



# MIRKWOOD

— INFORMATION BOOKLET —





Situated in the spectacular Spekboom River Valley on a winding road flanked by towering rugged cliffs, **Rivendell Trout Estate** is the perfect getaway. Build unforgettable memories while fishing for trout, going for nature walks and enjoying a game drive.

Our tastefully decorated cottages, are situated on the fast flowing Spekboom River which is regularly stocked with rainbow trout. Rivendell Trout Estate falls within the Mount Anderson Water Catchment Reserve, a Conservancy of many thousand hectares where kudu, bushbuck, duiker and bushpigs are prolific. Klipspringers are seen almost daily and leopard are seen regularly - occasionally even during the day. There is plenty of varied bird life to interest keen birdwatchers.





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## MONKEYS AND BABOONS

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You will see **plastic** snakes on some windowsills. These are to deter baboons and keep them away from the cottages. Please be sure to close all windows and doors when you leave the cottage unattended. Please do not leave food, especially fruit on the outside tables. This will attract monkeys and baboons to the cottage.

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## HOW TO OPERATE THE GAS STOVE

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HOBBITON and BAG END COTTAGES – remove the protector plate which is required when using the grill. Turn the oven knob all the way to maximum; hold the knob in and press the button which creates a spark. The oven should light. Hold the knob in until the flame is burning well. Turn knob back to required temperature.

BUCKLEBURY, ELVINBROOK AND MIRKWOOD COTTAGES –

Turn the oven knob all the way to maximum. Hold the knob in. Light the oven with the lighter provided in the pilot hole located at the bottom in the centre front of the oven. Hold knob in until flame is burning well. Turn knob back to temperature required.

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## FIREWOOD

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Extra firewood is available at R100 per sack.  
Please ask your cleaner to get it for you.  
Please leave cash in the envelope provided or EFT to:  
J.S Brown  
Nedbank Branch 124641  
Current Account 1246570289

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## DRINKING WATER

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While the Spekboom River water is potable, a filter has been installed in the scullery sink (small tap) for those who prefer filtered water.

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## CELLPHONE SIGNAL

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There is very limited Vodacom cellphone signal in the valley. Whatsapp calls can be made when connected to the Wi-Fi

There is no MTN signal on the property



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## USING THE WI-FI

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Wi-fi is free and there is no password.

\* Alternatively if you drive up to "Klipspringer corner", where the quarry and gum trees are, you will get signal and be able to connect through your own hotspot.





## FISHING ETIQUETTE AND RULES

- The river is regularly stocked with rainbow trout.
- Only fly fishing is allowed.
- Only **catch and release with barbless hooks** is allowed.
- There is a fish cleaning station at the back of the garage.
- Please dispose of innards and other waste in the bags and bin provided.
- Fishermen may keep **one** fish per fisherman.  
Extra fish will be charged at R150/kg

Rivendell is primarily a fly fishing destination. Guests in each cottage have exclusive access to the river in front of their cottage. Please respect their privacy.

The remaining length of the river is open to guests from all the cottages for fishing and recreation, however please keep noise levels down and avoid playing in the water near fisherman. Noise and disturbance alarm the fish and spoil the fisherman's experience.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

**DOCTORS** - LYDENBURG MEDICAL CENTRE

013-235 2135 / 013 235 2205 / 082 201 2824 / 079 872 9426

**DENTIST** - LYDENBURG DENTAL CENTRE

Drs Kromhout & vd Meulen - 013 235 1983

**AMBULANCE:** 084 124 / 082 911 / 073 737 2105

**POLICE:** 013-235 2223 or 087 758 1346

**VEHICLE PROBLEMS:** Ray Hunter 082 332 9755

## LYDENBURG FACILITIES

CHECKERS, PICK N PAY, SPAR, SHOPRITE, SPUR, OCEAN BASKET, WIMPY, KFC, ROMANS PIZZA, CRUST RESTAURANT, CHINESE TAKE AWAY IN HEADS CENTRE NEAR CHECKERS

## TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

- \* 15km to Lydenburg Museum
- \* 18KM to start of Long Tom Pass
- \* 30km to Hops Hollow Brewery on the Long Tom Pass
- \* 35km to Misty Mountain Toboggan ride
- \* 40km to Long Tom Cannon
- \* 135 km to Numbi Gate, Kruger National Park
- \* Scenic route from Graskop via R532, takes you past Gods Window, Bourkes Luck Potholes, Three Sisters, Blyde River Canyon
- \* 63 km to Pilgrims Rest via R36
- \* 73 km to Graskop via R36
- \* 67 km from Dullstroom
- \* 35 km to Kwena Dam
- \* 103km to Sudwala Caves and Dinosaur Park





## RECOMMENDED RIVER FISHING FLIES

### USE FLOATING LINE AND AS INDICATOR FLIES, SIZE 14 OR 16:

These flies have been used successfully:

- Black Woolly Bugger
- Black Red Eyed Damsel
- Blood Worm
- Pheasant Tail nymph - orange thorax
- Dark Prince Nymph
- Beadhead Harpo CDC nymph
- Muddler Minnow
- Rubber legged Caddis in orange and black
- DDD
- Caddis - standard and same with CDC
- Daves Hopper
- Parachute RAB
- Small Brown Woolly Bugger
- Black Ant
- Orange DDD

*New Zealand Rig is popular and very successful.*

### THEN ATTACH APPROX 50CM TIPPET AND YOUR CHOICE OF:

- Prince Nymph
- P.T.N. Natural
- T.B. P.T.N.
- Tech Buzzer
- P.T.N. Flashback
- Copper John.





## HIKING ,MOUNTAIN BIKING, WATER FUN

Due to the extremely rocky terrain and thorny bush, walking off road is extremely difficult and the possibility of falling into an old mine hole is ever present. Guests are welcome however to walk or bike any of the roads on the property, as well as the river banks.

On your walks you may notice the remains of the Gold Rush days of the 1870's – crumbling stone shelters, heaps of excavated stones and diggers pegs and claim boards, deep excavations and odd bits of rusting equipment. Also remains of stone walled villages built by the Bokone people some thousands of years ago.

The Spekboom River provides excellent swimming and tubing opportunities and guests are welcome to enjoy these without disturbing any fishermen.

**LEGAL DISCLAIMER -** The area outside of the Rivendell perimeter is private property, do not enter these neighbouring properties. Right of admission is reserved.

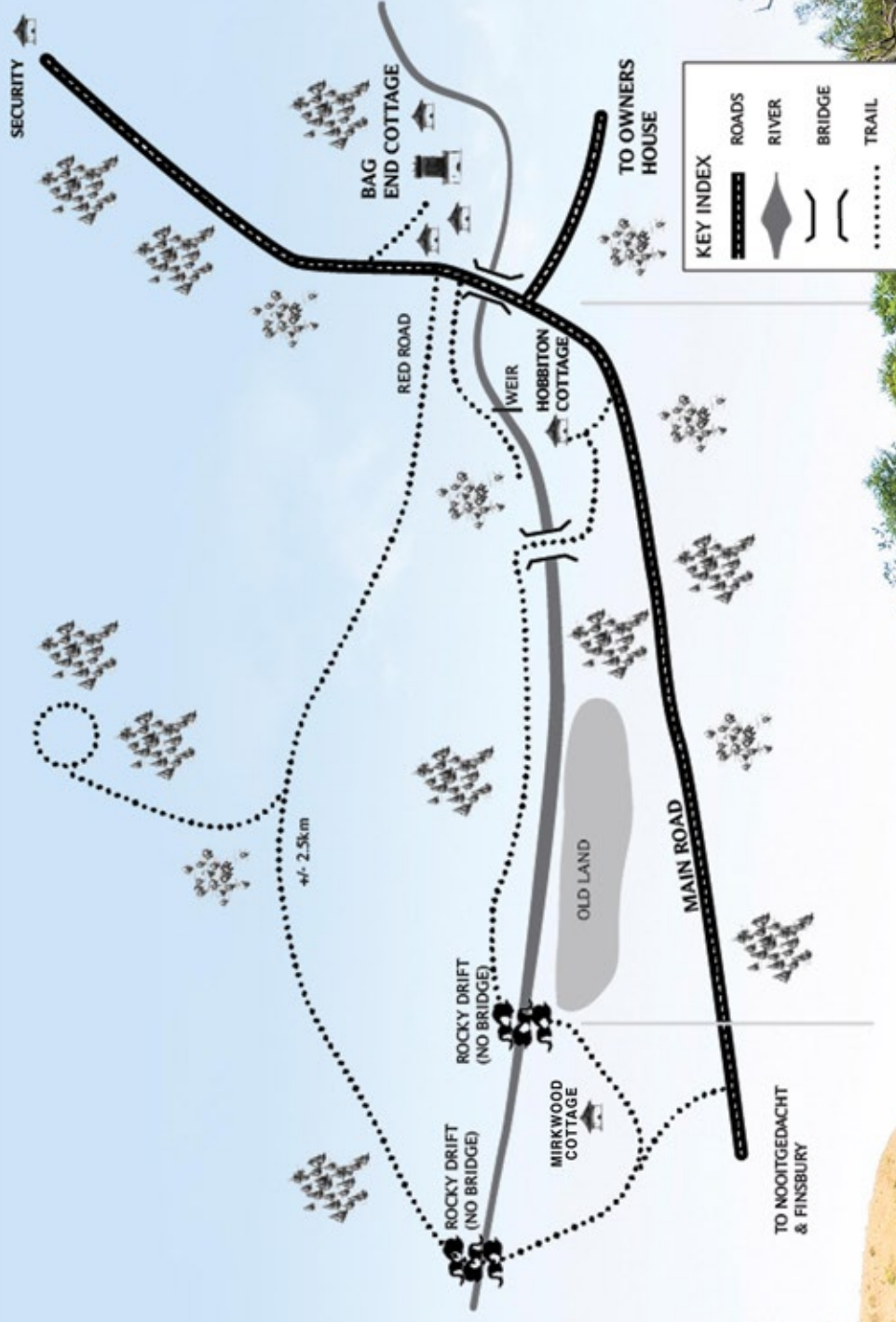
## WILDLIFE SPECIES LIST OF THE MOST COMMONLY SEEN ANIMALS

Kudu  
Bushbuck  
Klipspringer  
Warthog





# UPSTREAM TRAIL



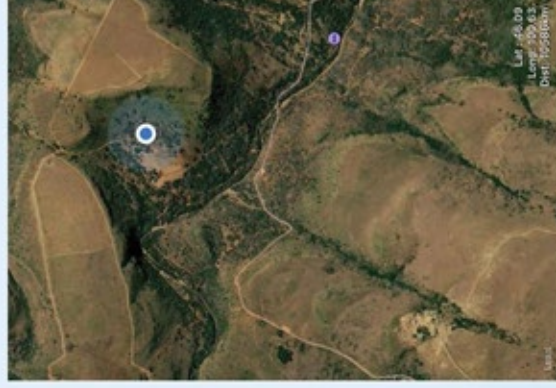


# DOWNSTREAM TRAIL

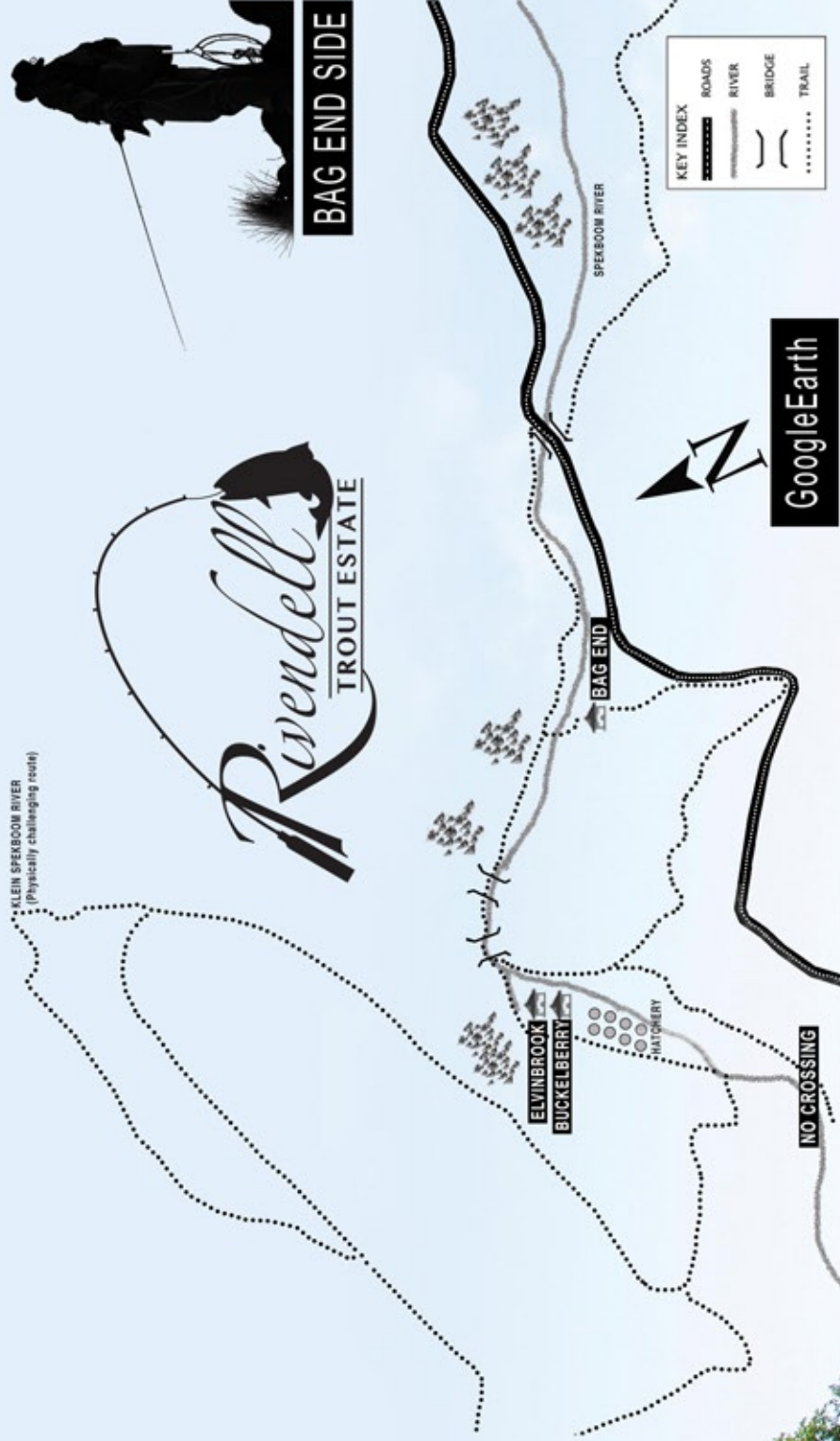
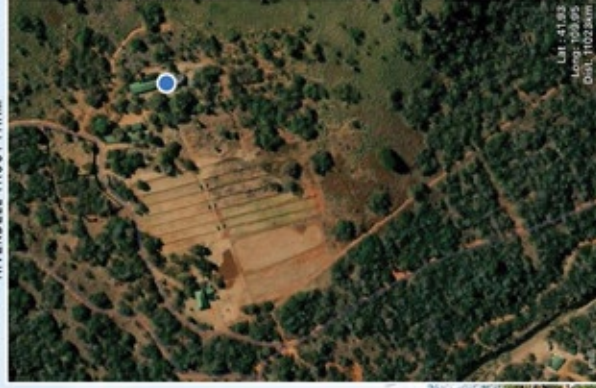
KLEIN SPEKBOOM RIVER  
(Physically challenging route)



**BAG END SIDE**



SATELLITE IMAGES OF  
RIVENDELL TROUT FARM







The attached bird list applies not only to Rivendell, but to the entire Mount Anderson Water Catchment Nature Reserve, which stretches from 1450m to 2100m above sea level.

Please note that birds are listed according to the **NEW ROBERTS of Southern Africa**

<input type="checkbox"/> 102	Egyptian Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> 572	Sombre Bulbul	<input type="checkbox"/> 769	Red-winged Starling
<input type="checkbox"/> 105	African Black Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> 577	Olive Thrush	<input type="checkbox"/> 761	Violet-backed Starling
<input type="checkbox"/> 118	Secretary Bird	<input type="checkbox"/> 581	Cape Rock Thrush	<input type="checkbox"/> 804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> 126b	Yellow-billed Kite	<input type="checkbox"/> 582	Sentinel Rock Thrush	<input type="checkbox"/> 807	Thickbilled Weaver
<input type="checkbox"/>	African Harrier Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> 588	Buff-streaked Chat	<input type="checkbox"/> 813	Cape Weaver
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Marsh Harrier	<input type="checkbox"/> 589	Familiar Chat	<input type="checkbox"/> 816	Golden Weaver
<input type="checkbox"/>	African Marsh Harrier	<input type="checkbox"/> 596	Stone Chat	<input type="checkbox"/> 820	Cuckoo Finch
<input type="checkbox"/> 157	Little Sparrowhawk	<input type="checkbox"/> 598	Chorister Robin	<input type="checkbox"/> 824	Red Bishop
<input type="checkbox"/> 158	Black Sparrowhawk	<input type="checkbox"/> 601	Cape Robin	<input type="checkbox"/> 827	Yellow-rumped Widow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lanner Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/> 606	Starred Robin	<input type="checkbox"/> 831	Red-collared Widow
<input type="checkbox"/>	African Goshawk	<input type="checkbox"/> 637	Yellow Warbler	<input type="checkbox"/> 834	Melba Finch
<input type="checkbox"/> 131	Black (Verreux) Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> 639	Barbet's Warbler	<input type="checkbox"/> 840	Blue-billed Fire Finch
<input type="checkbox"/> 133	Steppe Buzzard	<input type="checkbox"/> 644	Yellow-throated Warbler	<input type="checkbox"/> 850	Sweet Waxbill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackal Buzzard	<input type="checkbox"/> 645	Bar-throated Apalis	<input type="checkbox"/> 856	Common Waxbill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Booted Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> 648	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<input type="checkbox"/> 860	Pintailed Whydah
<input type="checkbox"/> 139	Long Crested Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> 657	Bleating Warbler	<input type="checkbox"/> 869	Yellow-eyed Canary
<input type="checkbox"/> 142	Brown snake Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> 661	Grassbird	<input type="checkbox"/> 870	Black-throated Canary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black shouldered Kite	<input type="checkbox"/> 677	Levaillant's Cisticola	<input type="checkbox"/> 872	Cape Canary
<input type="checkbox"/> 143	Black-chested Snake Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> 681	Neddicky	<input type="checkbox"/> 877	Bully Canary
<input type="checkbox"/> 148	Fish Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> 683	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<input type="checkbox"/> 881	Streaky-headed Canary
<input type="checkbox"/> 170	Western Osprey	<input type="checkbox"/> 686	Spotted Prinia	<input type="checkbox"/> 884	Golden-breasted Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/> 155	Red-chested Sparrowhawk	<input type="checkbox"/> 689	Spotted Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> 885	Cape Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/> 355	Laughing Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> 690	Dusky Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> 886	Rock Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/> 356	Namaqua Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> 691	Blue-grey Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pied Starling
<input type="checkbox"/> 358	Green-spotted Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> 698	Fiscal Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/>	African Finfoot
<input type="checkbox"/> 360	Cinnamon Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> 700	Cape Batis	<input type="checkbox"/> 401	Spotted Eagle Owl
<input type="checkbox"/> 370	Knysna Lourie	<input type="checkbox"/> 701	Chinspot Batis	<input type="checkbox"/> 464	Black collared Barbet
<input type="checkbox"/> 371	Purple Crested Lourie	<input type="checkbox"/> 708	Blue-mantled Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> 391	Burchells Coucal
<input type="checkbox"/> 451	African Hoopoe	<input type="checkbox"/> 710	Paradise Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> 196	Natal Francolin
<input type="checkbox"/> 452	Green Wood Hoopoe	<input type="checkbox"/> 711	African Pied Wagtail	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redwing Francolin
<input type="checkbox"/> 454	Common Scimitarbill	<input type="checkbox"/> 713	Cape Wagtail	<input type="checkbox"/> 203	Helmeted Guinea Fowl
<input type="checkbox"/> 444	Little Bee-eater	<input type="checkbox"/> 716	Grassveld (Richard's) Pipit	<input type="checkbox"/> 199	Swainsons Guinea Fowl
<input type="checkbox"/> 428	Pied Kingfisher	<input type="checkbox"/> 727	Orange-throated Longclaw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-eyes Bulbul
<input type="checkbox"/> 431	Malachite Kingfisher	<input type="checkbox"/> 732	Fiscal Shrike	<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Quail
<input type="checkbox"/> 430	Half-collared Kingfisher	<input type="checkbox"/> 733	Redbacked Shrike	<input type="checkbox"/>	Double - collared Sunbird
<input type="checkbox"/> 435	Brown Hooded Kingfisher	<input type="checkbox"/> 736	Southern Bou-Bou	<input type="checkbox"/> 793	Collared Sunbird
<input type="checkbox"/> 550	White-necked Raven	<input type="checkbox"/> 741	Brubru	<input type="checkbox"/>	Olive Woodpecker
<input type="checkbox"/> 565	Bush Blackcap	<input type="checkbox"/> 712	Long-tailed Wagtail	<input type="checkbox"/> 844	Blue waxbill
<input type="checkbox"/> 568	Black-eyed Bulbul	<input type="checkbox"/> 593	Mocking Chat	<input type="checkbox"/> 377	Red-chested Cuckoo

Please feel free to add any species you sight which are not already included on the list. Enjoy your birding in our valley.



# EXPLORE OUR BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDING AREAS

