



# *Discover the Tranquility of* **Alfred Nzo**

## **District Municipality**



The Alfred Nzo District covers the north east of the Eastern Cape, bordering Lesotho and Kwa-Zulu Natal and incorporates towns like Matatiele, Maluti, Mount Ayliff and Mount Frere.

Xhosa is the preferred language in most areas, but Sesotho is the language of choice in the town of Matatiele and its surrounds..

The Alfred Nzo District has remote, mountainous areas which have become popular as tourist attractions.

The Mehlooding Adventure Trail, located in the relatively unexplored southern Drakensberg, takes you on a path of a rich, diverse, cultural heritage.

The picturesque and welcoming town of Matatiele forms the perfect gateway to the trail, half way between Underberg and Rhodes.

The route traverses spectacular mountainous foothills and rural villages, taking in visits to ancient rock-art sites, sparkling streams, indigenous trees, medicinal plants, craft projects and top of the world views.

Guests can also explore the mountainous foothills of the Maluti Drakensberg on a fully-supported, guided mountain bike and house back trail.

It is a delight experiencing the downhill thrills of organic 'sleigh-trails', contoured cattle-paths and high-plateau riding.

Guests can also stay overnight in comfortable mountain chalets- with hot showers, stunning views and a friendly host to provide delicious traditional home-cooked meals.

For those looking for a quite getaway one can relax at the friendly rural Masakala guesthouse, close to Matatiele.

Masakala marks the beginning of the Mehlooding Adventure Trail.

For first time visitors and tourists to the area, tours such as meeting local sangomas and enjoying traditional entertainment can be arranged.

Another place to visit in the Alfred Nzo District is the Msukeni Enterprise Development Centre which caters for conferences, weddings and other functions.

The Alfred Nzo District is prospering, particularly with regards its service delivery programmes. And, through its successful Rural Household Sanitation programme, the district has managed to tackle unemployment. This programme has resulted in the municipality being selected to host a pilot project on Sanitation Job Creation.

The Umzimvubu goat production and processing facility in Mount Ayliff brings together small-scale farm cooperatives, slaughtering, processing and manufacturing facilities, and has created jobs and income for the local people.

### **Mehlooding Adventure Trail**

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