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Paarl–Wellington Section

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KROM RIVER HUT RULES

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Bookings & Payment

- Check the hut availability before booking: <http://www.mcsapw.co.za/club/hut-booking/>.
- Bookings must be made in advance by completing the [name list](#), and sending the list to kromhutpaarl@gmail.com.
- Bookings will not be handled on a weekend from Friday 12:00, if you are helped over the weekend consider it a courtesy.
- Numbers are limited to 12 persons per night. MCSA members are only allowed 2 non-member guests per member.
- Hut bookings of less than 12 people are not exclusive, i.e. more than one booking may be accepted by the hut convenor for the period of your proposed visit.
- All hut fees must be paid via EFT.
- Please email your proof of payment to kromhutpaarl@gmail.com.
- The hut can be booked up to three (3) months in advance.
- Bookings can be paid immediately but must be paid at least one (1) month before the visit date. Bookings made less than a month in advance need to be paid within three working days.
- Please cancel your booking if you can't make it, as a courtesy to other members.

Fees

	Adult	Child under 13
MCSA Paarl-Wellington Section Members	R 20	R 10
Members of other MCSA sections	R 40	R 20
Non-MCSA guests (max. two per member)	R 80	R 40

- Fees are per person per night for using the hut overnight or camping on hut grounds, members may use the hut and property during daylight hours at no charge.
- Members are responsible for the fees of their non-MCSA guests.

Access & Keys

- The parking area is accessed through the Telkom gate, at the top of Du Toit's kloof pass. The Telkom gate requires an access code (or a key for the MCSA Cape Town section members).
- Krom River hut has a separate key, which needs to be booked out from the relevant section office.
- The hut booker is responsible for the keys, and for his/her guests.
- Once through, drive non-stop to the MCSA parking area ± 3 km from the Telkom gate at inside a wooden poled parking area (Lat: S 33 41.315 and Lon: E 19 05.731). Only use the MCSA parking, do not park on the side of the road.
- The path to the hut (and [Springstygbeugel](#)) starts 50 m beyond parking area on the right. The path is on private property up to about halfway to the hut, the rest is on Cape Nature land.
- If planning to hike far and/or overnight away from the hut, a [Cape Nature Route Safety Form](#) should be sent in a separate email to Deon at dross@capenature.co.za and kromhutpaarl@gmail.com in CC.
- When hiking for the day in the vicinity of the hut, please fill in the Mountain Register in the hut. This will help in case of an emergency or fire.
- All members in the group must sign visitors' book (kept in the cream metal container next to the door).

Facilities

- The hut has two-rooms – the main room has a kitchen, braai and sleeping area, all open plan, and the loft only has mattress and a storeroom (off limits).
- There are 9 beds (3 bunk beds with 3 bunks per bed) in the main room and at least 3 mattresses in loft. Do not remove the mattresses from the bunk beds, if you plan to use mattress outside or on the hut floor, use the mattress below the bunk beds.
- Pillows are provided, please take your own sleeping bags.
- The hut has a two-plate gas stove with some mugs, plates and cutlery. Please use the gas sparingly, use only the mustard coloured kettle in the braai fire. Take a small gas stove as backup.
- Carry in own wood/charcoal and please do not leave any wood behind in the hut, it attracts borer beetles. A braai grids and tongues are provided. For a smoke-free fire, start the fire against the right-hand back corner. Please do not use pine wood for firewood in the hut as it results in resin accumulation in the chimney. Please do not leave pine wood on the stoep or close to the hut to reduce fire risk to the hut.
- A solar lighting system is available but take a headlamp / torch for backup. Candles may be used downstairs but not upstairs.
- Currently the old long-drop loo (30m north-east of hut) should be used. The new loo is being re-built following fire damage. (Do not use the new Toilet!)
- Please only use toilet paper in loo. Carry out your own wet wipes, nappies, female hygiene items, etc. Please close the toilet lid after use, it reduces odours and prevents flies.
- There is an outside sink west of the hut; if the tap is dry please collect water from the Krom River about 60 m South of the hut.
- Use only the provided biodegradable dishwashing liquid & hand wash at the sink.
- Please water the young trees in dry weather.
- Please leave the solar water pump system be, the hut committee sees to it.
- No trees or plants on hut grounds may be damaged in any manner, unless authorised by the hut convenor or chairperson of the Paarl-Wellington section.

Fire Precautions

- Fire may only be made inside the hut, in the designated fireplace.
- The lighting of fires outside the hut is strictly prohibited; this is a Cape Nature rule. Anyone making a fire outside the hut can be sued in a personal capacity.
- Candles used inside the hut must be used carefully and every precaution should be taken to prevent a fire. As a precaution do not use candles in the loft area.
- Do not place hot ash in the ash container and do not pour water over hot ash in the ash container
- No smoking in the hut or toilet.

Weather

- Weather forecasts can be found at YR.no or Windguru.

Departure

On departure ensure that the following is done:

- Sweep and tidy the hut and the toilet;
- Clean and put away all club utensils;
- Close the two-plate stove valves and close the gas bottle supply valve;
- Close all windows;
- Empty all water containers;
- Take any leftover foodstuffs and rubbish home with you;
- Lock the hut and Telkom gate.

Liability & Commercial use

- Members are personally liable for any damage to property, whether that of the club or of third parties, through acts on their part.
- Commercial use of huts and properties requires written consent of the committee of the Paarl-Wellington Section

Cape Nature rules

The hut is located within Cape-Nature area. Please comply with Cape Nature [rules](#):

- No Fires outside of the hut, i.e. braai, candles etc...
- No pets or dogs at the hut

Emergencies

- In case of fire or another emergency contact:
 - the Limietberg Reserve Manager, Deon Rossouw, at **082 494 9707**;
 - Mountain Rescue at **021 937 0300**;
 - EMS at **10177** or **021 948 9900**.

Most of all: Remember to have FUN!