

The Ski Club of South Africa (Matroosberg)

2017 : Directions to the skiing grounds : 2017

- 1. Drive from Cape Town to Ceres.** The preferred (and shortest) route is to follow the M1 to the Wellington/Klapmuts turnoff, bleed left off the M1 and drive via Wellington, over Baineskloof Pass, cross the Breederivier, carry on over Mitchells Pass and into Ceres. An alternative route is via the M1, past Paarl, through DuToitskloof (Hugenot) Tunnel and turn off to Ceres (shortly before Worcester), then drive on to the Baineskloof/Ceres T-junction, turn right and continue over Mitchells Pass and into Ceres.
- 2. Drive straight through Ceres** and continue on the tarred road towards Touwsrivier (do not turn left to Prince Alfred Hamlet and the Kouebokkeveld). At the signpost to **Swaarmoed Pass / Lakenvleidam** turn right, and drive up and over the pass (tarred road) and past the dam (seen down in the valley to your right). Continue on this tarred road past "Klondyke" (the famous 'cherry-picking' farm).
- 3.** Just beyond "Klondyke", turn right at the signpost to "**Matroosberg Private Nature Reserve**" and "**Erfdeel**" farm (good dirt road). Drive on down into the valley and through the gates of "Erfdeel" farm ("Matroosberg Private Nature Reserve"). The owners of the farm are Didi & Waldo de Kock. Please stop and say "Hi!" (at the Office) and indicate that you are a Ski Club member (by showing your valid 2017 Ski Club of SA Membership Card) ... or advise that you are a Prospective Ski Club member on your way to a Work Party.
- 4. NB : The total distance from Cape Town to Matroosberg Reserve is approximately 200km (approximately 2 hours' drive under normal conditions).**
- 5.** Turn left once past "Erfdeel" homestead / office, and then turn right onto the farm road, aiming in the general direction of the very obvious gully cut into the mountains directly ahead of you. You will drive past the sign saying "Ski Club Hut" (the Club's Base Hut) and, shortly after crossing a stream, you will arrive at a very obvious (wide open) space on your left hand side. **The very faint-hearted stop and park here!**
- 6.** The road continues straight on up the gully ... and deteriorates with every metre travelled! The "**4x4 track**" branches off to the right (and is for 4x4 vehicles only ... and only with the farmers' permission!). The Ski Club road continues straight on up the gully. It is possible to drive a normal passenger car to the end of the road ... but at your own risk ... this is not a road for the faint-hearted! If you decide to park your vehicle at any point please make sure you are parked off the road and that you will not obstruct any other vehicle coming through!
- 7.** The Ski Club road ends at an obvious large (car park) space (with a place to turn your car). The footpath to the Ski Club Main Hut continues straight up the gully, keeping to the right of the stream at all times. This path is easy to follow at all times (unless covered in snow!).
- 8. NB : The walk from the end 'car park' to the Ski Club of SA's Main Hut (on Matroosberg) can take anything from 45 minutes to 2 hours (depending on your personal state of fitness, the load you are carrying ... and the prevailing snow conditions!).**