

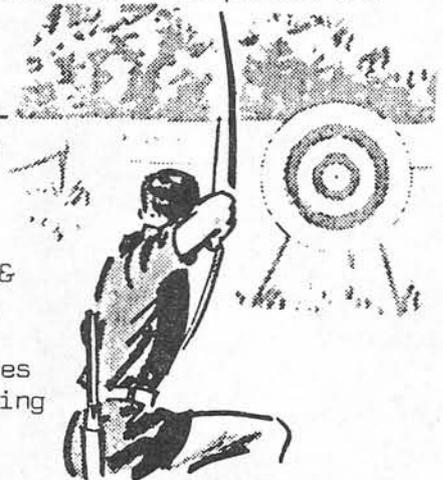


SUPER CEDARBERG

On 11th December, 1986, over 300 Scouts assembled at Cape Town station to be transported to the Cedarberg. Our Patrol, No. 9, consisted of Chris Old, Stephen Old, Logan Pearson and Cormac Tooze from 1st Camps Bay, Richard (Curly) Green, Andy and Robert from 2nd Somerset West and Jarred Craik from 12th Green & Sea Point.

After a five hour trip, we arrived at headquarters at Driehoek. We were allocated campsites and we spent the afternoon settling in. That evening there was an opening campfire and during the night many patrols were transported out to various bases.

The next morning after a two hour trip, we arrived at Eselbank where the Archery Centre was situated. Eselbank is on the opposite side of the Cedarberg range to Driehoek. We spent the afternoon firing arrows at targets.



Early the next morning we hiked on to the Fox Hunting & Electronics Centre. After a nice relaxing morning in the shade we started the fox hunting at midday. Fox hunting consists of a transmitter (the fox), which gives out a signal and the hunters who have a receiver. Using triangulation, we had to find four transmitters.

That night we hiked on and camped in the bushes. The next morning we arrived at the Scuba Diving Centre. We all dived and had fun in this huge pool with a 42 foot jump.

Thereafter we were transported on to the Marksmanship Centre. There we all had a chance to shoot with a .22 pistol and a shotgun.



From there we were transported to the Water Activities Centre where we slept that night. The next day we all had a chance to waterski, windsurf and sail. We spent another night at the Clanwilliam Dam and early the next morning we went bass fishing. The patrol before us had caught 23 bass, but for us the fish didn't bite.

We then moved on to the Ecology Centre. Here we were given a very interesting lecture on ecology and the environment.

The next day we hiked up Krakadouwpoort. This is a 17 km. hike where the path rises 900 metres and then drops 200 metres. It took the average patrol 13 hours to do but we managed to do it in 7 hours with a lot of sweat. That night we participated in Handicapped Awareness which was interesting. Another patrol from 1st Langa also camped there that evening and we spent half the night singing with them.

The next day we hiked on to the Commando Assault Course. We managed to do the Course in a reasonable time but there were some extremely difficult stunts.

From there we hiked on to Burro Packing and Gold Panning. In the morning we were taught how to pack a donkey and then we led the donkeys to the river, where we panned fools' gold.

That afternoon we moved on to the Crystal Pools where we spent the night. The next day we hiked back to base camp at Driehoek, where we had the final campfire. After the songs, awards were given out. Our patrol received the prize for the best electronic fox hunters and the best at Handicapped Awareness. We also got a patrol award. After the campfire the guys with a bit of spirit went around singing Christmas carols.

The next morning we packed up and went back by bus to Cape Town after a wonderful Senior Scout Adventure.

I would like to thank all the staff who worked so hard at each Activity Centre, and especially Colin Ingles for organising the Adventure.

THERE WERE NO PATHS IN THIS ROUGH
LAND WHERE PIONEER PROSPECTORS ONCE
PANNED GOLD. 8 MILES A DAY WAS AVERAGE
- WITH MANY CLIFFS
AND RIVER
CROSSINGS
EN ROUTE



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