

Enjoy a time-out at Rustig

It's time to give your body and mind a well-deserved break with a holiday at Rustig.

Once you've spent some time here you'll understand why this majestic old farm in the Moot Valley, at the foot of the tranquil Magaliesberg range is called "rustig".

Where did it all start?

Current owner Johan Oosthuizen bought the property from one his uncles. Johan's grandfather, Frederik Jacobus Kloppers (Fritz), acquired the farm in 1930 from his uncle. Rustig first came into the Kloppers family in 1845. Johan's mother, who was born on the farm 81 years ago, still lives here.

It's no wonder that as soon as you set foot on the farm, you're enveloped by the rich historical background of the Kloppers family and the Anglo-Boer War, which left its battlefield scars in the surrounding area.

But today you can expect peace and quiet amidst lush vegetation, impressive birdlife and game like sable antelope, kudu, duiker, warthog, porcupine, jackal, leopard and many more – be sure to book a game drive.

Where would you like to stay?

Rustig has a range of accommodation on offer. The original farmhouse, which has been beautifully restored, dates back to 1931 and serves as the guesthouse. Here, you can enjoy a mouth-watering breakfast served by the resident chef around the antique family dining table, read a book under one of the 80-year-old trees or sip

tea on the traditional farm-style veranda.

The self-catering stone cottage, which sleeps six, is a popular choice for families and groups as the boma provides hours of entertainment as long as you keep the fire going.

If you prefer to camp, but you're not in the mood for setting up tent poles, book a fully equipped luxury tent, where you only have to remember the pantry necessities.

Want to hike?

Dust off your hiking shoes and tackle one of the four hiking trails on the farm. There are two day hikes and two overnight hikes on offer.

The Olienhout Route only covers 3km and is suitable for young and old – parents can easily hike it with a little one in a backpack carrier. Look out for points of interest such as the old windmill. If you prefer a few more challenges hike the Witstinkhout Route, which takes you further up the mountain and past the New Year's Cave.

The 13km overnight Karee Route is a challenging trail that stretches all the way to the top of the Magaliesberg. The 15km Magalieskrans Route is the most exciting and difficult of all and has 28 ladders up and down the rocky cliffs. Families with children older than 10 years are welcome to hike this trail, where you'll get to enjoy picturesque views of the Moot Valley and spot some game.

Stay over in the tidy hiking dormitory, which has comfortable beds and mattresses, as well as a gas stove and a fridge. Anything else you need,

you will have to carry up with you.

Ready to relax?

During your stay at Rustig you don't have to lift a finger – unless you want to. Book a dinner during the week or enjoy a lazy weekend lunch with family and friends. Not even hikers have to survive on instant noodles and tinned food, as a special hiker's menu is on offer. And when you stay over in the self-catering cottage or safari tents, you can indulge in a fuss-free braai. All you need to do is bring your meat or buy Oostermoed lam at the farm, and Rustig will take care of the side dishes.

You'll also enjoy peace of mind when you host your corporate event, wedding or function here. The fully equipped conference hall has everything you need and there's enough accommodation for 66 people.

And...

During the heat of the North West summer, you can look forward to the refreshing 25m solar-heated swimming pool.

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