

# The “Friends of Ezemvelo”

Ezemvelo Nature Reserve, Bronkhorstspuit, Gauteng

The Friends of Ezemvelo (FoEz) is one of more than 80 such volunteer associations spread across South Africa. The Friends groups are affiliated to the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) which encourages public participation in the caring of the Earth.

FoEz was started in 2002 to act as a support group for the Ezemvelo Nature Reserve. We work in accordance with WESSA’s “Basic Principles of the Friends of Nature Areas Scheme”.

Currently FoEz has a membership of 20, including families and individuals, active and non-active members. We try to meet at the reserve once a month, where we undertake a variety of tasks as needed by the reserve management. Some of the work done through the years has included:

- Establishing, and regularly maintaining, the Penduka hiking trail
- Establishing and maintaining signage on roads, tracks and hiking trails
- A variety of painting jobs
- Assisting with the eradication of alien vegetation
- Assisting with registration, and watering points, at mountain bike, and horse endurance riding events
- Removing rubble and rubbish from previous owners/occupants’ sites
- Removing old and unneeded farm fence lines
- Facilitating Field Guide training courses for reserve personnel
- Created trail maps
- Guiding trails and cave visits
- Promoting Ezemvelo Nature Reserve by newsletters and events at the reserve

Here is what some of us look like, and a few of the tasks we have been involved with:



Removing alien vegetation



The Drum Majorettes

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US? Then please contact:**

Peter Gulson on 084 653 7117, **or**

Marion Mengell on 083 455 1736, **or**

Just fill in the form (attached), and send to us. We will then contact you.

# Friends of Ezemvelo Application for Membership

Name:.....

Tel:  
Home.....Work.....Cell.....

E mail  
Address:.....

Postal  
address:.....

Please tell us of your special  
interests:.....  
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Fees: R 120 per person per annum: (1 April-31 March). Please deposit into our  
Nedbank Centurion branch code 162145 00 Cheque account number : 1621 193 667  
**Thank you**

Or send cheques to PO Box 80 Irene 0062. Please fax or e-mail us on Fax 012 667  
2183 or [mwmwmd@mweb.co.za](mailto:mwmwmd@mweb.co.za)

Are you a member of WESSA? Yes/no?  
Thank you for joining we hope you will enjoy helping us to do Good things for  
Ezemvelo Nature Reserve

I/we understand that I/we attend work parties and other Friends events at Ezemvelo  
Nature Reserve at

my/our own risk.

Signed.....Date.....