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THE HAZENDAL FAMILY BIKE PARK

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Hazendal Wine Estate, in the Bottelary Hills just outside Stellenbosch, and is completely fenced off in a wonderfully secure area. The farm is one of the oldest wine farms in South Africa, dating back to 1699. The MTB trails are not quite that old, but they are well worth a visit.

THE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- The pump track 175m long, designed and built in conjunction with Trailtroops.
- A 375m skills trail, with optional obstacles; A-frame bridges, a see-saw, rollers, drop-offs, wooden walkways, a sand-trap, a rock garden, a balance beam and more, designed to develop and improve bike-handling skills for new and experienced riders alike.
- A kiddies' skills trail, on a smaller and less scary (for parents) scale.
- A unique Y-Bike (balance bike) track, suitable for tiny beginners.
- The flow trail, a 750m ribbon of rollers and berms weaving through the trees, lots of fun for all.

There is a large shady picnic area in the middle of the park, where parents can keep an eye on the kids while they ride, although most parents ride, too!

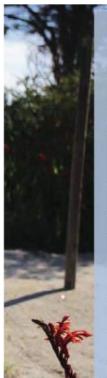
The life-saver pop-up coffee stall is there on weekends.

In addition to the above, the farm also has a 5km cross-country trail that has just been upgraded with some fun features to match the bike park, but relatively risk-free so the young 'uns can ride while you enjoy a coffee.





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THE BORING DETAILS

A DAY PERMIT currently costs R40 per rider; annual permits are available. This will rise to R50 when the farm becomes fully-operational at the end of the 2018 (the facilities are currently undergoing massive upgrades, that will make the Hazendal visit even more rewarding once finished, including a bistro, restaurant, conference centre and kids' educational centre like no other.

THE MTB STUFF is open every day from 08h00 to 17h00. Full details can be found on the Facebook page - search for Hazendal Family Bike Park MTB Trail

To GETTO HAZENDAL, take the R304 off the N1, turn right towards the Joostenberg Bistro, and then right again on to Bottelary Road. Hazendal is on your right just before you hit civilisation again.

