

NEW GERMANY NATURE RESERVE



New Germany Nature Reserve forms part of the extensive New Germany Commonage, which has a long and chequered history, starting with the establishment of the farm Clermont in 1848. There has been much discussion about the status of various sections of the area, and this resulted in the formation of the New Germany Nature Reserve in 1986, consisting of two parts: the Nature Park on the north side of Mountain Ridge Road , and the Nature Reserve on the south side.

The Nature Reserve is less developed, but has a long trail across the south-facing slope, passing through short grassland, a large patch of forest and a stand of Silver Protea *Protea roupelliae* , which was once quite common in the area. The grassland parts of the reserve and park are well managed, and attract some interesting birds, especially after burning.

The tall forest canopy in the valleys is rich in birdlife, with robins and flycatchers being common. Numerous nectar producing plants, such as Tree Fuschia *Halleria lucida* and Wild Banana *Strelitzia nicolai* provide food for several species of sunbirds, while the deep leaf litter is home to Terrestrial Brownbuls and thrushes. The reserve also attracts a number of altitudinal migrants during winter, and is worth visiting at any time of year.

Reserve Size	50 ha
Opening Hours	07:30 – 17:00
Entrance Fee	No
Pets Allowed	No
Facilities	Rustic bush camp, Hides, Interpretative centre, Picnic areas, Braai facility, Guided walks, Self-guided walks, Birding, Game viewing, School trails
Special Features	Walk-in aviary and game. Grassland and valley forest communities. Three protea species. Wild flowers in spring
Directions (from Durban)	From Old Main Road, Pinetown turn north into Otto Volek Road. Follow sign right into Mountain Ridge Road just before the M19. Follow signs to the reserve.
GPS Co-ordinates	29° 48' 53" S & 30° 53' 32"E
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