



**THE MOUNTAIN CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA**



# WHO WE ARE

- The Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA) founded 1891
- 15 sections, just over 5000 members
- JHB since 1931, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Section, 1200+ Members
- Member of UIAA



# WHAT WE DO

- Organise and Facilitate Mountaineering
- Protect and Procure Real Rights in and Access to Mountains
- Protect Mountain Environments
- Promote Safety and Training
- Provide Search and Rescue Services
- Promote Study of Mountain & Environment
- Journal – annually in arrears (Electronic copies available)



# BECOMING A MEMBER

- Email requesting information
- Complete application form, return with head & shoulders photo
- Attend prospective members talk on a Monday
- Committee OK?
- Pay when fee is confirmed by administrator
- Welcome email
- Collect welcome package at CityRock gear shop



# BECOMING A MEMBER

## FEES 2023:

Entrance Fee – Once-Off \* R 350  
Different Categories

ORDINARY (25 – 64 years)	R 990
MARRIED	R 1 550
COUNTRY** (single)	R 710
COUNTRY**(married)	R 910
JUNIOR (up to 17 years)	R 150
YOUTH (18 to 25 years)	R 470
SENIORS (65 years+)	R 470
SENIOR MARRIED	R 750

\* Junior and Youth deferred till age 25

\*\* (if you live 110+ km from the office)

# FRINGE BENEFITS

- UIAA – International Meets
- 1 free day pass from MCSA for CityROCK per new member
- MCSA members are able to get discounts from outdoor retailers:
  - Drifters – 10%
  - Trappers – 10%
  - CityROCK – 10%
  - Hikers Paradise - 10%
  - Cape Union Mart, Sandton City – 5%
  - Mountain Mail Order – 10%
  - CityROCK (25% off joining Fee)
  - Forever Fresh (10%)
- Reciprocity
  - New Zealand Alpine Club
  - North London Mountain Club
  - Scottish Fell and Climbing Club





# EXPECTATIONS

- Enjoy and make use of pristine areas
- Nurture and Further the Club
- Volunteer
  - Properties – Paths, Weeding, Bolting, Patrolling
  - Training
  - Admin
  - Socials





# PROPERTIES

- Around the country – reciprocal rights
- JHB, MAG, LMP Sections – Northern Part of Country
- Own:
  - Tonquani complex, Mhlabatini, Grootkloof, Dome Pools
  - Wilgepoort
  - Wolkberg Hut
  - Boven
- Servitudes, undivided shares or Access
  - Krantzberg, Castle Gorge, Trident, Kranskloof, Fernkloof, Easterkloof
- Countrywide – approx 50 locations
- Costs - minimal



# ACCESS

- Properties generally on crest of mountain
- No direct access, except Waterval Boven, Wilgepoort
- By arrangement with landowners (registered servitude agreements, or written agreements, follow parking rules)
- Servitudes, undivided shares or access:
  - Krantzberg, Castle Gorge, Trident
- Must be protected, or will be lost
- Sensitive, and access can be withdrawn at any time



# CONSERVATION



- Oldest Conservation Body in Country
- Opposing illegal Developments – Kgaswane Lodge
- Pristine, Wilderness Nature
- Magaliesberg Protection Association (MPA)
- Magaliesberg UNESCO proclaimed Biosphere Reserve – higher level of protection
- Owning land
  - Firebreaks need to be arranged



# SEARCH & RESCUE (MSAR)

**Work with:**

- **South African Air Force (SAAF), Off Road Rescue Unit (ORRU), South African Police Service (SAPS) and other emergency services**



- **Members can volunteer to join**
- **JHB sessions are held on Thursdays at various venues**
- **Search & Rescue of missing, stuck or injured persons**