



The African Quaternary:

environments, ecology and humans

Conference and workshops 30 January - 7 February 2015

Field Trips – Sunday 1 February 2015

1. **Cape Peninsula:** Join us on a drive to the Cape of Good Hope, to see the impressive geology and landscapes of the Cape Peninsula, as well as the fynbos of the Cape Floral Region. This trip will also allow an afternoon of leisure at Cape Point.

Brief itinerary: Depart UCT at 08h00. Drive towards Ou Kaapse Weg to see the landscape features, landscape cover fragmentation and fynbos. Stop at the Peers Cave archaeological site. Lunch time and into the early afternoon will be spent at the Cape of Good Hope. En route home, this tour will visit Boulders Beach (to see the famous penguin colony). Anticipated arrival at UCT 18h00.

Leaders: Professor Mike Meadows (UCT), Professor John Parkington (UCT)

Details: Limited to 60 people. ZAR 350 per person. This includes a packed lunch.

2. **West Coast:** The region northwest of Cape Town, the West Coast, boasts a rich archaeological and palaeontological record and a unique coastline. This excursion will include visits to archaeological and fossil sites, as well as geological localities of interest.

Brief itinerary: Depart UCT at 08h00. Stop at Yzerfontein shell middens and Last Interglacial and Holocene beach deposits. Enter the West Coast National Park to see 16-Mile Beach, the Geelbek dunes, Pleistocene aeolianites and beachrock and the Seeberg Lookout (site of geoheritage) for lunch. From the West Coast National Park in Langebaan, this tour will enter the Saldanha port to visit the Hoedjiespunt archaeological site and other points of interest along the way. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent at the Elandsfontein farm. This includes a quad bike visit to the Elandsfontein dunes, an overview of the local geology and an introduction to the phosphate mining project. Anticipated arrival at UCT 18h00.

Leaders: Professor John Compton (UCT), Dr Graham Avery (Iziko Museum & UCT), Mr Philip le Roux (Elandsfontein Exploration and Mining)

Details: Limited to 25 people. ZAR 350 per person. This includes a packed lunch and sponsored afternoon by Elandsfontein Exploration and Mining on the Elandsfontein farm.

Please note:

- To book a field trip, please email Hayley Cawthra (hcawthra@geoscience.org.za) and specify which field trip it is you wish to join
- Booking is essential
- The trips will be run concurrently, so you cannot take part in both
- Confirmation of the above field trips is subject to sufficient interest
- Group numbers are limited

- **Please RSVP by latest Friday 12 December 2014**
- Payment at conference registration
- Each trip costs ZAR 350 per person
- Buses will depart from UCT at 08h00 on Sunday 1 February and will return at approximately 18h00 on the same day
- Indemnity forms will be signed on the morning of departure
- Lunches and entry fees to parks are included in the price
- One 500 ml bottle of water will be provided, so please bring extra if you require more
- Please specify any dietary requirements in your booking email

For further information on either field trip, please contact:

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Further suggestions for a day out in Cape Town, for those who do not wish to take part in the organised field trips:

- Visit Robben Island
- Walk up Table Mountain (leave early and carry water), or use the cable car
- Walk up Lions Head
- 'Hop on Hop' off bus tours
- Geological walking tour of the Cape Town city (guide book – 'The Building Stones of Cape Town – a geological walking tour' written by Dr Doug Cole will be for sale for ZAR 100 at registration desk)
- Iziko Museums (SA Museum, Slave Lodge and Art Gallery) and the Company Gardens
- Kirstenbosch Botanic Garden
- Sunset yacht or boat cruises from the V&A Waterfront
- Wine touring in the Cape winelands (Stellenbosch, Paarl, Franschhoek)
- Spend a day at the Camps Bay or Clifton Beaches

For more ideas, please visit: <http://www.capetown.travel/>