



Mountain Club South Africa Hottentots Holland Section

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JOHNSON HUT FIRE PREVENTION PROTOCOL

1. The committee of the MCSA, Hottentots Holland Section, takes the responsibility of educating and informing all members of the MCSA on this fire prevention protocol. The committee accepts the responsibility of insuring that the fire prevention protocol is followed by all members visiting the hut. Every member will read and sign a copy of the Fire Prevention Protocol, before he or she will be allowed to visit the hut. These signed copies will be kept by the branch secretary.
2. Fires are allowed inside the hut, in the fireplace, all year round. The water buckets should be filled at all times, and be placed on the stoep outside the hut. Fires inside the hut are only allowed if the water pipe is in full working order, and the water is flowing freely from it. No fire may ever be left unattended.
3. Only Members of the MCSA are allowed to make a fire. Members are also responsible for cleaning the fireplace, as well as the disposing of the coals and ash in the prescribed manner.
4. NO FIRES will be allowed outside of the hut.
5. The committee will ensure that there is a permanent firebreak around the hut, as well as around the outside fireplace. The fynbos will be kept very short in this firebreak, and this cutting exercise will be repeated at least every six months. The firebreak around the hut will always be at least 10 meters wide. The firebreak around the outside fireplace will always be at least 7 meters wide.
6. Coals and ash from the inside fireplace may only be deposited in the purpose build outside fireplace. After depositing the coals and ash in the outside fireplace, the water buckets must be used to wet the coals and the ash thoroughly. This is the only place where coals or ash from the fireplace may be deposited. Any buildup of dead coals/ash in the outside fireplace, will be handled by the committee members. This excess coals/ash will be buried near the outside fireplace, within the parameters of the firebreak.
7. No paraffin stoves may be used inside of the hut. Gas lights and gas stoves will be provided, and the gas will be refilled on a regular basis. Candles may only be used in proper candleholders.
8. The committee of the MCSA, HH section, will provide Vergelegen Farm Management with a copy of the renewed Insurance Documents, on a yearly basis. The Insurance policy will have adequate fire and public liability insurance included.
9. In the case of an emergency, the following protocol must be adhere to. The leader of a group, or the member who arrange access to the hut, must be in possession of his/her fully functioning cellphone at all times. This person must have the following number registered on his/her cellphone. **021 937 0300**. This Metro Control Room number must be phoned for any emergency, be it a fire emergency, or a medical emergency.

I have read and understood these rules and will adhere to them:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____