



Explore
McGregor
and beyond

a shortlist of things to do



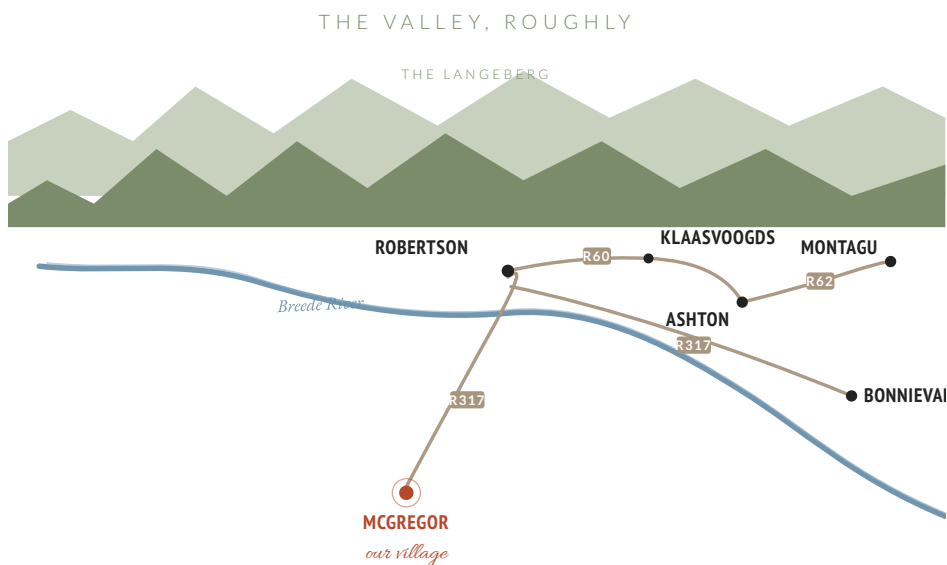
A FEW FAVOURITES

Where to start

A shortlist from someone who lives here.

McGregor rewards slowing down. Walk into the mountains, wander the wine valley, linger in the village — three different rhythms. Pick a few; the rest will wait for next time.

What follows is what we do ourselves, and what we send friends to when they visit. Ask us for the bits that suit the weather and your mood.





A gentle morning **IN THE** *village*

A WALK THROUGH TEMENOS

A spiritual garden in the middle of the village, just two minutes from Lucky Crane Villas.

The Well, the little chapel, the shrines, paths winding between bushes and trees. Peacocks wander where they please.

BREE STREET / VOORTREKKER STREET · OPEN DAILY · NO ENTRY FEE

BLANC & CO

Linen clothing that breathes in the heat, plus small-batch skincare. A shop that feels like someone's beautifully kept cupboard.

1 BREE STREET

FOUND

Antiques, beeswax candles, old books with handwritten prices. A slow-browse shop — set aside *half an hour*.

VOORTREKKER & CHURCH





Five minutes out

WINE TASTINGS *nearby*

BEMIND

Garagista wines produced by *Ilse Schutte* — small tastings, conversation included.

45 VOORTREKKER · BY APPOINTMENT

LORD'S WINERY

A 180-degree view over the valley from the tasting deck. Family-run, open daily.

15 MIN FROM THE VILLAGE · WALK-INS WELCOME

TANAGRA

Handcrafted wines and *a grappa worth the drive out of the village*. Small cellar, personal welcome; book ahead.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY





Stop and smell the fynbos

HIKES & THE *outdoors*

BOESMANSKLOOF TRAIL

The big one. Three to four hours up to the *waterfall and pool*, or the full eight-hour traverse to Greyton. Pack water, wear proper shoes.

PERMIT AT THE TOURIST BUREAU

VROLIJKHEID NATURE RESERVE

Bird hides, short walks, picnic spots under the thorn trees. Quiet, almost always empty — and *a good place for a slow morning*. Take the turn-off to *Steenboksvlakte*; the gate is on your left. Push it open and drop the R50 entry into the honesty box behind.

R50 PER PERSON · 15 MIN AWAY

VAN LOVEREN FISH EAGLE TRAIL

A 7.5km biodiversity trail through vineyards and veld. Gentle on the legs, generous on the views.

R60 ENTRY · TRAIL MAPS AT THE ESTATE





For the legs

ON TWO *wheels*

LORD'S LOOP

A gentle 12km family route through vineyards — *suitable for most bikes and most riders*. A proper first outing.

12 KM · EASY

STRYKHOOGTE PASS

28km, more demanding, with *breathtaking views* off the top of the pass. For stronger legs and a longer morning.

28 KM · INTERMEDIATE

Other routes via Van Loveren (four signed trails) and Steenbokslakte. Tell us how far you want to go and we'll send the right one for your day.





Out of the village

THE KLAASVOOGDS *meander*

SHEILAM CACTUS & SUCCULENT NURSERY

The surprise highlight — a *world-class collection* of cacti and succulents tucked down a dirt road. Wander slowly; bring a hat.

TUESDAY–SUNDAY

OWL'S REST

Lavender, rose geranium and olive farm — distillations, oils, and a shop with things that actually smell like the place.

OPEN DAILY

KRANSKOP WINERY

Wine and cheese on a terrace with *a view worth the drive*. Small, warm, unhurried.

BOOK A TABLE AHEAD





R317 to Bonnievale

THE WINE LOVER'S *route*

SPRINGFIELD

Intimate, excellent, family-run. *Five wines for R80* — the Whole Berry Cabernet is the one to remember.

R80PP · OPEN DAILY

VILJOENSDRIFT

A boat on the Breede with *a deli picnic* on board. Book ahead in summer — locals love it.

CRUISES AT 11H & 13H

SILVERTHORN

Cap Classique heaven, with river and mountain views. Small tastings, quiet terrace.

BY APPOINTMENT

Bon Courage, Van Loveren, De Wetshof, Weltevrede — all along the same road. Ask us if you'd like to add one.





A little fun

POP, POUR & play

SUSHI & BUBBLES AT PAUL RENÉ

Saturdays in summer — *fresh sushi paired with Cap Classique* on the terrace. Book early.

SATURDAYS · NOV-APR

CHOCOLATE & WINE AT ZANDVLIET

A proper pairing, not a gimmick. Dark, milk, white — each with a wine chosen to match.

MON-SAT

SPARKLE & POP POPCORN AT GRAHAM BECK

Popcorn and Cap Classique — silly, delicious, and *more serious than it sounds*. Open daily.

DAILY

ROBERTSON WINE TRAIN

A steam engine, three hours, a few estates, and a carriage full of people enjoying themselves.

SATURDAYS



*Four tour suggestions***A DAY** *out exploring**one***DE HOOP & THE BEACH****01**

Drive to *De Hoop Nature Reserve* — vast white dunes, whales in season, eland in the veld. Lunch at the beach café.

*two***MONTAGU, BARRYDALE & THE TRADOUW PASS****02**

Montagu first, then on to Barrydale. Lunch at *Diesel & Cream* — burgers, milkshakes, and a roadside kitsch worth the stop. Over the Tradouw Pass to Swellendam, and back to McGregor by the long way.

*three***BOSJES — A MODERN CHAPEL IN A GARDEN****03**

Drive to Worcester and on to *Bosjes*: an extraordinary garden and a small, startling modern chapel. Lunch at their restaurant or coffee shop; stay for the afternoon light.

*four***CAPE AGULHAS & ARNISTON****04**

The *southernmost tip of Africa*, where two oceans meet. Then the quiet old fishing village of Arniston — whitewashed walls, thatched roofs, and a long slow afternoon.

Take your time.

Ask us — anything.

*We'll always steer you to whatever suits the weather and your mood
— a slow wine, a long hike, a back road nobody knows. Just ask.*



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