Noir & Sauvignon Blanc	Tulbagh	021 300 1130 david@lemborg.co.za	Mon - Fri 9 - 17h, Sat 10 - 15h, Sun: 11h00 - 15h00
Ladera Artisan Wines – Chardonnay, Pinotage Blanc de Noir, Syrah	Wolseley	072 536 0055 www.laderawines.co.za	By appointment only
Paddagang Wine House - Tasting and sales of wine, port, sherry, brandy, jerepajo, olives, olive oil, tapenade and nuts. Paddagang supports a host of local wines including two gems under its own label: Paddapoleon Brandy and Brulpadda Port	Tulbagh	023 230 0394 paddagang@tulbaghwine.co.za	Wine sales: Mon – Sat: 11.00-16.00 Sundays: 11.00 – 15:00
Rijk's - Cellar tours by appointment. Cellar closed on Sundays, but tasting can be arranged at the Restaurant	Tulbagh	023 230 1006	http://www.rijkscountryhouse.co.za/
Waverley Hills – selection of organic wines	Wolseley	023 231 0002 072 890 4373	Mon – Sat : 10am – 4pm Sunday: 11am – 3pm
Tourism Offices			
Tulbagh Wine & Tourism	Church Street Tulbagh	023 230 1375 tulbaghtourism@lando.co.za www.tulbaghtourism.co.za	Mon – Fri: 09h00 – 17h00 Sat & Public Holidays: 09h00 – 15h00 Sun: 10h00 – 15h00 Closed: Good Friday, 25 Dec & 01 Jan
Wolseley Tourism	Wolseley	023 231 1021 082 835 7625 info@wolseleyinfo.co.za http://www.wolseleyinfo.co.za	Mon – Fri: 09h00 – 16h00 Display at Friendly 7/11
Ceres Tourism	Ceres	023 316 1287 http://www.ceres.org.za/ info@ceres.org.co.za	Mon-Fri: 09.00 -17.00 Sat & Public Holidays: 09.00-12.00 Closed: Good Friday, 25 Dec & 01 Jan

General Information:-

- **Ama Wolseley Marimba Band** – wonderful community project, Marimba group available for weddings and functions. <http://www.amawolseyleymarimbas.co.za/index.html>
- **Bicycle hire** available from Vindoux & Tulbagh Hotel
- For more information on the **MTB routes** in the Witzenberg valley, please visit <http://www.tulbaghmtbclub.co.za> permits for MTB trails are available at the Shell garage

- **KGW Kidz Camps** Camps for children – school, holiday leadership development and eco camps. Themed party events. 021 712 6715 www.kgw.co.za
- **Olive Oil and products** award winning olive oils available from a variety of farms – Buck’s Ridge (023 230 1160), Eikelaan (083 270 4742), Fraaigelegen (083 288 4685), Groote Valle (023 230 0660), Oakhurst (083 269 6999)
- **Farmyard Honey Factory** - Variety of edible honey products, skincare & body products Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri 10:00 – 17:00 sometimes closed for lunch. Wed & Sat 10:00 – 13:00 Sundays by appointment 023 231 1742, 076 804 2363 - <http://thefarmyardhoneyfactory.wozaonline.co.za/home>
- **More Valley Wineries** – Bergsig, Blue Crane, Drostdy Hof, Manley, Montpellier, Saronsberg, Theuniskraal, Tulbagh Winery, Mountain Ridge – see tourism office websites for more information. <http://www.tulbaghwineroute.com/>
- **Mari Laine** – Printing, faxing, ID photos, laminating, internet, dvds, home industry, yummy pies & cakes and much more! 55 Van der Stel Street, 023 230 1857 Mon – Sat 9.00-7.30 pm. Sunday 11 – 7.00 pm

Scenic Drives

Surrounded by imposing mountains, the Witzenberg Valley is accessed principally by mountain passes. These passes are not only feats of engineering but also offer breathtaking scenery through diverse regions. Wonderful hikes, excursions, bird-watching and interesting fauna & flora are accessible near these passes. Here are a few: enjoy them and take a moment to consider the challenges early pioneers faced when crossing them! Directions are not included as these depend on where you are travelling from, but these passes can easily be incorporated when driving to or from the Witzenberg Valley or enjoyed as a day trip.

- **Bainskloof Pass** – Built in 1853 by Andrew Geddes Bain, this pass remains largely as it was when it was first built and gives a fascinating insight into pioneer travel. The pass, with it’s highest point at 595m, travels over the Limietberg Mountains between Wellington and the Witzenberg Valley. **Highly recommended.**
- **Du Toitskloof Pass** - the journey through this spectacular pass between Paarl and Worcester will stay with you a long time. Reaching heights of 820mts and surrounded by looming mountain peaks & cliff faces, it is a truly inspirational drive.
- **Gydo Pass** – the northern entrance to Ceres from Citrusdal offers panoramic views of the Warm and Koue Bokkeveld.
- **Katbakkies Pass** – found on the road linking the Koue Bokkeveld with the Ceres Karoo.
- **Michell’s Pass** – the southern entrance to Ceres is the first pass built by Andrew Geddes Bain and was completed in 1848. Parts of the old pass are still visible at certain points, and the Toll House is now a charming restaurant. This was the equivalent of the N1 in the heady days of the diamond rush – now known as the Forgotten Highway.
- **Nuwekloof Pass** – this main route (R 44/46) linking the valley to the Cape was developed as the original Oudekloof Pass became more difficult to navigate. By the 1760s this pass superseded the original pass. The railway followed when diamonds were discovered in Kimberley. The new road through the Nuwekloof pass was opened in 1968, but the old road is still visible from the new road (and is walkable).