

## RIEMLAND WINE ROUTE

The Riemland Wine Route, and eco-tourism retreat is the initiative of a group of landowners in the Riemlandregion in the Northern Free State. It includes the signing of agreements with three leading Boland cellars to open bulk sales outlets at two registered conservancies.

The wine route runs between the Boland Cellar trading as Francolin Creek Cellar on the farm Dipkraal to Louisenhof Cellar trading as Goedehoop Cellar on the farm Goedehoop. These Free State wine cellars are accommodated in renovated and isolated barns according to wine cellar standards and requirements. The total wine route covers approximately 50 km and can easily be visited during a one-day visit.

### **Ghoya Africa**

The Ghoya Africa conservancy is situated on the R34 ± 12 km south of Heilbron en route to Edenville. An authentic Namibian German pub on the farm Enkelbos in the same area provides a variety on the eco theme of the conservancy. The butchery at Enkelbos sells braai packs, while braai facilities as well as picnic spots are available at different points in the conservancy.

### **Francolin Creek**

The Francolin Creek Conservancy is situated approximately 30 km east of Heilbron on the S240 on the route to Frankfort. Natural wetlands in the area provide ample bird hunting opportunities. An interesting conference facility in a renovated barn makes this an ideal venue for a small company "bosberaad" or breakaway.

The two conservancies offer a variety of eco-tourism activities which includes hiking (overnight and day routes, horse riding, game viewing, bird-watching, mountain biking, 4X4 routes and controlled bow hunting. A range of accommodation from guesthouses to rustic tent and bush camps and overnight huts on hiking trails are available at both conservancies. Two up-market guesthouses reflect the grandeur and elegance of the typical Free State farmstead. Self-catering also available.

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