

I. THE DOME HAS A GUIDEBOOK

His name is Andy — *and he walks ahead of you.*

The Vredefort Dome is two billion years of geology and a few thousand years of stories layered on top of it. There are caves you would walk past, river bends where the leopards drink at dusk, ridges where the impact ring still shows itself plainly if someone points it out. None of it is signposted. **Andy is the signpost.** Years of working the land for the trust — anti-poaching patrols, rehab releases, school visits, rescues. Every cave, every hide, every animal sign, all of it walked into memory.



II. What it looks like, walking with him

You arrive at first light, a thermos in the back of the bakkie. Andy meets you with a route already in his head — chosen for the season, the weather, what the rangers reported overnight. He walks ahead, and as he walks he reads the ground out loud. Hyena scat. A klipspringer browse line. Old wire from a snare cut three months ago. He'll stop more than he walks. The point isn't distance; the point is what you understand by the end.

Half the time the dome's geology is the lead character — the impact ring on the horizon, the shocked quartz at your feet, the way one ancient event reshaped an entire region. The other half it's the wildlife — what's around, what's recovering, what's still being protected. Both threads run through every walk.



III. The offerings

Half-Day Walk

Three to four hours · small groups · most weekends

Wildlife signs, dome geology, the trust's working stories. The starter – and what most visitors come back from wanting more of.

Full-Day Immersion

Sunrise to late afternoon · packed lunch · single group bookings

The full arc. Includes a stop at one of the trust's working sites – a rehab pen, a research camera trap, a restoration patch – depending on what's live that week.

Photo Dawns

Two-hour pre-sunrise window · photographers · weather-permitting

Andy reads the light and the wind and chooses the hide. You shoot. Best mornings of the year are early winter and late autumn, when the long shadows reach across the impact ring.

Geology Stories

Two-hour walk · crater-focused · all ages

The asteroid. The 300-kilometre crater that used to be here. The rocks that still remember. Suitable for visiting researchers, university groups, and any visitor who wants the planet-scale version of the dome's story.

Family Wildlife Morning

Two to three hours · children welcome · gentle terrain

Pace and route picked for small legs. Tracking games, scat ID, an animal-rescue story or two. Sends children home with a different relationship to the bush than they came in with.



IV. What it costs, plainly

Pricing is per group, not per head – the same walk for two visitors costs the same as it does for six. We do this because the work doesn't change with group size, and because a couple shouldn't subsidise a tour bus. Final numbers are confirmed when we know the date, the season, and which walk you're choosing. **A meaningful share of every fee goes back into trust operations** – rangers, vehicles, rehab. You're not just buying a guided morning; you're funding the next snare-sweep.



V. How to book

Tell us the date you're thinking of, how many in the group, and which walk caught you. We'll come back with a confirmed time, a meeting point, and what to wear.



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