

Things to do in and around Montagu for R150 or less (mainly)

1. Enjoy the various hikes in the amazing mountains around Montagu. There is something for everyone: from a short "Lovers' Walk" (free) to a challenging Bloupunt hike (paid permits available at the Montagu Mountain Reserve).
2. Visit the Ibis tree and spend some time watching and photographing the birds from the special deck at the Leidam. (Free)
3. Visit the Montagu Village Market in Euvrard Park every Saturday from 08h30 until 12h30. Entrance is free; just bring your shopping bag and some money to spend. You will be surprised how much fresh and delicious produce you can buy for only R 100!
4. Visit Guano Caves. For a day visit to the Animal Farm and Bunny Farm, adults
5. Take a pony ride with the kids at Guano Caves.
6. Take a Capedry tractor trip among the fruit orchards at La Providence Dried Fruit Farm. Every Saturday from 11h00 to 12h00 .(Free – reservations recommended)
7. Browse the amazing Montagu Bookshop in Bath Street for classic second-hand and (some) new books while chatting to booklover owner, Anne Reed. (Free)
8. Enjoy the latest solo artist exhibition at the Montagu Country Hotel, which features wonderful local artists and changes every 2 months. (Free)
9. Enjoy the latest art exhibition at the KWV Gallery in Long Street. (Donations welcome)
10. Visit the Montagu Museum and Joubert House for a day of history and heritage, and learn about the local plants and herbs which are all utilised to treat every possible ailment.
11. Visit the beautiful Montagu Nature Garden. (Only **drop a donation in the honesty box**)
12. Enjoy live music on some Sundays at Platform 62 or Leon's Bistro or Karoo Saloon. Check their social media for dates and artists. (Free) good to follow Montagu-Ashton Tourism Facebook Page.
13. Crochet with the 'locals' every Tuesday at 10h00 at Die Boord/The Orchard. (Free)
14. Visit local galleries and maybe meet some of the artists: Hicks Gallery (9 Joubert Street) and Ibis Gallery (16 Bath Street) or the brand new Kupenda Gallery (Kohler Street). (Free)
15. Indulge your antique fantasies at Penny Farthing Antiques (cnr. Long and Rose Street). (Entrance free)
16. Visit Langhoogte Farm-Two Dam Sustainable Trout Farm for a lovely lesson in sustainable living and taste some delicious trout. Contact Vivian at 023 614 1517.
17. Catch and release trout at Two dam sustainable.
18. Bring the kids to enjoy the Play Park at Die Kloof Padstal, or let them wet their feet in the river while under relaxed adult supervision.

- 19.** The play park at Ashton Kelder will keep the kids busy, while the adults enjoy an indulgent Chocolate and Wine pairing. Kids play free (Chocolate and Wine Pairing R50)
- 20.** If you like to take a drive and do some wine tasting, do not miss LaMont on R60 for a Wine tasting (and a Cheese tasting for a little more)
- 21.** Taste some olives, olive oil and more at Olijvenhof. For the perfect way to spend a sunny day, order an indulgent platter with cold meats, olives and more. Open Wednesday to Saturday.
- 22.** Look out for the latest programme of weekend entertainment at Karoo Saloon to enjoy a peaceful light Sunday lunch and some acoustic music. Or Saturday Night Hard Rock for the very energetic.
- 23.** There is ALWAYS something happening at The Karoo Art Hotel in Barrydale.... Even if you just stop to take a walk through this interestingly revamped hotel with a special vibe. Check out the amazing art or find out about the next LIVE show.
- 24.** Take full advantage of all the cycle routes around our towns, some more challenging than others. Pick up a Cycling trails Map at the Montagu-Ashton Tourism office at 27 Bath Street. (All Cycle trails free to use)
- 25.** Visit Montagu Nursery for all your garden treasures, or plan a special gardening weekend.
- 26.** For the perfect Succulents – visit the Klein Begin Nursery in Bath Street.
- 27.** Take your camera and hit the streets of Montagu for some street photography: architectural detail, beautiful roses, abundant gardens and interesting people will make it a pleasure.
- 28.** Take a photo at the Cat Crossing in Bath Street.
- 29.** Taste the local wine (R50 for 5 wines), Taste 4 muskadels or liquers at R30 -gin & brandy exclusive tastings at R95 at Platform 62, Ashton.
- 30.** Let the kids meet the resident chickens, baby chicks and Freddie the Potbelly Pig at Platform 62, and afterwards let them play in the secure kiddies play area.
- 31.** Blend your own bottle of wine at Excelsior Wine Cellar - you take home your own creation
- 32.** Take a trip on the Viljoensdrift boat on the Breede River.
- 33.** Taste some Viljoensdrift wine and enjoy the peace and tranquility only a river can offer.
- 34.** Learn more about the workings of a winery from vineyard to bottle at Van Loveren with a Cellar tour and a free glass of MCC
- 35.** Bring the kids for a sunny lunch or a run around the orchard at Die Boord. During apricot season you can even get into the orchard to pick your own fruit.
- 36.** Rambling Rose still makes the best Iced Coffee. While you enjoy the bliss, have a look at the daily menu to order a delectable lunch.

- 37.** Enjoy the Art Deco interior of Montagu Country Hotel, and then have something cold to drink in the beautiful garden or on the new deck; or indulge in Bootlegger coffee at Feathers and Flatcaps.
- 38.** Take the kids for their own juice pairing at Van Loveren, while the adults can pick and choose among the interesting wine pairings.
- 39.** Offer to walk an SPCA dog, making a new four-legged friend while enjoying nature and fresh air.
- 40.** Use the special Historical Walk flyer at the Montagu-Ashton tourism office to guide you on your walkabout to see our town's well-preserved heritage. Follow the numbers, or follow your heart: – the beauty of Montagu offers ample photo moments, and the gardens will supply a seasonal feast for the eyes.
- 41.** Hire an arty "Dutch" bike from Flying Feet to explore our lovely town.
- 42.** Take a fully guided Flying Feet bicycle town tour with friendly Marchelle.(get prices from Flying Feet)
- 43.** Book a walking or cycling Ghost Tour with Anmiray or Marchelle. (R200 an adult and R120 per child)
- 44.** Take a family hike up Aasvoëlkrans for a stupendous view over our valley. (Free)
- 45.** Meet a real farmer with a red beard at Farmer Redbeard. Book your authentic farm experiences by giving him a call (Tel: 023 615 1204).
- 46.** Follow the longest Wine Route all along Route 62.
- 47.** Platform 62 offers a real summer vibe at their First Sunday of every month Market, with live Music – entrance free.
- 48.** Make time for an "out of this world" milkshake at Diesel and Cream in Barrydale.
- 49.** While visiting Diesel and Cream, use the photo opportunities with some classic cars or in the old-world diner.
- 50.** Breede River Goose campsite and barge boat trips promise a relaxing and unforgettable daily experience! An unforgettable Barge trip is only R150 per person.
- 51.** Visit Anni Krulkop's pink Krulkop Caravan in the Keisie Valley just outside Montagu, and let her share her crochet art with you.
- 52.** Every Tree tells a story in the amazing Van Loveren Gardens. Grab a brochure and do a self- guided tour for free.
- 53.** Enjoy the Fish Eagle Circular Hiking Trail at Van Loveren
- 54.** Pop into Olive Stone Farm and have a chat with Wanda, about Olives and farm living. You can also sneak a taste of Olive oil and buy some for taking home a little bit of Montagu magic.
- 55.** Visit the delightful Donkey Sanctuary in McGregor. Open Thursday to Sunday 10h00 – 16h00. (Entrance free, but donations to support the donkeys are always welcome)
- 56.** While there, don't miss the opportunity to buy some books from their well-stocked second-hand shop – all for charity.

- 57.** Enjoy a memorable wine tasting while enjoying the spectacular views at BluVines in Long Street, the House of Mimosa Wines.
- 58.** Speak to Anmiray (071 429 0486) about a Fresh Cultural Tour-Aweh!!!
- 59.** Dominate the hunting field with some paintball practice at African Game Lodge. Monday to Saturday 09h00 – 16h00. (Book in advance)
- 60.** Visit the Fijn Botanicals shop at Kogman & Keisie. All products are made on the farm, with locally-sourced natural and plant-based ingredients.
- 61.** A Passion for Ferrari? Visit this amazing collection of Ferrari model cars at Squirrel's Corner. More than 2000 model Ferrari cars and other memorabilia are showcased in display cabinets. Viewing is by appointment and offers visitors the opportunity to peruse the models, prints and books at their leisure.
- 62.** Enjoy some "sweet smelling" shopping at Fynbos@58 Bath Street. Fresh flowers every week, and amazing gifts and special spoils. Enjoy the ambience and chat to friendly (and appropriately named) Irene Blom.
- 63.** Get up close and personal with artist Jurie Wessels at THE Gallery on Bath Street, that specialises in carefully curated collectible contemporary artworks. (Entrance Free)
- 64.** Now in the heart of town in Bath Street, stop at Leon's Country Kitchen for a peaceful farm atmosphere and the best home-cooked Sunday lunch.
- 65.** Meet pastry chef, baker and chocolatier Alfred at The Pastry Place to see a food artist at work. Be sure to taste, if not everything that's on display, then at least one of the day's creative culinary offerings.
- 66.** No summer's day is complete without a taste of Alfred's artisan ice cream at The Pastry Place.
- 67.** Love Markets? Add the Karoo Daisy to your list – every First Sunday of the month a lovely market on the grass and what better way to end your visit, than with their famous square pizzas.
- 68.** Visit Montagu Local -A lovely little local shop run by two wonderful wacky women; they stock a wide selection of local artisan products and fresh organic fruit and vegetables.
- 69.** Montagu Local Artisan Goods & Green Grocer (21 Bath Street) offer Montagu Cheese tastings, meet the cheese maker and try up to 5 different cheeses and butter. Bookings from 2 to 20 people. Spend a certain amount in store and your tasting is free. Contact 082 226 7372 for bookings.
- 70.** While at Montagu Local do make a note of the Food Baskets on order; choose between a Breakfast basket, Braai Box, Snack platter or Seafood platter – all filled with a selection of fresh organic local produce.
- 71.** Treat yourself to lunch at Greenlands Farm Table on the R60, and meet Glen and Sara, the passionate couple behind this creative

lifestyle space filled with many treasures from their travels. Kids and pets welcome.

- 72.** Don't forget to pop in at the Greenlands Heritage Shed, the new home for the Langeberg Veteran Tractor Club.
- 73.** Do a authentic Karoo Gravel ride on the new Karoo Gavel Corridor ... grab the map in the Tourism office.... FREE.
- 74.** The Protea tractor trip to the top of the Langeberg is one of Montagu's oldest attractions, and remains immensely popular for the spectacular views from the top of the mountain. Book your trip at the Activity Centre, and then sit back and enjoy the ride.
- 75.** Complete the Protea tractor trip experience with a potjiekos lunch under the trees on Protea Farm. Real food always tastes better when cooked on an open fire, out in nature and among friends.
- 76.** Montagu is one of SA's rock climbing meccas. Hire a guide or do a self-guided climb along the many routes available.
- 77.** Unplug far, far away at the end of the road at a down-to-earth destination like Simonskloof Mountain Retreat. Walk, breathe and appreciate nature in its undiluted majesty.
- 78.** Wildebraam Berry Estate, Swellendam just up the road from Montagu – is the best place for Berry Picking. "Pick Your Own" BlackBerry picking Mid Nov - end Dec. Call 0813270943 for more info.
- 79.** Visiting Pietersfontein – when you reach the big white house with the waterwheel, you know you have reached Groenlandfarm. Head for the Barn – with the petite bar and cosy fireplace, the perfect spot to enjoy many Sundays with friends- over some home- cooked food and a drink or two.
- 80.** Enjoy an unforgettable Captivated by Cap Classique experience at Weltevrede wine estate or spoil yourself with a Captivated by Chardonnay underground cellar tour – or both.
- 81.** Create your OWN Cap Classique... Disgorge, dosage, cork and label your own bottle of Cap Classique.
- 82.** How about some artisan Beer Tasting at R62 Brewery in Church Street... stay for lunch once you've decided which beer you prefer.
- 83.** Hike, Bike or just stroll through Vrolijkheid Nature Reserve, 15km south of Robertson on the McGregor Road.
- 84.** Let JM Adventure Tours take you on a tour of the New Ashton Arch Bridge.
- 85.** For Montagu visitors who are keen to soak up some Montagu sun on the tennis court, you are welcome to head to the Montagu Country Hotel, pay a small fee of R30 per person and head to the court for some fun.
- 86.** A unique riding experience at Montagu Equestrian, a special Riding Course. Children 10 years or older. If you are planning to get a horse or just want to know more, this course will teach you everything you need to know.

- 87.** Combine your wine tasting with an exquisite homemade charcuterie platter OR freshly made charcuterie ciabatta sandwich at Kleinhoekkloof Wines in Ashton.
- 88.** For a lovely view of Montagu and the Langeberg mountains, drive up Kohler Street (North) until you get to a short stretch of gravel road – continue to the top where you are able to park and enjoy the view from Kanonkop.
- 89.** MOOI is for all who love to PAUSE, SHOP and drink COFFEE. Visit Mooi@Maggie at the KWV building near the Pastry Place.
- 90.** A Brand -new addition is the Archers of Eden at Glen Eden Farm, Ruigtevlei. Test your Archery skills and have some fun.
- 91.** Visit the Montagu Days Gone By, exhibition of Historical Photographs at the Montagu Museum, Old Mission Church
- 92.** The NEW ROAD through Cogmanskloof is open and many opportunities to stop and linger, whether you want to take the perfect photo with Cape Fold Mountains in the Background, or read more about the History of the Kloof on the new Historical Plaques, or take a walk up to the Old English Fort.... You can drink in all this beauty for FREE.