

Boschhoek Update May 2016

TALE OF THE ELAND @ BOSCHHOEK

Mystical to the ancient San, enigmatic on Boschhoek...

After an absence of more than a century, these majestic antelope made Boschhoek their home some three years ago. True to their nature, they vanished into Boschhoek's wilderness for more than three months before materialising in a remote valley.



For the better part of a year after that they again disappeared. Magic?

Nature is unfathomable, but sometimes technology does lend a hand.



This time an automated trail camera captured their images, although in the flesh they remained eerily unseen.

After bolstering their numbers a year ago, more apparitions showed up at the most unexpected times.



A brief sighting on the savanna, a newborn calf in the open, sheltering behind zebra in Boekenhoutkloof.

Our recent mountain hike during the Boschhoek get-together managed a teasing glimpse disappearing into the bush up at Taaiboskop. Was it never to be?

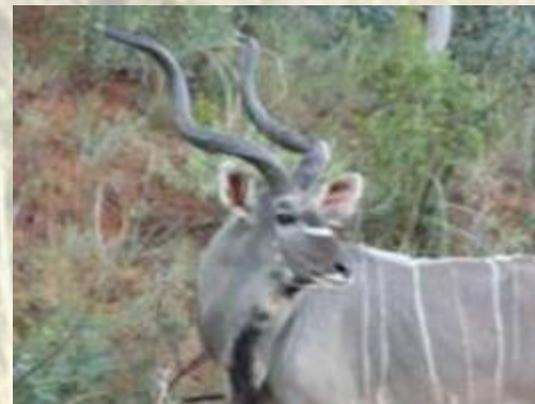


And then, Monday. From the clubhouse I crested the ridge to the north and made my way down to my own place on the northern dam lost in my thoughts. Suddenly, the bush was alive in front of me. There they were. Casually standing not 20 meters away and gazing at me as if it were the most ordinary thing imaginable.



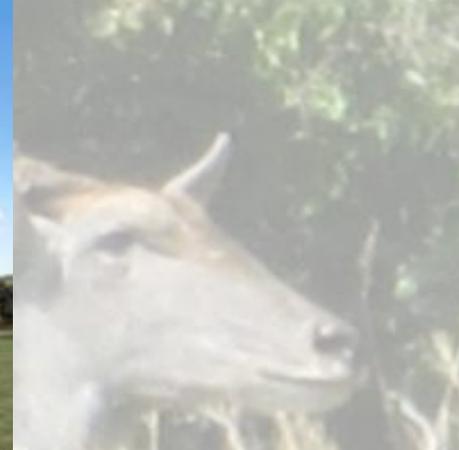
Real? Not sure. Surreal? Definitely.

Though less enigmatic, the rest of the game on Boschhoek is equally thriving.



Another giraffe calf made its appearance, and the young blesbuck seem to be keeping their truce with the leopard(?) which enjoyed their company the previous season. The impala rams are starting to round up their ewes, and there are kudu in abundance. Whilst the waterbuck tend to keep to the savanna down below, the mountain hike had a lovely sighting of another herd of red hartebeest up in the wilderness area. Mountain reedbuck are an occasional sighting, whilst the bushbuck and the reedbuck tend to keep to themselves.

As before, the Boschhoek get-together was a huge success.



More than 130 Boschhoekers gathered around fire and pot under the shade of the huge wild fig tree sheltering the clubhouse



after the hikers had first conquered the mountains,



the birders had added to our impressive bird list and the tree lovers had enjoyed their own guided excursion to learn more about the bush at Boschhoek. Heartfelt thanks to Jandre, Ane and all the others for their effort!

For those wishing to make nature's best @ Boschhoek part of their lives as have already done more than 100 families, a stunning selection of around 16 full title 1-2 hectare bush properties is still available. Ranging from lovely trees and bush in a secluded valley with a summer stream gurgling by at



Knobwood Glen



, the wide grassland vistas of Savanna



, the all-round views of Boschhoek's



amphitheatre from Protea View and Kudu Ridge

and the unsurpassed



recently launched [last river stands](#) at Taaiboskop offers a soul retreat to all. With stand prices between R499 000 and R899 000, Boschhoek's almost 1500 hectares is yours for less than a postage stamp of city land. Ten years to start building, no minimum size or fixed style and a levy of only R600 per month allows you to create your bush abode at a pace and in a manner which speaks to you.

of which some have already found bush loving owners, Boschhoek



The ingenuity and creativity expressed in the more than 30 houses already tucked away on Boschhoek speaks volumes of the way in which we are guests in nature. With only a quarter percent of Boschhoek to be under roof, nature will always reign supreme.

Share a Lodge
@R300 000
R150 000 Joint Purchase
Own a 10% share, a week every 2 months
Shared costs @ actual minimum

, our initiative for those who prefer part owning a furnished lodge at Boschhoek rather than having the responsibility of full ownership also incorporates some stunning bush building elements. With completion due later this year on one of the highest stands on Boschhoek with views forever,
4 of the 10 shares have already been sold and 2 more reserved, all in two weeks!! This leaves only 4 shares available.



The combination of a freestanding living area



and two separate chalets with two en suite bedrooms each



x2





tucked away among the trees with 12 beds altogether gives you the option of inviting friends along or purchasing jointly at R150 000 each. This entitles you to spend a week on Boschhoek every second month at a monthly cost of only R450, or R225 in the event of a joint purchase. Kindly see [here](#) for more details.

Only an hour and a half from Pretoria and two hours from Johannesburg, Boschhoek continues to redefine the concept of a bush retreat for our



permanent residents and city dwellers alike. With regular full page ads in page ads in [Platteland](#), [Country Life](#) and [Beeld](#) helping our owners to quietly spread the word, a recent Beeld article (see [here](#)) succinctly summed up the *back to nature* essence of Boschhoek.

We conclude with an extract from *The Spirit of Boschhoek*, as previously shared with our owners:

Boschhoek is a sanctuary where not only our hearts may wander.

A place where we, our children and our children's children may find reality and healing, meaning in a world which has fortified itself with layer upon layer of make-believe.

There is realness in the tracks under the dappled shade of a wild seringa tree which no smartphone, pod or pad could ever aspire to touch.

No screen, however flat or wide, could ever match the reflection of a mountain pool.

No corporate structure will ever measure up to the amazing order of nature.

The infinite rules to regulate millions in the city are simplified to their very essence in the bush.

It is this realness that our souls yearn for at Boschhoek.

Let us tread lightly and treasure it.

If we must go back to the other world, let Boschhoek live in our hearts long after the rain has washed away our tracks, until the next time...

The enigma of the eland doesn't end there. It extends to the enigma of nature of which we are inseparably part. Do come and share in it, whether for an hour, a day or a lifetime...

Our typical time slots for those who have not yet heeded the yearning are Saturdays and Sundays 09h30, 12h00 and 14h30. Let our estate manager Jandre Higgo take you out for a sense of nature@Boschhoek. Pack a picnic basket and spend some time next to our mountain stream, or combine it with a light meal at [Leeuwenhof Country Lodge and Garden Spa](#) next door. Kindly call me to arrange!



Not a journey too slow, rather a hurry too great...

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Full title 1-2 Ha stands from R499 000; Stand PLUS Bush Lodge from R849 000 (or less)

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Waterberg (Modimolle/Nylstroom) 1.5 hrs from Pretoria, 2 hours from Johannesburg



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