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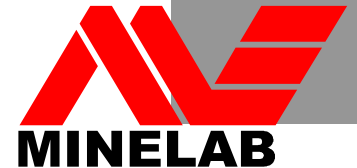
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RE: GOMINELABBING SOUTH AFRICA: 14 MAY 2016

INTRODUCTION

It is that time of the year again and Minelab South Africa will be hosting the 3rd annual South Africa GoMinelabbing event on Saturday 14 May 2016 at the Voortrekker Monument.

Three alternative sites for this year's event were considered. Various factors as well as the invitation by The Voortrekker Monument, to survey a specific new area, lead to the decision to again host it at the Monument. As the previous two years did not disappoint we trust that we will again see lots of good finds.

For the newcomers, a bit more on the background of GoMinelabbing, The Voortrekker Monument and other arrangements.

BACKGROUND

GoMinelabbing Days are about embracing the principles of what makes the hobby of metal detecting great, coupled with the ethics of doing it in a responsible way. It is an International event and a Minelab initiative. On 14 May 2016 GoMinelabbing will again take place in the United States, Europe, South America, Australia and South Africa.

GoMinelabbing is aimed at getting metal detector hobbyists together, no matter the metal detector brand they own and share in the experience at a site that offers good potential for finding interesting items. Also see <http://www.minelab.com/eur/go-minelabbing/events/international-metal-detecting-day>

THE SITE

As basic background and for those who will attend for the first time:- Construction of the Voortrekker Monument started on 13 July 1937 but was suspended during the second World War and only finalised in 1949. The official inauguration took place on 16 December 1949. During the time of construction many workers were present on the site and over the period 13 – 16 December 1949, 250,000 people attended the festivities of the inauguration. With GoMinelabbing 2014 and 2015 we explored the area where in 1949 the tent village was established to serve as accommodation. But for 67-years since, many thousands walked the grounds during the various annual commemorations and other activities at the site. On request by the Museum Manager of the The Voortrekker Monument, GoMinelabbing 2016 will concentrate on the area adjacent and to the west of the Monument.



THE BASIC RULES

The Voortrekker Monument will have the first right to all objects found during the day. All objects found must be declared and presented to the Management of the Voortrekker Monument.

No open fires or any gas appliance will be allowed at or near the site. Smokers are also cautioned to take special care.

All attendees must sign a basic indemnity form on arrival.

Last but not least the obvious adherence to all the basic ethics of metal detecting, that nature will not be disturbed and that *all holes will be filled*.

GENERAL INFO

The duration of the actual event will be from 10h00 to 15h00 on 14 May 2016. Arrival from 09h00 will be fine. We will complete the basic admin and briefing and start by 10h00. We would like to wrap up by 15h00, finalise the prize giving and we must clear the terrain by 16h00.

Entrance will be via the Voortrekker Monument main entrance gate from Eeufees Road in the south. From the gate keep right to the main public parking area. Route markers will show the way.

We recommend that you pack your gazebo, chairs, picnic basket, cool box, etc. The Voortrekker Monument Restaurant and Take-away Shop are also available.

The terrain is quite rocky so make sure you bring the correct digging tools.

The Voortrekker Monument standard entrance fee of R70.00 per adult and R35.00 per child under 18 will be payable at the gate.

REGISTRATION

Herewith also the Registration Form in Word format. Please complete and e-mail back to gominelabbing@minelab.co.za

We would like to finalise all registrations and wrap up the arrangements for the day by latest **6 May 2015**.

For any other enquiries not covered please do not hesitate and you can call us as at:

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Looking forward to see you on 14 May 2016.

Best Regards,

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