

# BEACON HILL

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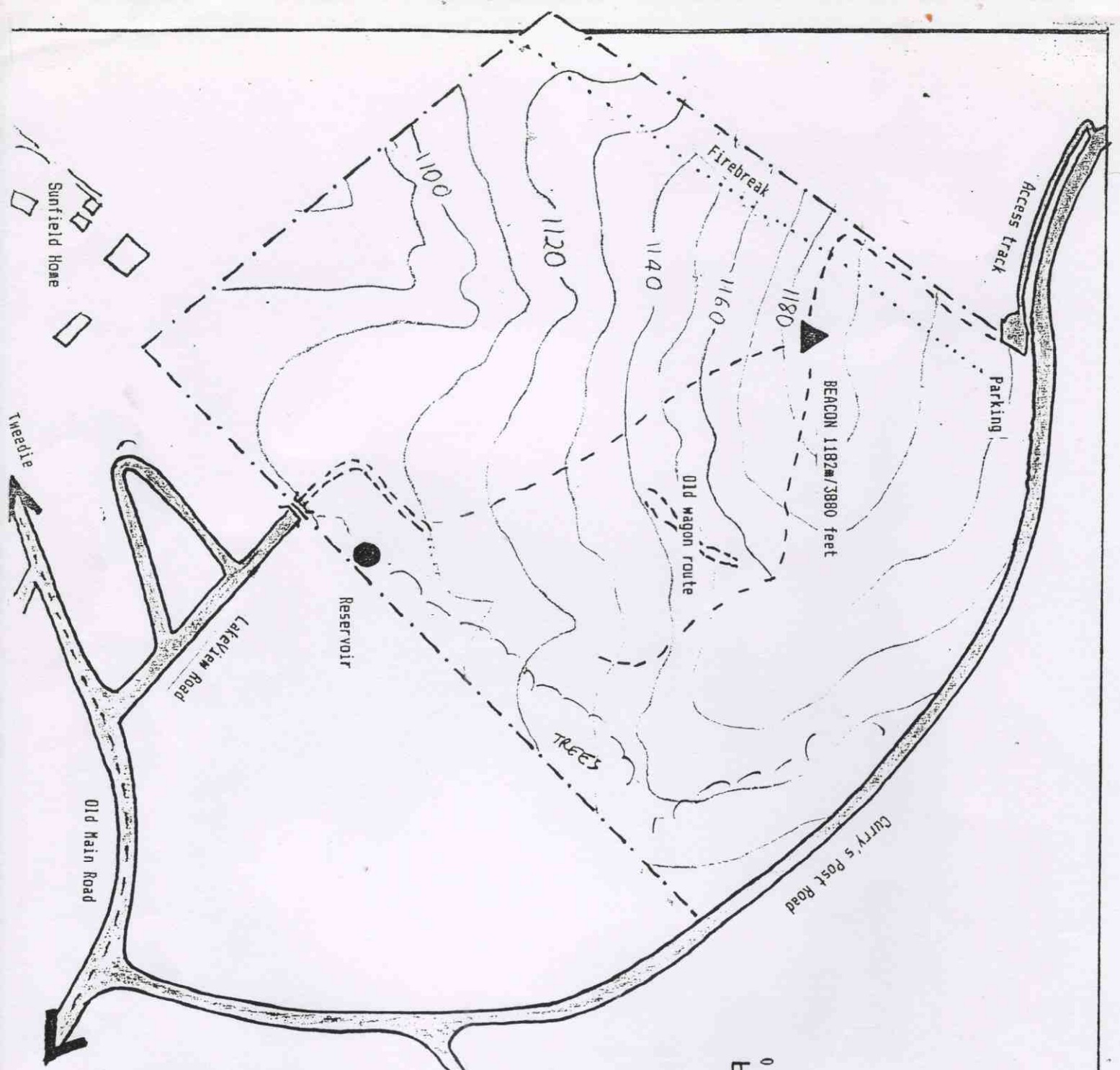


In October 1996, the area known as "Beacon Hill" was declared a conservation area by the Howick TLC.

Formally known as HOWICK Extension 16, Beacon Hill consists of about 40 Ha of largely undisturbed natural grassland or "veld".

In Spring, a large number of beautiful indigenous flowering plant species are evident on its slopes. Also evident are the remains of the historic ox wagon road between Pietermaritzburg and the interior.

The views of the Midlands from the Beacon are spectacular. For the more energetic, take the path leading directly to the Beacon, from the top of Lakeview Road. Alternatively, take the Curry's Post Road from Howick, and then turn left at the first dirt road, immediately left again and park at the end of the track. There is an easy walk up the firebreak, and along a short footpath.



# FLOWERS on BEACON HILL Compiled by Evelyn Hughes

Ref. Wild flowers KwaZulu-Natal by Elsa Pooley

	Page
1. Graderia scabra -	431
2. Nemesia denticulate -	480
3. Gazania krebsiana -	333
4. Albuca setosa -	94
5. Morea brevistyla	109
6. Cyrtanthus tuckii	41
7. Gerbera piloselloides	221
8. Anthericum cooperi	88
9. Helichrysum pilosellum	315
10. Acalypha pendularis	63
11. Eriosema squarrosum	63
12. Trachyandra asperata	88
13. Kohautia amatymbica	203
14. Adenanthellum osmitoides	219
15. Gerbera piloselloides	221
16. Renunculus multifidus	252
17. Eulophia clavicornus	373
18. Cyperus spharoccephalus	223
19. Lotonotis foliosa	259
20. Hypericum aethiopicum	291
21. Senecio bupleuroides	322
22. Helichrysum cymosum	313
23. Clerodendrum hirsutum	471
24. Becium oboratum	189
25. Senecio polyodon	445
26. Thunbergia atriplicifolia	307
27. Sisyranthus trichostomus	553
28. Ajuga ophphrydis	471
29. Pentanesia prunelloides	493
30. Scilla Kraussii	451
31. Ledebouria cooperi	345
32. Adhatoda andromeda	203
33. Gerbera piloselloides	221
34. Hypoxis multiceps	235
35. Hypoxis iridifolia	235
36. Hypoxis augustifolia	233
37. Hypoxis argentea	235
38. Crotoparia globifera	263
39. Eriosema kraussianum	275
40. Moraea elliotii	453
41. Dierama trichorhizum	457
42. Desmodium dregeanum	465
43. Veronia hirsuta	498
44. Nemesia denticulata	429
45. Satyrium neglectum	364

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46. <i>Pterygodium magnum</i>	575
47. <i>Eulophia odontoglossa</i>	244
48. <i>Eulophia ensata</i>	244
49. <i>Eulophia leontoglossa</i>	244
50. <i>Bulbine abyssinica</i>	225
51. <i>Eriosema cordatum</i>	275
52. <i>Leonotis leonorus</i>	71
53. <i>Crassula vaginata</i>	255
54. <i>Knifhofia laxiflora</i>	29
55. <i>Eriospermum mackenii</i>	227
56. <i>Dierama dracomontanum</i>	355
57. <i>Asclepias gibba</i>	171
58. <i>Asclepias cucullata</i>	417
59. <i>Indigophera tristis</i>	391
60. <i>Pentanesia prunelloides</i>	493
61. <i>Conostomium natalensis</i>	493
62. <i>Pelargonium luridum</i>	401
63. <i>Hypericum aethiopicum</i>	291
64. <i>Hypericum lalandii</i>	291
65. <i>Helichrysum auronitens</i>	311
66. <i>Helichrysum pilosellum</i>	315
67. <i>Helichrysum nanum</i>	315
68. <i>Senecio coronatus</i>	323
69. <i>Abrus laevigatus</i>	465
70. <i>Cycnium tubulosum</i>	433
71. <i>Striga bilabiata</i>	433
72. <i>Berkheya setifera</i>	337
73. <i>Berkheya multijuga</i>	337
74. <i>Euryops tysonii</i>	331
75. <i>Watsonia densiflora</i>	359
76. <i>Brunsvigia radulosa</i>	349
78. <i>Helichrysum adenocarpum</i>	443
79. <i>Plectranthus cylindraceus</i>	185
80. <i>Arthrixia phylloides</i>	443
81. <i>Teucrium kraussii</i>	181
82. <i>Cyrtanthus breviflorus</i>	232
83. <i>Boopbane disticha</i>	346
84. <i>Eriosema distinctum</i>	60
85. <i>Stachys aethiopica</i>	183
86. <i>Vernonia oligocephala</i>	497
87. <i>Chaetacanthus burchellii</i>	199
88. <i>Eulophia foliosa</i>	521
89. <i>Cyphia elata</i>	209
90. <i>Indigofera hilaris</i>	391
100. <i>Alepidea amatymbica</i>	161
101. <i>Scilla nervosa</i>	97
102. <i>Gomphocarpus rivularis</i>	168
103. <i>Aristea woodii</i>	454
104. <i>Wahlenbergia krebsii</i>	495
105. <i>Lobelia</i>	497

FLOWERS on BEACON

Ref. With flowers known - Natal by Elias F. Page

1. <i>Galathea scabra</i>	1
2. <i>Hemsteinia densiflora</i>	2
3. <i>Gazania hartwegii</i>	3
4. <i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	4
5. <i>Marrubium bracteatum</i>	5
6. <i>Cycnium tubulosum</i>	6
7. <i>Cycnium tubulosum</i>	7
8. <i>Antennaria spicata</i>	8
9. <i>Helichrysum aethiopicum</i>	9
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45. <i>Helichrysum aethiopicum</i>	45

## Grasses found on Beacon Hill

Ref. – Guide to Grasses of Southern Africa- Fritz van Oudtshoorn

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1. Digitaria eriantha	226
2. Eragrostis plana	194
3. Sporobolus fimbriatus	144
4. Sporobolus pyramidalus	195
5. Aristida junciformis	110
6. Eragrostis curvula	177
7. Pennisetum clandestinum	259
8. Hyparrhenia filipendula	57
9. Hyparrhenia hirta	56
10. Themeda triandra	50
11. Cymbopogon excavatus	52
12. Panicum maximum	179
13. Cymbopogon validus	54
14. Cynodon dactylon	229
15. Monocymbium cerasiiforme	62
16. Setaria nigrirostris	261
17. Setaria pallide-fusca	92
18. Aristida congesta	97
19. Paspalum dilatatum	246

## Trees Found on Beacon Hill

Trees of Natal by Elsa Pooley

	Page numbers
1. Acacia sieberiana	138
2. Cussonia spicata	378
3. Halleria lucida	448
4. Erythrina latissima	176
5. Buddleja savifolia	426
6. Rhus dentata	250

## Mammals found on Beacon Hill

1. Reedbuck
2. Bushbuck
3. Grey Duiker
4. Porcupine
5. Caracal
6. Vervet Monkey
7. Scrub Hare
8. Large Grey Mongoose
9. Slender Mongoose
10. Canerat

**Birds Found on Beacon Hill and Surrounds** - compiled by Margie Sleight

1. Barbet, Black-collared
2. BouBou, Southern
3. Bunting, Golden-breasted
4. Buzzard, Jackal
5. " Steppe
6. Canary, Cape
7. " Forest ( in the gully)
8. " Yellow-fronted
9. Crow, Pied
10. Cuckoo, Black
11. " Klaas
12. " Redchested
13. Eagle, Long-crested
14. Firefinch, African
15. Flycatcher, Southern Black
16. " African Dusky
17. Francolin, Natal
18. " Red- winged
19. " Red-necked
20. Grassbird, Cape
21. Guineafowl, Helmeted
22. Heron Black-headed
23. Honeyguide, Greater
24. Kingfisher Brown-headed
25. Kite, Black-shouldered
26. Lark, Rufous- napped
27. Manniken, Bronze
28. Neddicky
29. Nightjar, Firery-necked
30. Oriole, Black-headed
31. Owl, Grass
32. Paradise-flycatcher African
33. Pipit, Long-billed – Nest with 3 young Oct 1990
34. Prinia, Drakensberg
35. " Tawny-flanked
36. Puffback, Black-backed
37. Quail, Common
38. Robin-chat Cape
39. Seed eater, Streaky-headed
40. Sparrowhawk Black
41. Stonechat
42. Sunbird, Amethyst
43. Saw-wing Black
44. Swallow Barn
45. Swift Alpine
46. " African Black
47. " White-rumped
48. Tchagra Black-crowned

49. Warbler	Broad tailed
50. "	Dark-capped
51. Waxbill	Common
52. Whydah	Pin-tailed
53. Widowbird	Fantailed
54. "	Redcollared
55. Wood-Hoopoe	Greenbacked
56. Wryneck	
57. Coucal	Burchell's (found in the gullies)
58. Cuckoo	Diederick's
59. Weaver	Village
60. "	Cape
61. Bulbul	Sombre
62. Flufftail	Striped (new sighting of a rare bird 12\2009)

