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Activities in the Middelburg & Loskop Area



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Loskop Leisure Route

What to do, where and when

Welcome to the Loskop Leisure Route with Middelburg as the main town on the municipal area.

The Loskop Leisure Route offers many local treasures, exciting activities and interesting history.

In Middelburg you are at a cross roads, the one road leads to a small but charming town of Hendrina, the other leads you onto the N11 to the Loskop Nature Reserve and its beautiful surroundings.

Along the way you will find a couple of interesting side routes that will take you to Elandsplaagte and Arnot.

Unique to the region are the traditional Ndebele homesteads, gaily painted in bright, bold geometric designs which have become a signature of the

southern Ndebele people who inhabit this part of the Highveld.

The citizens in of our area are the true marvel of this region and through them you will experience the riches of the past, the triumphs of the present and the dreams of the future.

We welcome you and invite you to participate in our many interesting, adventurous and family orientated activities in the Loskop Leisure Route.

We recommend that you visit the Middelburg Tourist Information Centre for detailed tourist info as well as bookings, advice, directions, maps and curios!

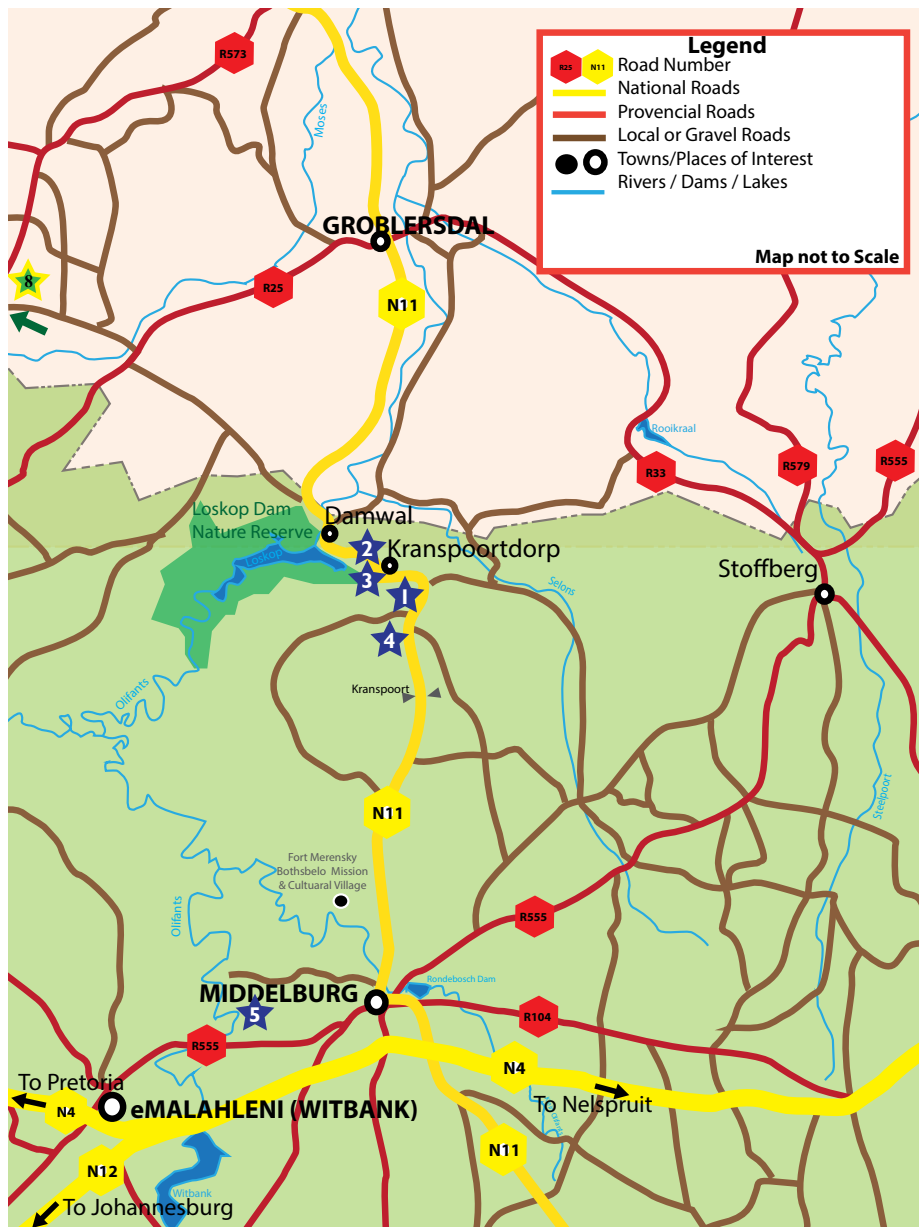
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Region Map



Outside Middelburg

1. De Voetpadkloof
2. Forever Resorts - Loskopdam
3. Forever Resorts - Waterfall Safari
4. Forever Resorts - Isiyala
5. Olifants River Lodge

Within Middelburg

1. Middelburg Country Club
2. Aero Lodge
3. Big Buddies BBQ
4. The Plantation GH

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Class 8A No 1127

The Class 8A No 1127 has had many lives and many lovers, but the Steam Locomotive was relocated to the Middelburg Tourist Information on 6 October 2010. To this day the locomotive attracts many visitors and I can repeat Julie van Rensburg's words "a tribute for all time to remind the future generations of a bygone era when steam was the backbone of our Transport services."

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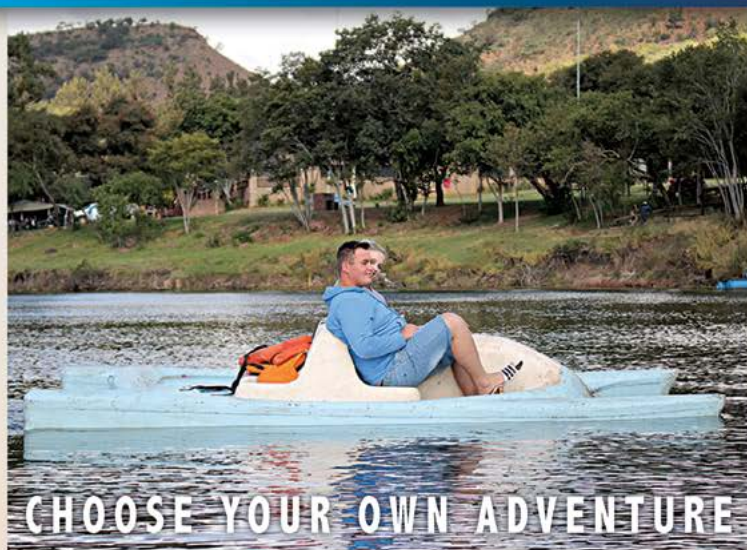
The Plantation is situated in the town of Middelburg, Mpumalanga in a quiet area, within easy access from the N4 highway and close to restaurants, shops and Virgin Active gymnasium and CBD.

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Fishing, bird watching, hiking, pedal boats, five swimming pools of which two are indoors and heated and ample cycling space.



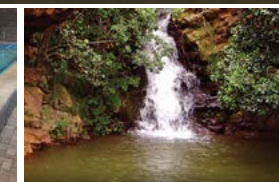
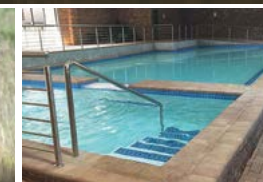
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De Voetpadkloof Resort, situated in the Loskop valley and 40 km north of Middelburg, about 1½ hour's drive from Gauteng, is a Nature Reserve of 600 ha and is any nature enthusiast's dream. With all the local plants and trees, wild life and peaceful atmosphere, this is the ideal place to have a relaxing experience. Our facilities are of the best quality to ensure an unforgettable experience to all ages.



Accommodation

There are a number of accommodation options available at De Voetpadkloof, different not only in size, facilities and appearance, but also in price range. Accommodation facilities consist of modern En-suite Safari tents (5 people), chalets (6 people) and luxury log cabins (4 people) with covered parking and 46 caravan/camping sites.

Facilities & Attractions

Swimming Pools
 One heated pool - one cold pool.
 Indoor heated pool swimming pool and Bush camp.
 Waterpark with 4 slides.

Children's Playground
 A playground for adventurous kids and the young of heart is situated at the bridge leading to the dam, and consists of various

kinds of clambering, swinging and gliding apparatus to keep the busy bodies occupied for quite a time... and many more.
De Voetas Tea garden

Enjoy a light meal and something to drink in the open at our excellent tea garden

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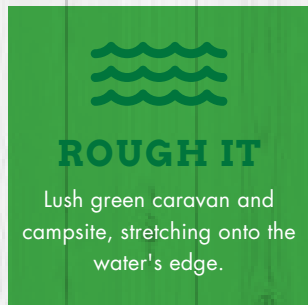
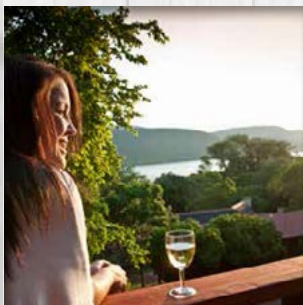
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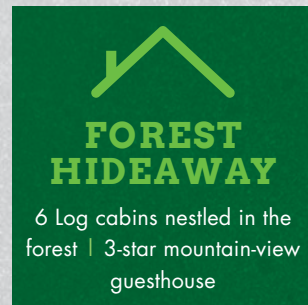
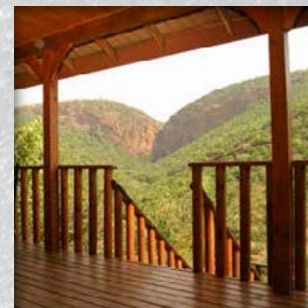
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Bird Watching

Suitable sites for bird watching lies within a 50km radius of Middelburg.

Sites to do bird watching are: Middelburg Town, Middelburg Dam, Athlone Dam and the banks of the Klein Olifants River.

Hendrina Dam, Botshabelo and Pienaardam are also great for Bird Watching. The list of birds between 1 to 391.



Travel Hints

1. Plan your route and fuel consumption in advance.
2. Always carry South African currency.
3. When seeking directions, proceed to marked information counters only.
4. Most credit cards are accepted.
5. Middelburg is the ideal "all year round" destination.



MIDDELBURG COUNTRY CLUB

"a Golfing experience with a difference"

Middelburg Country Club offers a safe environment for corporate, social, sporting or other events. As a community Centre we pride ourselves on rendering service of a high quality whilst supporting our local communities and working hand in hand with our local municipality. With the lodge in walking distance from the facilities, we provide an all inclusive package for your stay.

Sporting facilities at Middelburg Country Club

- 18 Hole Championship Golf course
- 6 Tennis Courts
- 2 Bowling Greens
- 3 Squash Courts
- 2 Swimming Pools and a play park
- Cycling and walking route in a safe environment for children



In addition the Club also offers

- Guest Lodge with 43 fully serviced rooms with secure under cover parking
- Clubhouse with a bar
- A la Carte Restaurant (Buffet available as well on Sundays)
- Conference/Events facilities with a bar (suitable for weddings)
- Golf and Tuck shop
- Driving range




Golf includes the following

- Corporate Golf Days
- Fundraisers
- Golf Group weekends
- Pro-Am tournaments, Provincial leagues, National tournaments
- Supporting Local schools with leagues and provincial tournaments
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Loskop Nature Reserve

The reserve is well stocked with a variety of large and spectacular mammals such as buffalo, rhino and a several species of antelope.

Careful observation will show you how each species has a particular kind of habitat and feeding behavior which governs where you see them and also explains why so many different animals can live together; each has got a different role to play in nature's big picture.

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Gate times
April – October 06:30- 18:00
November – March 06:00-18:30



Loskop Dam Interesting Facts

- The dam wall was originally built between 1934 and 1938, and was built entirely by hand.
- In 1978/9 the dam was drained and raised by 9 meters to its current height of 54 meters.
- The base is +/-24 meters thick and length is 506 meters long.
- The entire dam wall rests on a solid rock base.
- The canal entire engineer "Col. DF Roberts" has his remains cemented into the wall.
- The canal, which runs down the left hand side of the river measures 480km.
- The canal system irrigates about 1600 hectares of farmland; the lowest point of the is only 107 meters below the dam wall.
- If the dam wall gates are reopened the maximum amount of water is 29,000 liters per second.
- The dam itself is able to supply farmers with water for up to three years without rain.
- The catchment area of the Olifants River, which flows into the dam, is some 1225 million hectares including areas such as Hendrina, Davel, Ermelo and Bronkhorstspuit. Included in this catchment area is the Wilger and Klein Olifants River that also contributes to the dam.
- On the 15th of February 1996 at 3am the dam registered at 117, 63% At this point the water flowing from the Olifants River was 3.2 million cubic liters per hour.
- At 100% the dam holds 348 million cubic liters with the surface area of 2385 hectares. Despite being constructed more than 70 years ago, the Loskop Dam, situated across a gorge on the Olifants River, about 32km south of Groblersdal, in Mpumalanga, remains one of the largest dams in

The history of Loskop Dam can be traced back to the 1840's when the first Voortrekkers settled in the Kruis River valley not far from the present dam site. The first farms in the Olifants River valley, including Lagersdrift and Kalkfontein, were pegged out as long ago as 1886. Back then, the farmers cultivated mainly wheat under dry-land conditions.

Notwithstanding the establishments of these farms, due to malaria and cattle diseases like East Coast fever, initial development was slow until the turn of the nineteenth century. In the early Twentieth century, many farmers trekked with their cattle from the Highveld to the Olifants River valley during winter. Each winter they stayed a little longer until they eventually settled in the area in greater numbers. This was particularly during the years 1917 and 1924.



Events Calendar

February:

Loskop Kurper Competition @ Forever Resort Loskopdam
Tentpegging & Recreational Jumping @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort

March:

MCCI Banquet @ Hermansdal
Jamboree & Photo Competition @ Buffalo Gorge
Bakgatfees @ NP Sport Horses on N11
Loskop Indurance Race @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort
Kurper Bonanza @ Forever Resort Loskopdam
Bride Expo @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort

April:

Forever Loskop Series @ Forever Resort Loskopdam
Autumn Classic Show Jumping @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort

May:

Mother's Day Lunch @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort
MCCI Golf Day @ Middelburg Country Club

June:

Icy Winter Show Jump @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort
Father's Day Lunch @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort
Father's Day 4x4 Day @ Buffalo Gorge

July:

Bull Auction @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort

August:

MCCI Women's Day @ Olifants River Lodge
Sterling Plastic Bass Competition @ Forever Resort Loskopdam
Greatest Train Race @ eMalaheni
Calf Auction @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort
Teddy Tea Party @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort

September:

Three Species @ Forever Resort Loskopdam
Hartland Landbou & Smalahove Evening @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort

October:

Karp & Baber Bonanza @ Forever Resort Loskopdam
Mall to Mall @ Middelburg Mall
Baber Competition @ Forever Resort Loskopdam

November:

Moddervis Competition @ Forever Resort Loskopdam

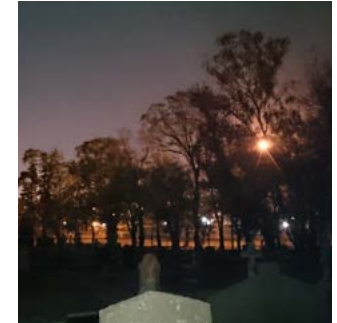
December:

Buffet lunch @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort
New Year's Dance @ Pienaardam Leisure Resort

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Middelburg Mall Exhibition



Middelburg Historical Route

Historical Route Map Key

A1 English Bridge

This bridge was built by the British to get to their garrison. Notice the good condition of the bridge.

B2 Old Cemetary and Ruins of an Old Armoury
In the cemetary the graves of Henry Sleghtkamp and Jack Hindon can be found. The armoury was unfortunately destroyed by vandals.

C3 National Monument

This monument was erected after the war to commemorate those that fought and died during the Anglo Boer War.

D4 Concentration Camp Cemetery

This graveyard came to being when the concentration camp moved there. 922 children died in the Middelburg area during 1899 - 1901. In the Boer woman's diaries they write of the black concentration camps. Notice the pile of rocks lying north of the graves. That is a black cemetery and is known to be the only black graveyard in South Africa that is within walking distance from a white one. There are only three known black cemeteries in South Africa.

E5 Old Canon Blockhouse

When driving ± 1 km on the Stoffberg road, you will see a beacon on the left-hand side of the road. Notice that the beacon is situated on top of an old blockhouse that has been filled with rocks. Legend has it that a canon was inside it and "watched" over the town.

F6 The "Eye"

This vanished structure used to be a light tower, used to look over the camps. The children, who played around there, called the structure The Big Eye.

G7 Meijersbridge (1896)

This historical bridge used to be the only crossing over the little Olifants River. Cattle auctions normally took place here. From the bridge the road split into two, one towards Groblersdal and one towards Belfast.

H9 The Old Church

Directly after the war, women decided to erect a church in memory of the women and children who were held in concentration camps. This building was used in the earlier days as a hospital. The church is now being maintained by the Technical High School and is still being used for services by the school.

I10 Drift

If you look very carefully on the corner of Luttig and Vos streets, you will see that the park has a distinctive drift running through it. This is the path where the women walked from the station to the concentration camp.

J11 New Cemetary

When you go to the old part of the cemetery, you will notice that there are many graves of children, women and old men who died during the war. The reason for this being that there was a concentration camp right next to the cemetery. Also notice the amount of people who died in various concentration camps nationwide listed on a monument nearby.

K12 Canal

Driving along Robertson Street you have to look very carefully to notice the canal running along the road. This canal was used to get water from Rietfontein to Kruger Dam. This was sufficient to supply the town with water up until 1967.

L13 English Bridge

As you enter the Middelburg Country Club you will drive over a very old bridge. If one looks closely one notices that this bridge looks much the same as our first stop. The reason for this is that it was built at the same time as the first one, by the same people. The only difference is that this one has two arches, instead of only one.

M14 Tree Lane

On the corner of McDonald Street and Hospital Street is a park. If you look at the trees it is fairly obvious that they are over 100 years old. Notice that the trees are situated in a fairly straight line. This was the lane, which led to the English Garrison. It is uncertain what the purpose of the two structures nearby was.

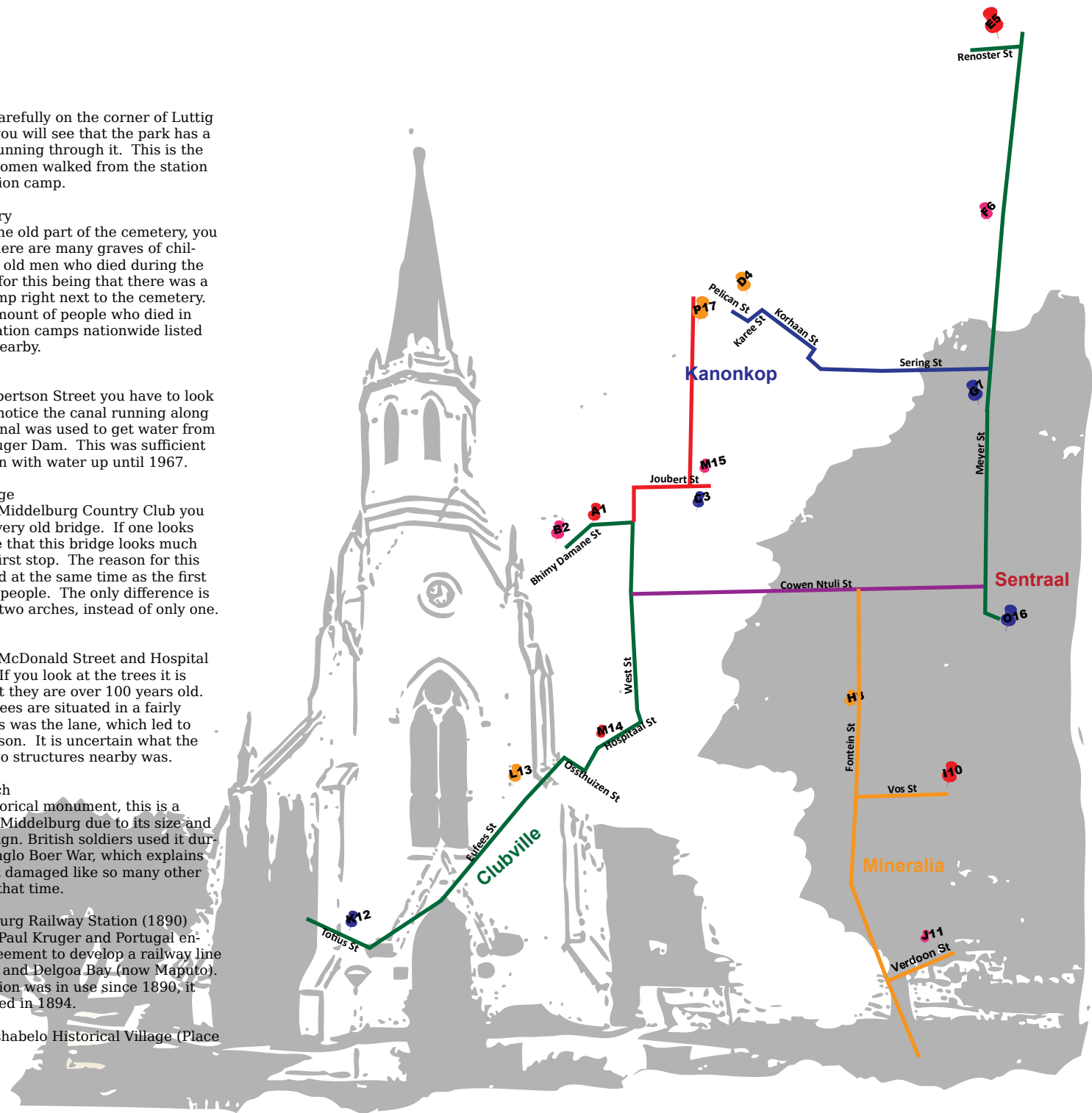
N15 White Church

Proclaimed a historical monument, this is a true landmark of Middelburg due to its size and architectural design. British soldiers used it during the second Anglo Boer War, which explains why it did not get damaged like so many other churches during that time.

O16 Old Middelburg Railway Station (1890)

On 17 May 1884 Paul Kruger and Portugal entered into an agreement to develop a railway line between Pretoria and Delgoa Bay (now Maputo). Although the station was in use since 1890, it was only completed in 1894.

P17 Road to Botshabelo Historical Village (Place of Shelter)





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