

Witzenberg Valley Activities

The Witzenberg Valley has a wonderful array of activities for everyone's taste. Far from the madding crowds and rush of town, you will have the opportunity to experience country hospitality and discover some breathtaking places. Many businesses are small, family run enterprises and may have limited opening hours or require pre-booking. 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 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
Birdwatching – 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
Birdwatching - General Information on birding in the Witzenberg Valley	Wolseley	Paul - 023 231 0705 - stay@whitebridge.co.za 023 312 3068 083 392 2792 http://www.ceresgolfclub.co.za/	By appointment
Ceres Golf Club	Ceres	079 245 0354 http://www.ceresadventures.co.za	By appointment
Ceres Ziplide Adventures	Ceres	082 884 9881 info@horseabout.co.za www.horseabout.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. Monthly moonlight rides & private functions.	Between Tulbagh & Wolseley	082 691 0020 tht@breede.co.za	Open every day, weather permitting, by appointment Small groups. Book early to avoid disappointment
Horse riding @ Tulbagh Horse Trails Scenic rides on Vrolikheid Farm in the Winterhoek	Tulbagh	023 230 0732 023 230 1375	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 1348 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	023 232 0531	R5 p/p Permits available at the Tourism Office
Hiking – Silwerfontein offers a one or two day hike with bird & wildlife, spring flowers & fynbos with accommodation	Gouda	023 231002/3 info@waverleyhills.co.za http://www.waverleyhills.co.za	Mon – Sat : 10am – 4pm Sunday: 11am – 3pm
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	Ceres Tourism Office Tel: 023 316 1287	Route Map and Trail description available at the Ceres Tourism Office
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	023 232 0531	By prior arrangement only
Fishing - Silwerfontein/Voelvllei	Gouda	083 656 5752	By appointment
Fishing - private @ Artois	Wolseley	083 288 4685	By appointment
Fishing – Fraaigelegen	Between Tulbagh & Wolseley		By appointment

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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 madriwilson@gmail.com http://laderawines.co.za	Monday to Saturday
Long Table Picnics in the orchard - There's nothing quite like a summer picnic spent with family and friends	Wolseley	083 762 2803 madriwilson@gmail.com http://laderawines.co.za	By appointment – pre-booking essential
Special Interest			
House of Krone MCC Cellar tours - Entertaining & interesting talk on the history of Tulbagh, the family story behind the MCC and tour of the underground cellar.	Tulbagh	023 2300 680 luke@tjq.co.za	Mon – Fri: 11h00 and 15h00 Sat: 11h00 Winter - call to confirm Sat tour
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@fynbosquestfarm.co.za http://www.fynbosquestfarm.co.za/	By appointment
Kimililli Cheese Farm – hand-crafted cheeses and tours	Wolseley	023 231-1503 info@KimililiFarm.co.za http://www.kimililifarm.co.za	By appointment
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
Block houses in Wolseley – interesting historical tour of beautifully restored block houses	Wolseley	082 780 7516	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
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
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-breed-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			
Mobile Massage - Claire Hough - Enjoy a relaxing massage in the comfort of your own environment, be it indoors or outdoors! Offers full body Swedish, back & neck, deep tissue & hot stone massages	Tulbagh & Wolseley	079 523 5701	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
Massage & Shiatsu therapies- Serena Pictor – relaxing holistic or deep tissue massage & shiatsu treatments on site or at your accommodation.	Tulbagh	082 552 9879	By appointment only
Health & Skin Care – Anel	Tulbagh	072 230 3059	By appointment only
The Blue Butterfly Yoga Retreat	Tulbagh	072 7198147	By appointment only
Villa Tarentaal Salon & Aromatherapy	Tulbagh	023 230 0868	By appointment only
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
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			
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
Waverley Hills – selection of organic wines	Wolseley	023 231 0002 072 890 4373	Mon – Sat : 10am – 4pm Sunday: 11am – 3pm
Paddagang Wine House - Tasting and sales of wine, port, sherry, brandy, jerepijo, 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/
Ladera Artisan Wines – Chardonnay, Pinotage Blanc de Noir, Syrah	Wolseley	072 536 0055 www.laderawines.co.za	By appointment only
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:-

- **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>
- **KGW Kidz Camps** Camps for children – school, holiday leadership development and eco camps. Themed party events. 021 712 6715 www.kgw.co.za
- **Moniki Chocolates** – Handmade Belgian Chocolates – opening soon at Schoonderzicht farm Contact 023 2300673 or 072 504 9592 for orders and appointments.
- **Olive Oil and products** award winning olive oils available from a variety of farms – Buck's Ridge (023 230 1160), Eikelaan (083 270 4742), de Heuvel (082 569 1777), Fraaigelegen (083 288 4685), Groote Vallei (023 230 0660), Oakhurst (083 269 6999)
- **Farmyard Honey Factory** - Variety of edible honey products, skincare & body products Mon, Tues, Thur & Frid 10:00 – 17:00 sometimes close for lunch. Wed & Sat 10:00 – 13:00 Closed Sun 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.

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).