ELGIN OPEN GARDENS 2026

Sat 31 Oct – Sun 1 Nov and Sat 7 - Sun 8 Nov • 9.30 to 4

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PW part wheelchair friendly

Most gardens do not allow dogs. Please ask the owner's permission before you bring yours.
All gardens are giving a proportion of their earnings to charities of their choice.

1 The Stone Kitchen E22 Essenhout Ave, Klipkop Jane Touwen

Mature waterwise organic garden on rocky, sandy koppie with pergolas, indigenous plantings, olive trees; organic permaculture kitchen garden, stone and cob building. *Entry R20. Food by arrangement only. Charity: Humane Education Trust, GAWS. From Grabouw Main Rd, turn up opposite FNB; left at T-junction into Bosbou/Forest Drive, 1st right into Karee through stone pillars, 1st right into Celtis & 1st left into Essenhout. Ph:021 859 2282 / 062 529 2558*

2 Fresh Woods off N2 Peter & Barbara Knox-Shaw PW

Rambling, romantic plantsman's garden with major collection of heritage & species roses; many rare trees & shrubs, incl. rhodos, wild hydrangeas, deutzias & 80+ Japanese maples; woodland garden under pine. Bamboo walk. WFRS Award of Garden Excellence 2003. Featured in *Remarkable Gardens of SA; Gardens to Inspire; Veld, Vlei & Rose Gardens* and *Old Roses: Survival & Revival in SA*. *Entry R50. Children 2-12 half-price. Cards, Snapscan. Charity: GAWS. Teas, rare plants for sale. From Cape Town, 2nd right turn off the N2 after Peregrine. Ph:078 021 2101*

3 Fairholme Viljoenshoop Rd Mary Maurel PW

Large and many-faceted garden with magnificent views of the valley; showcases many plants from Fairholme Nursery. Home of the daughter of the original creators, Features include a woodland garden, a 100 metre long walkway, a pool terrace, various grass gardens, a formal rose garden, a newly constructed eco-pool & a recently added meadow orchard. Featured on *Tuin Toere;* in *House & Garden; The Gardener; Country Life* and *Garden & Home*. *Entry R50. Plant sales, esp. perennials and grasses. Refreshments. No dogs. Charity: Sophila Sonke. 2km from N2 along the Viljoenshoop Road. Ph:0846002636 - www.fairholme.co.za*

4 Windermere Viljoenshoop Rd Mike & Roxy Gates PW

Created in 1937 by Lady Lucie Bourne, and the first Elgin garden to open to the public. The new owners are keen to restore the garden to its former glory and have already cleared decades of overgrown bush to reveal the original stone terraces, paths, and plantings. Many original trees and shrubs survive. *Entry R40. No dogs. Charity: Refreshments. 2 km from N2. Ph:082 455 9364*

5 Lavenham Viljoenshoop Rd Norma Bridgman PW

A picturesque, look-alike Anne Hathaway thatched cottage set in a large peaceful woodland garden with extensive lawns, roses, herbaceous borders and groundcovers. *Entry R30. Charity: Elgin Animal Welfare. 2km from N2 along Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph:021 848 9060; 072 355 1613*

6,7 Keurbos Nursery Garden & Sonop Restanwold Farm, Highlands Rd Jessie Walton PW

A large natural garden designed for birds, with both indigenous and exotic sections as well as acer and heritage rose beds and a large nursery area. Collections of bulbs and buchus, acers and azaleas, rhododendrons, heritage roses and more. **Sonop** A 3ha section of old contoured farmland now rehabilitated with indigenous planting. Bring walking shoes if you would like to see a work in progress. A tractor and trailer leaves every hour to take you there. *Entry R40 (both gardens included). Tractor to Sonop R10. Garden teas, lunches, bird hide on lake, picnic area, plant sales include Vireya rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias & Japanese maples, and a range of indigenous plants. Card, EFT payments. 8km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Charity: GAWS. Ph: 083 458 3790 - www.jessiewalton.com - Facebook: Keurbos Garden and Nursery*

8 Elgin Vintners Guesthouse Appletiser Rd Marisa Kleinhans PW

A beautifully restored formal garden from the 1920s with original stonework, wisteria pergola, rose beds, and oak copses. Trees include a mature Magnolia grandiflora and a huge tulip tree. Magnificent views. *Free entry. Charity: GAWS. Elgin Vintners wine tasting and sales; wood-fired pizzas and seasonal specials. 5 km from the N2 on Appletiser Rd; follow the signs for Elgin Vintners. Ph:021 848 9587 - www.elginvintners.co.za*

9 Auldearn Highlands Rd Jenny Simpson PW

A plantswoman's hilltop garden that skilfully mixes unusual indigenous and exotic plants, with a focus on colour combinations. Panoramic views over the Kogelberg biosphere are framed by informal mixed plantings dominated by flowering cherries & roses. Also two ponds & a stream. Featured on *TV;* in *House and Leisure* and *SA Gardening*. *Entry: R50. Includes tea and rosemary biscuits. Charity: Grabouw Animal Welfare Society. Plant sales. 8.5km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Ph:083 500 0276*

10 Houw Hoek Outspan Houw Hoek, off N2 Peter & Tessa Goemans PW

This ever-changing garden in the English Garden style boasts fantastic views of the Houw Hoek mountains. Massed annuals bring brilliant colour to the beds, as do the 300+ roses. Specialist plantings encourage a vibrant bird population. Featured in *SA Garden and Home* and *'The Best Gardens and Parks in Cape Town 2018' by The Inside Guide*. *Entry: Donations appreciated. Tea/coffee & cake on the stoep. Homemade chicken wraps & pies for lunch, booking preferred - goemans@twk.co.za. Picnickers welcome. Regret, no dogs. From N2 as for Houw Hoek Hotel, then right at the hotel. Ph:082 740 3590*

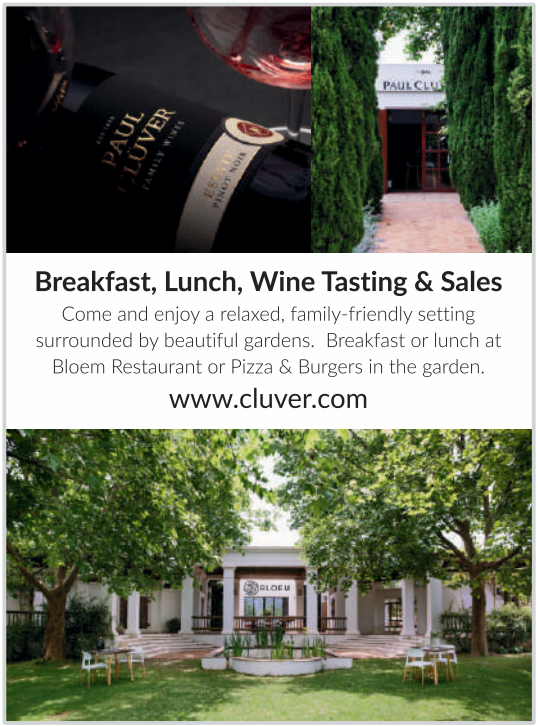
11 Wildekrans Country House Houw Hoek, off N2 Barry Gould & Alison Green PW

An established one hectare informal garden set against the dramatic Houw Hoek mountains. Historic leiwater flows through the property giving it a unique energy - home to abundant Gunnera and diverse frog life. A rambling and tranquil experience amongst numerous contemporary sculptures. Country style food, art and farm shopping at The Barn. *Fynbos Pollination Talks each morning by Andreas Groenewald, Green Mountain Trail guide, small groups 60 mins, R100 pp, please book your space by phone/email. Entry: Donations to the Bot River Education Foundation. Directions: Off the N2 at Houw Hoek Hotel, turn left at the Hotel. For wheelchair entrance, please phone on arrival. Ph:028 284 9827 - info@wildekrans.co.za*




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