

## GIBA GORGE ENVIRONMENTAL PRECINCT



South African Environmental history was made when the GGEP was established in July 2009 after being endorsed as a Special Rating Area (SRA) by the eThekweni Municipality. This is the first SRA in South Africa to be established specifically to protect the biodiversity of an area. It was officially opened on 22 August 2010.

The Giba Gorge Environmental Precinct (GGEP) is a cooperative project between private landowners and the municipality to manage a common area for conservation purposes. There are more than 165 private landowners that surround this common area all of which contribute to the maintenance of this natural heritage. Levies, directed via the municipal finance system (known as a Special Rating Area), are channelled into a not-for profit Section 21 Company. The company comprises seven directors and a working committee that is mostly represented by landowners in the GGEP.

Reserve Size	354 ha
Opening Hours	Daylight hours
Entrance Fee	None
Pets Allowed	Yes, on a leash
Facilities	Self-guided walks, Mountain biking, Birding, Educational tours
Special Features	The area has its first recorded human origins in the Stone Age approximately 100 000 years ago and evidence of this is found at the Umhlatuzana Rock Shelter. The value of the Umhlatuzana Rock Shelter stone artefact assemblages is in providing evidence of hafting of small composite tools took place perhaps as early as 100 000 years ago.
Directions (from Durban)	On the M13 take the first Hillcrest/Winston Park exit. At the end of the off-ramp turn right and continue to the first left turn into Saint Helier Road. Approximately 650m after it crosses under the M13 turn right at the T-junction into Longforgan Avenue.
GPS Co-ordinates	29° 48' 12" S & 30° 46' 15"E
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