



FYNBOS, FIRE & FROGS ADVENTURE

23 and 24 September 2016

It's now 9 months since the fire that swept through parts of Fernkloof Nature Reserve in December 2015. The Hermanus Flower Festival was the ideal occasion to go on another adventure to see how the fynbos has responded to the fire. It also provided the opportunity to discover how the endemic Drewes' Moss Frog was affected by the fire.



Pat Miller explained the need for fynbos to burn every 15 years or so in order to return nutrients to the poor soil.



She also explained serotiny in some species, a strategy to keep precious seeds 'safe' till the next fire.



The participants were amazed at the vigorous regeneration of the veld in just 9 months.



The first group at the end of the walk.



The second group of adventurers coming down the mountain.

Both groups expressed their great appreciation of the new insights they gained.