

KARMA

BACKPACKERS
DRAKENSBERG
SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa

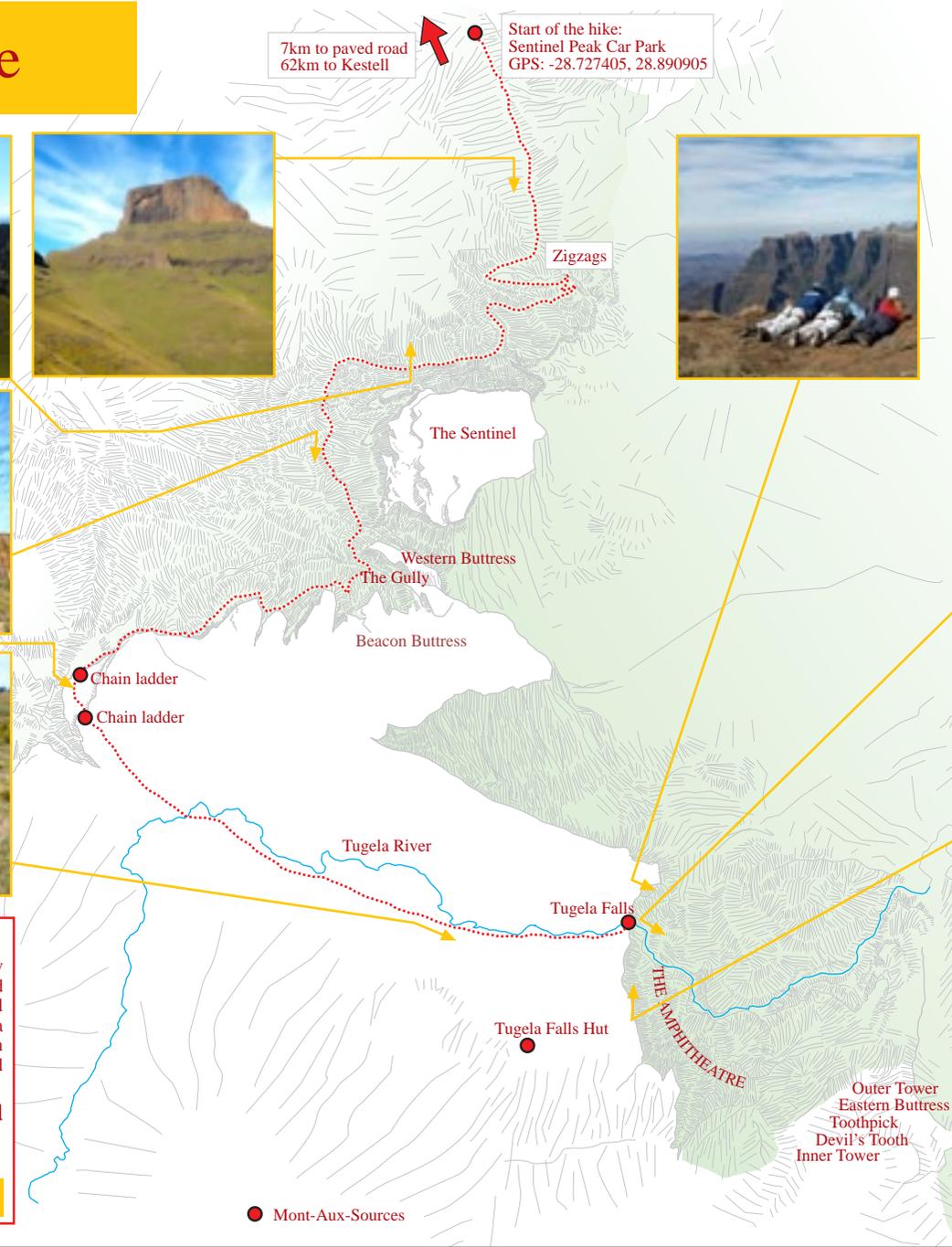
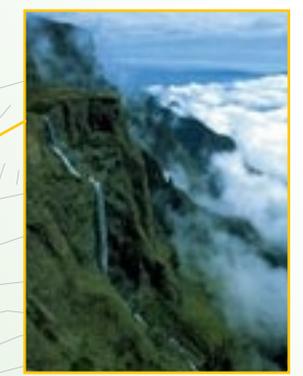
Lesotho

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Amphitheatre Hike

7km to paved road
62km to Kestell

Start of the hike:
Sentinel Peak Car Park
GPS: -28.727405, 28.890905



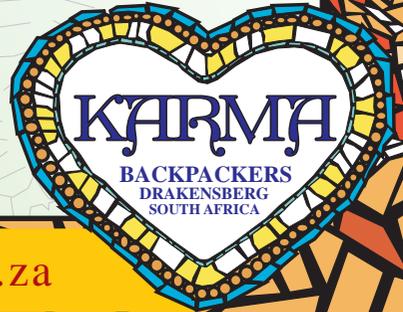
Recommended Guide: Zee Ndaba

Hiring a qualified guide makes for a more interesting hike: not only will Zee point out the birds, animals and plant species that abound in the Drakensberg, she is also an excellent entertainer and will inform you about the history and geology of the area. She is a qualified Level 2 First Aider, and a well known and respected person in the area. If you find the chain ladders too scary, she is a qualified mountaineer and carries ropes with her on the hike.

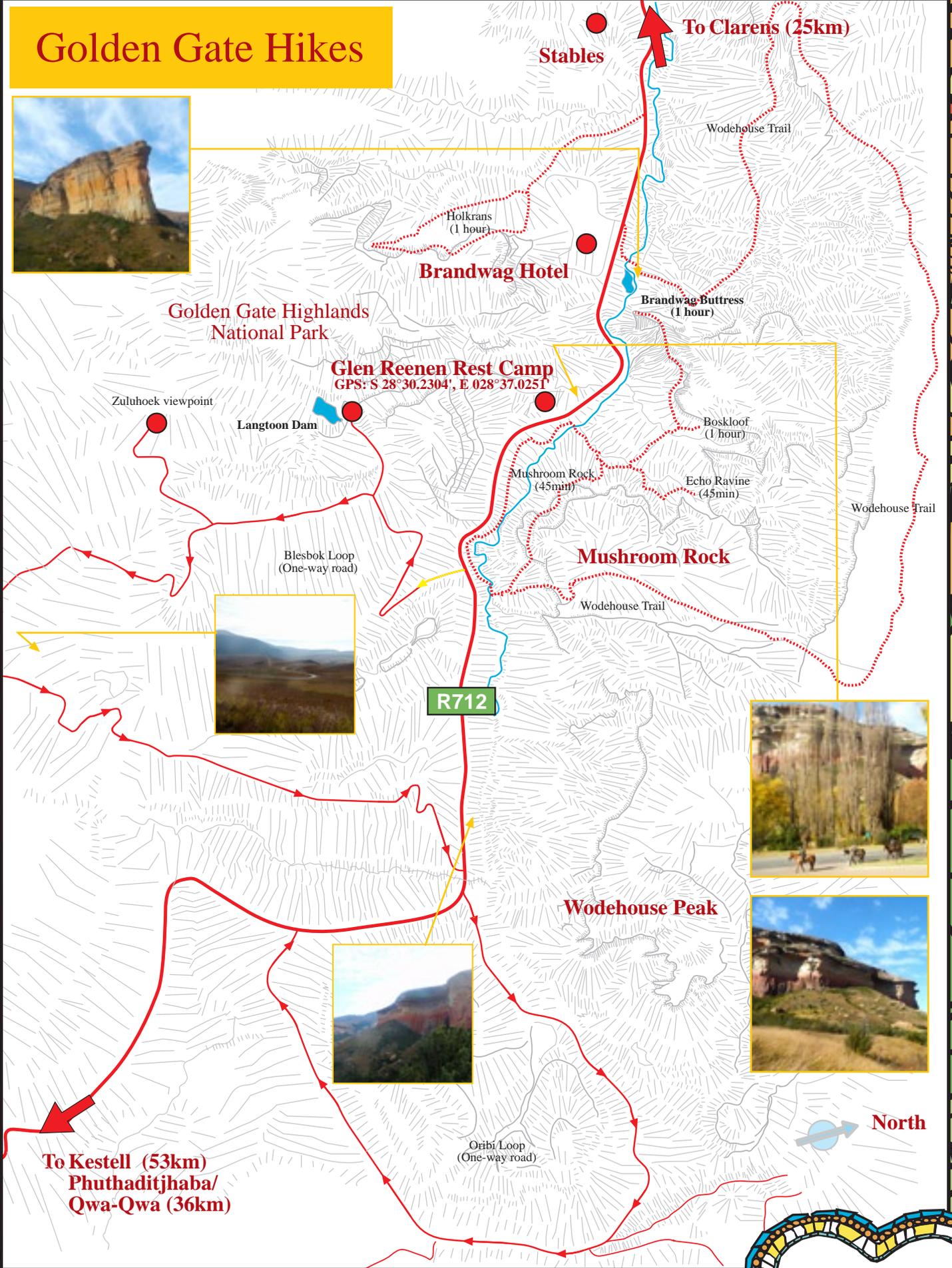
"She is a true adventurer, a warrior woman, and a joy to talk and walk with."

- Julia Bradbury, BBC Presenter

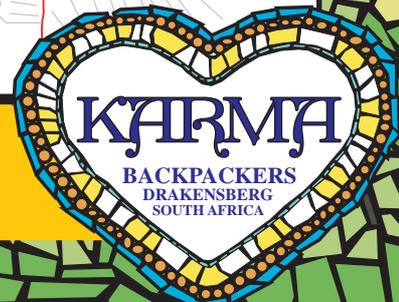
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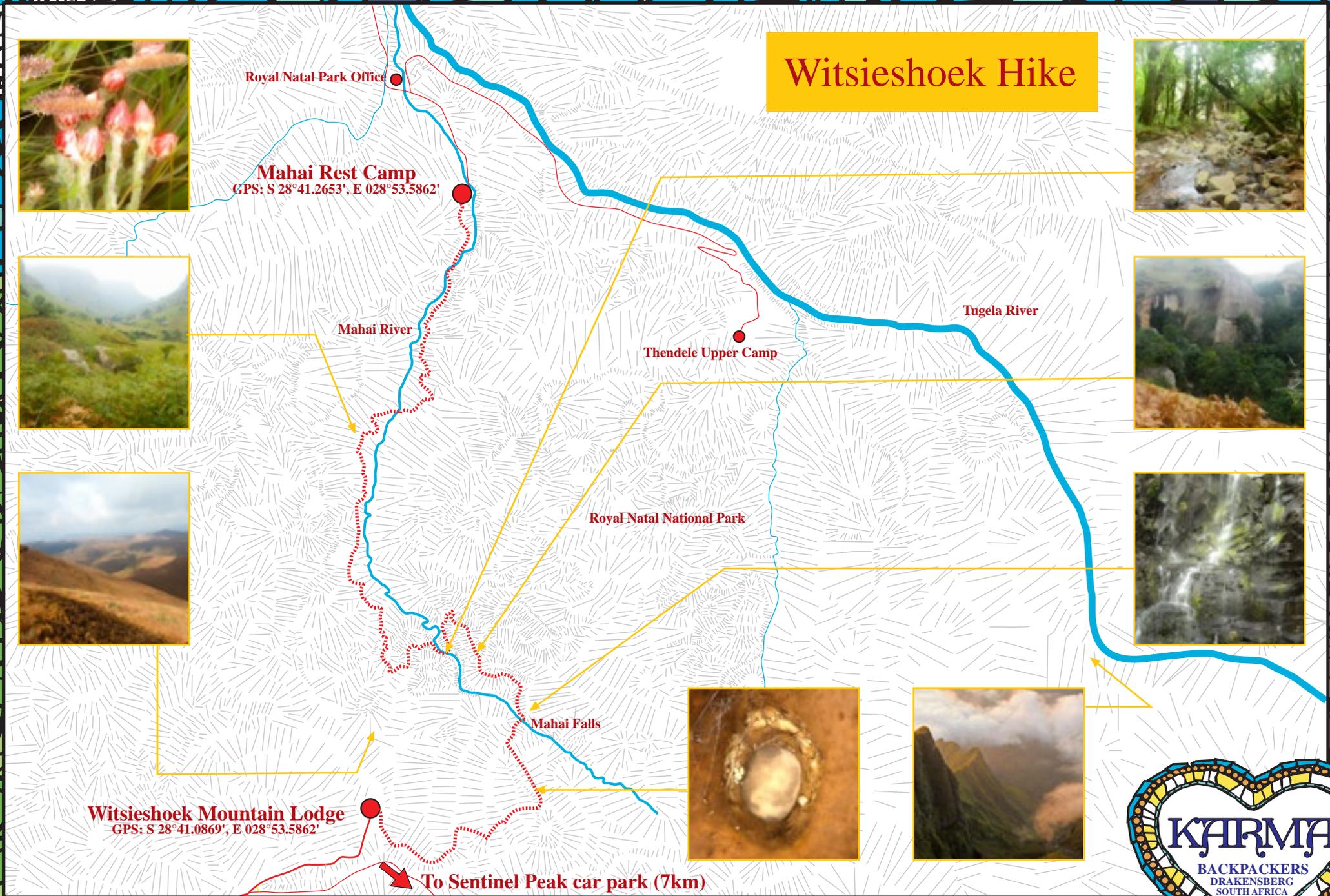
Golden Gate Hikes



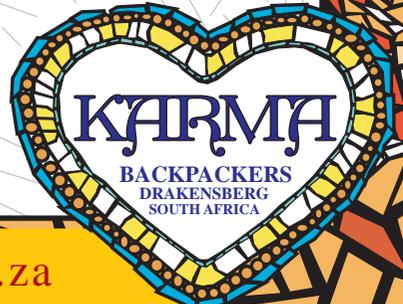
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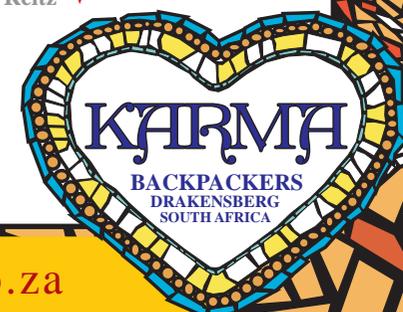
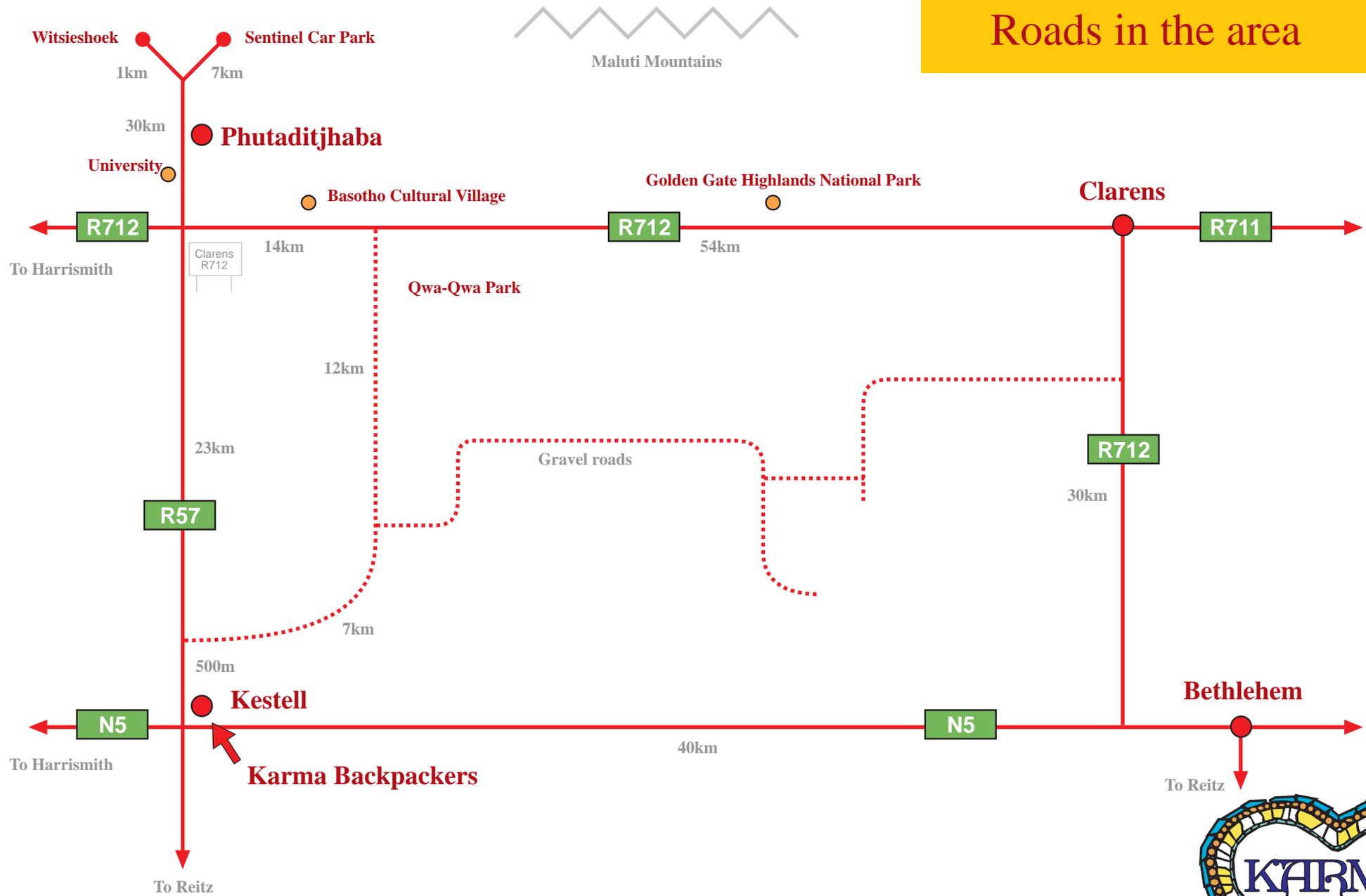
Witsieshoek Hike



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Roads in the area



Kestell

To Bethlehem (53km)
Clarens (53km)

To Johannesburg
via Warden (293km)



Wildlife Sanctuary

Church

Petrol

Piet Retief St

Karma Backpackers

Sports field

Hotel / Pub

Blignaut St

Petrol

To Harrismith (48km)

To Tlholong

To Phuthaditjhaba (36km)
Golden Gate (Glen Reenen - 53km)
Amphitheatre (62km)
Witsieshoek (55km)
Lesotho (Monontsha - 45km)
Clarens (78km)



Phutaditjhaba

To Sentinel & Witsieshoek Hikes

R57

Traffic lights

Pep Stores

Mampoi Rd

Stop

Shell garage

Stop

Bridge

Z Lounge

GPS: S 28°50.4277', E 028°82.1073'

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Speed limit: 60km/h!

University

To Kestell

Setsing Superspar

Demelash Ethiopian Restaurant

GPS: S 28°52.5410', E 028°81.6015'

Bright green funeral parlour

Big parking lot

Shweshwe shop

Hotel

Post Office

Qwa-Qwa Mountain



North

Home Is Where The Heart Is



Convenient, Central Location
Midway between Johannesburg & Durban

Karma Backpackers is situated in the town of Kestell, midway between Johannesburg and Durban and on the doorstep of the Drakensberg Mountains. We have a reputation for comfortable accommodation in a homely, relaxed environment. Our location at the centre of the main backpackers route makes us the ideal stopover for hiking the Drakensberg Mountains and exploring Lesotho, and our small-town hospitality makes for a beautifully out-of-the-ordinary, memorable experience.

Your hosts are Vera Ann and Lucio. Vera Ann is famous in foodie circles for her creative, award-winning homemade jams, a selection of which are always available in the fridge for you to taste or to have for breakfast - for **free**. Coffee, tea, milk and sugar are also free. Vegetarian breakfasts with muffins, pancakes, homemade yoghurt, stewed fruit and toast are available. For lunches and dinners, our self-catering kitchen is well-equipped, and you can help yourself to vegetables from our garden and fruit from our orchard. If you prefer to eat out, there is a nice, historic pub in town and several restaurants are also within driving distance.

The main attractions in the area are the spectacular **Drakensberg Mountains** and in particular, the thrilling daytrip to the top of Tugela Falls - Africa's (and perhaps the entire world's) highest waterfall, with a dizzying 948 metre drop into the famous Amphitheatre. It's a must-see on your tour of South Africa, and we are the nearest backpackers to the start of the walk. There are several other Drakensberg hikes, ranging



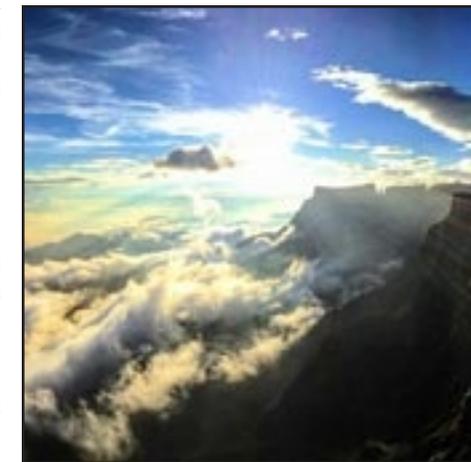
from short day trips to the 12-day Grand Traverse, all in the capable hands of Zee - South Africa's only qualified woman Mountain Guide. Visits to the awe-inspiring beauty of Golden Gate National Park, seeing some of the tens of thousands of San rock paintings in the area, cross-border trips into the mountain kingdom of Lesotho and visits to the charming tourist town of Clarens are also on the menu.

We are a small, intimate backpackers catering to a maximum of 16 guests. Our accommodation consists of 3 double bedrooms, a family room sleeping four and a separate dorm which sleeps six. We're in an old house with large bedrooms (5 x 7 metres), a lounge / dining room and a large kitchen. After a long day's hike, you'll appreciate our bathtub, and the outside dorm has its own showers and toilet facilities. The sprung timber floors, wood-burning stoves in the lounge and kitchen, and old-fashioned hot water bottles in the beds on cold winter nights contribute to our cozy atmosphere. On warm summer days our guests can barbecue on our patio or sit and chat in one of our garden's little hide-aways.

Scientists say that all humanity originated from Africa, while backpackers from all over the world say that coming to Karma feels like coming home. Coincidence? Maybe, maybe not - but regardless, we're looking forward to meeting you!



Thrilling Day Trips
Drakensberg hikes & tours of Lesotho



Climb Africa's Highest Waterfall
Feel On Top Of The World!

