

4.3.3 Recreational Use

A primary function of the Paradyskloof NA is to enhance the well-being of the people of Stellenbosch and those visiting the area. Accordingly, the NA has an important role, namely to provide the foundation for recreational and tourism opportunities which are environmentally compatible. Chapter 3.5 above lists the range of outdoor- or recreational activities Paradyskloof NA is utilised for.

Rules applicable to the recreational use of the area are:

- a) Entry and use is at a person's own risk. Stellenbosch Municipality and/or its employees shall not be liable for any damage, loss, theft, injury, accident or death suffered by any person, howsoever caused.
- b) No lighting of fires (except in the event that approval has been granted by the Department: Community Services as part of an event).
- c) No smoking.
- d) Only approved / designated roads, trails or tracks may be used. The construction or clearing of new roads, trails or tracks are prohibited.
- e) Public vehicle / motorised access to the area is prohibited unless authorised.
- f) Visitors to comply to all signage including access signage and route markers.
- g) Any user of the area utilising the area for cycling, hiking or any other permitted activity must be equipped with the necessary safety gear and equipment.
- h) All users must utilize the area in a manner that considers the enjoyment and safety of other users.
- i) Various routes (roads, tracks or trails) may exclude particular activities such as cycling. In such cases where a route is temporarily closed for rehabilitation or maintenance, or permanently excludes a particular use, appropriate signage will be installed to communicate such information which must be adhered to as in (f) above.

Table 13: Guidelines for management of recreational use of the Paradyskloof NA

REF -NR	ACTIONS/IMPLEMENTATION	TIME FRAME
36	Audit all roads, trails and tracks and update maps accordingly. Decide on the appropriate use (or decommissioning / rehabilitation) thereof and install appropriate signage.	Immediately after EMP approval
37	Maintain existing roads, trails and tracks to be fit for recreational use.	Ongoing
38	Inspect roads, trails and tracks to be fit for recreational use.	Monthly during summer or after heavy rain events. Weekly during summer.
39	Repair damaged roads, trails and tracks.	Ongoing
40	Close routes that require maintenance or rehabilitation and are not deemed to be safe for recreational use by installing appropriate signage and access barriers.	Ongoing
41	Inspect and maintain signage and route markers throughout the area.	Monthly