

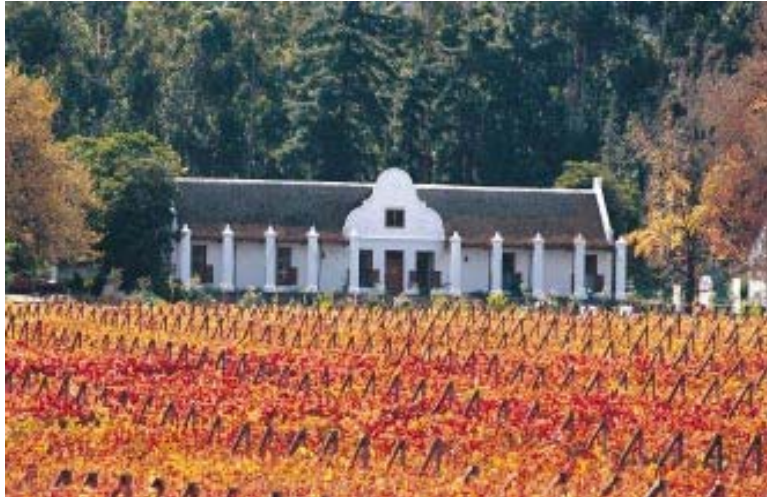
## **MONTAGU – CAPE WINELANDS REGION**

Passing through the spectacular Cogman's Kloof from Ashton, one finds the picturesque village of Montagu, renowned for its muscadel grapes.

Montagu, often called the 'Capital of the Langeberg Valley', boasts various beautifully restored thatch-roofed buildings dating back to the 1800's.

Apart from its wines, fruit and healthy climate, Montagu is also well known for its hot mineral springs.

The local museum offers a unique service, supplying to the public a wide variety of natural herbs grown in their herb garden and collected from the veld.



### **General Information**

#### **Tourist Information**

Montagu / Ashton Tourism Bureau

24 Bath Street

Montagu, 6720

Tel (023) 614-2471

Fax (023) 614 3137

E-mail [info@montagu-ashton.info](mailto:info@montagu-ashton.info)

Website [www.montagu-ashton.info](http://www.montagu-ashton.info)

**Distances from:** Swellendam 58km and Ashton 10km.

**Banks** Boland, Standard, ABSA - All have ATM's.

### **History & Culture**

#### **Joubert House**

Long Street. The oldest dwelling in town depicts the lifestyle of the 19th century. It is part of the museum complex.

Tel (023) 614-1774

#### **Long Street**

Boasting 14 of the town's 22 National Monuments, this is one of the most historical streets in the country.

023 614 2471

#### **Montagu Museum**

Long Street. Housed in a former Mission Church, the museum depicts the history of the town.

Tel (023) 614-1950

#### **Old English Fort**

Situated on top of the tunnel in Cogman's Kloof (also Cogman-skloof) 4km from Montagu.

#### **Plaque in Honour of Thomas Bain**

Engineer and constructor of Cogman's Kloof and tunnel.

### **Nature & Ecotourism**

**De Hoop** is a crocodile farm that offers guided tours

Tel (023) 614 1848

**Montagu Springs** is home to the largest waterfowl breeding area in the Western Cape. Tel (023) 614 1050

The **Leiwater Dam** is rich in bird life. Collect the keys at the Tourism Bureau.

**Centenary Nature Garden**

A bird-watcher's hide for bird lovers. Loveliest in spring with a 1,2km circular walk which starts and ends behind the tea garden. Contains the largest variety of vygies in the country.

**Cogman's Kloof Mountain Reserve**

Comprises of indigenous flora.

**Kanonkop Drive** up Kohler Street for a lovely view of Montagu-West and the Langeberg mountains.

Tel (023) 614 2471

**Montagu Mountain Reserve**

This 1 200ha reserve, located at the northern edge of the Langeberg mountain range, is known for its spectacular rock formations. Vegetation consists mainly of montane fynbos on the lower slopes, with moist heathland higher up. Aloes and other succulent species abound. Although leopards still roam these mountains, visitors are more likely to see klipspringer and grey rhebok. The Keisie River is home to the rare fish species, Burchell's red-fin minnow. There are no accommodation facilities in the reserve apart from the two 6-bed cabins for hikers. The reserve offers 12km and 15km hiking trails; a number of shorter walks and picnic sites at Keurkloof. The reserve is open through-out the year.

Tel (023) 614-2471

**MontEco Nature Reserve**

Is located in a unique part of the Klein Karoo on the highlands between Montagu and Barrydale, only 200km from Cape Town. This 11 000ha (110km<sup>2</sup>) nature reserve can be explored using the extensive network of eco adventure trails for hiking, horse-riding, mountain biking, 4x4-ing and game viewing drives. Beautiful scenery, interesting rock formations, wildlife, birdlife, lichens, fossils and diverse vegetation ensure that there is something to interest all nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. The clear skies and the distance from bright city lights make it an ideal location for studying, or simply admiring, the night sky.

Tel 0800 628 873



**Fauna & Flora**

**Fossils** MontEco's mammal list boasts forty species and includes aardwolf, bat-eared fox, blue wildebeest, bontebok, duiker, gemsbok, grey rhebok, klipspringer, kudu, leopard, red hartebeest and springbok. Birdlife ranges from tiny Malachite Sunbirds to rare Black Storks and majestic Black Eagles, with six lark species on the bird list of well over a hundred species. Raptors breeding in the reserve include Jackal Buzzards, Pale Chanting Goshawks, Black Harriers and Rock Kestrels. It is one of the most accessible localities from Cape Town where one can find a diversity of Karoo bird species. The vegetation varies from typical Karoo succulents and shrubs to aloes, botterboom, renosterbos, guarri-bush and proteas, with acacia and karree trees lining the riverbeds. Veld flowers bloom throughout the year, but the most spectacular displays of colour are seen in late spring. Magnificent rock formations reveal the geological history of the region and include signs of glacier activity. The main fossil field is well worth a visit with the fossils having been identified as Zoophycos dating 350 million years. Lichens - the world's oldest organisms - are found in abundance and are testimony to the clean country air.

**Eco Adventure Trails**

The adventure trails traverse riverbeds and venture into mountainous terrain with altitudes ranging between 600 and 1 150m above sea level. All trails are suitable for hiking and mountain biking, with many sections suitable for horse-riding. The 4x4 trails cover about 80km and it takes more than a day to

complete all the trails. Most visitors therefore prefer to stay for two or more days. For day visitors, a picnic site under large trees makes an ideal lunchtime stopover. Only off-road vehicles with low range are allowed on certain sections of the trails. Off-road experience is recommended for these sections, but overall the trails are such that they allow one to enjoy the scenery and wildlife along the way. Guided game viewing drives are offered in an open 4x4 safari vehicle.



**Accommodation & Conference Facilities**

The reserve has different accommodation options located at three different sites. Self-catering accommodation is offered in cluster of 2-bed and 4-bed thatched chalets at one site and a secluded 6-bed cottage at another. Conference facilities for up to 30 people are available. All self-catering units are fully equipped and furnished and include linen. Ecofriendly solar energy is used for 12-volt electric lighting and gas is used for refrigeration and cooking. Bring along your foodstuffs, refreshments and towels or make arrangements in advance for all your catering requirements. The campsite, located along a remote section of one of the 4x4 trails, has very basic facilities intended

for the fully equipped outdoor enthusiast. The number of vehicles and visitors at any one time is strictly limited to ensure that peace and quiet is maintained.

**Special Interests**

**Montagu Art Route Art**

Africa Local art, gifts and curios.  
Tel (023) 614 3154.

**Something Special Coffee Shop**

Tel (023) 614-2436. Handcrafted furniture and gift shop.

**Europa Pottery**

Carolyn Metcalfe, - Ceramics. Tel (023) 614 1478  
Pauline Hannah Tait – Watercolours. Tel (023) 614 1435

**De Wijk Art Studio & Gallery**

Wimsi and Braam van Wyk, Wildlife and Nature.  
Tel (023) 614-2454



**Francois Krige Drawing and etching**

Gallery Tuscany Works by Marlouw Walters, Babs Thompson, Vic Andrews and Louis Kachelhoffer.

**Studio Gallery**

Works by Ronel Preston, Lyn Nurse, Pauline Tait, Vic Andrews and Glynis Eden  
Tel (023) 614 1633

**Reflections**

Works of Lyn Nurse, Babs Thompson and Kobie van Jaarsveld  
Tel (023) 614 2526

**Fairview**

Works by Raymond Andrews  
Tel (023) 614 3045

**Kloof Padstal Works by Vicky Street**

Turning Leaves Cotton embroidered linen for bed, table and bathroom by Julie Lombard.

**Montagu Hot Mineral Springs**

The hot mineral springs, situated 3km from the town in Badskloof, are well known for their healing powers.  
Tel (023) 614 1150

**Tractor Rides**

Neil Burger offers tractor rides to the summit of the Langeberg Mountains. Enjoy traditional potjiekos. Usually Wednesdays and Saturdays. Group bookings of up to 50 people.  
Tel (023) 614 2471



## **Adventure & Sport**

### **4x4 Trails**

#### **Waboomsberg Route**

This route offers the 4x4 owner a golden opportunity to test his vehicle, as well as a wonderful nature experience. The route winds over and through the Waboomsberg and is a showpiece of well-reserved fauna and flora. The natural vegetation varies from typical Klein Karoo flora to fynbos and proteas. It is a one way circular route which starts and ends at the Kloof Farm Stall.

The route consists of two sections with the Ouberg Pass in the middle. The distance is 80km of which half is 4x4 route and takes more or less seven hours to complete. Attractions include impressive rock formations, as well as a wide variety of fauna and flora. Facilities include a lapa with toilet, shower, braai and fresh water. Ideal for camping. A wooden hut at the foot of Ouberg Pass sleeps six people. The route can be covered in one day, or a weekend excursion.

Tel (023) 614 2209

#### **Wagon Wheel Route**

This route is the showcase for the famous natural beauty of the Koo and Keisie Valley, and will take you to the highest peaks of the Waboomsberg. The 4x4 route is located close to the renowned tractor/trailer route to the summit of the Langeberg Mountains. The 45km route can be covered in one day, or can be a weekend excursion with various campsites along the way. Attractions include rock formations, fauna and flora. Facilities on route include the Waboomsberg Stone Cabin, accommodating six, and a number of campsites, braai and watering points.

Tel (023) 614 2471

#### **Canoeing**

Goedereede Canoe Adventures.

#### **Hiking**

Montagu is a must for hikers.

#### **Bloupunt Hiking Trail**

A 15,6km circular route (6-9 hours). Starting Point at Old Meul. From the summit of Bloupunt (1000m) one has breathtaking views over the surrounding area, and the towns of Ashton, Bonnievale, McGregor, Robertson and Montagu can be seen. Abundant fauna and flora, little streams and no less than three small waterfalls

Tel (023) 614 2471

#### **Cogmanskloof Trail**

A 12,1km circular route (4-6hrs). Beautiful views, rock formations and wild flowers. Starting point at the Old Meul

Tel (023) 614 2518.

#### **Aasvoëlkrans Hike**

Starting point opposite Aasvoëlkrans B&B.

Tel (023) 614-2471.

#### **Lovers Walk**

A scenic walk through Badskloof to the mineral springs (2,2km one direction)

Tel (023) 614 2471

#### **Horse-riding**

Tel 082 938 5193.

#### **Fishing**

##### **Poortjieskloofdam**

Permits required. Small-mouth black bass, carp, tilapia, blue gill, sun fish - spinners and flies.

Tel (023) 614 2240

##### **Fly-Fishing Bo-Vlakte**

40km on Barrydale road. Rainbow trout and black bass.

Tel (028) 572 1905

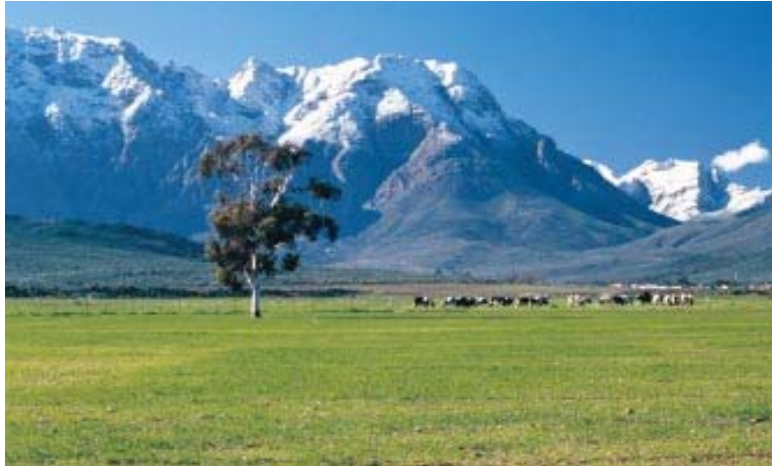
**Rock Climbing**

Montagu Rock Adventures, Abseiling, rock climbing and hikes.  
Tel 082-896 9914 or Tel (023) 614 2471

**CAPE WINELANDS REGION**

The Cape Winelands to the east of Cape Town offer a spectacular array of tastes and sights. Much of South Africa's wine production is based in this area, making the Winelands South Africa's Bordeaux or Napa Valley.

Wine farms in the Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek areas not only produces some of county's finest wines, they have opened their cellars and properties to visitors, which are treated to tastings, cellar tours, magnificently stocked picnic hampers and tours on the farms.



And, of course where there's good wine, good food will follow Franschhoek, for example, is fast becoming known as a gastronomic destination, to which international and local chefs lure dinners.

Come to Franschhoek and sample world-class food and wine at exceptionally reasonable prices. Because of the nature of the soil and the requirements of the area's discerning chefs, many boutique farms have sprung up to produce olives, cheeses, herbs and miniature vegetables.

Sample locally made Brie, Camembert and goat's cheese. Pile fresh, organically grown berries onto home-made ice cream, or taste chocolates made right here but in the Belgium tradition.

Franschhoek will definitely remind travellers of Provence, with its difficult light and its abundance of everything natural. The farms and street names are a further reminder of the French Huguenots who settled in this lush valley 300 years ago.

One of the best ways to travel through the Cape Winelands is by car. Roads are good and wine estates are clearly marked. The only difficulty will be narrowing down your choices.

**REGIONAL TOURIST DESTINATIONS**

**Towns:** Bonnievale, Ceres, De Doorns, Franschhoek, McGregor, Montagu, Paarl, Pniel, Rawsonville, Robertson, Stellenbosch, Touwsriver, Wellington, Tulbach, Wolseley, Worcester.

**AREA ACCOMMODATION**
**Local SA landline dialling code (023)**

International dialling code (to landline) +27 23 followed by the landline no's below

International cellphone to cellphone +27 followed by cell no's below (leave out leading 0)

**Accommodation Legend**

**AP** – Apartments; **BC** – Bush Camp; **B&B** – Bed & Breakfast; **BR** – Berg Resort;  
**CA** – Country Accommodation; **CAM** – Camping; **CH**– Chalets; **CO** – Cottages; **CL** – Country Lodge;  
**CP** – Caravan Park; **FL** – Flat; **GF** – Guest Farm; **GH** – Guest House; **GL** – Game Lodge;  
**GR** – Game Reserve; **H** – Hotel; **HA** – Holiday Accommodation; **HC** – Hotel & Casino; **HE** – Health;  
**HF** – Holiday Farm; **HR** – Holiday Resort; **LO** – Lodges; **NP** – National Park; **NR** – Nature Reserve;  
**OA** – Overnight Accommodation; **RE** – Resort; **RL** – River Lodge.



**Montagu (023)**

Aasvoëlkrans	B&B	614-1228
Apricot Cottage	SC	614-2631
Avalon Springs Hotel	H	614-1150
Cynthia's Country Cottages	SC	614-2760
De Bos Guest Farm	SC	614-2532
De Erf	SC	614-2216
Four Oaks Rest. And B&B	B&B	614-2778
Goedemoed Farm Cottage	B&B	614-1520
Kingna Lodge	GH	614-1066
Little Sanctuary	B&B	614-2587
Longacres Farm	B&B	614-2007
Mimosa Lodge	H	614-2351
Montagu Caravan Park	C	082 920 7863
Montagu Country Hotel	H	614-3125
Montagu Manor	GH	614-1177
Montagu Rose Guest House	GH	614-2681
Murphy's B&B	B&B	614-1513
Quiver Tree Cottage	B&B	082 925 7004
Squirrels Corner Guest House	GH	614-1081
Swiss Inn	B&B	614-2308
The John Montagu G/House	GH	614-1331
Uitsig B&B	B&B	614-2397

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