

FEZILE DABI TOURISM & HERITAGE

Four visitor propositions, with separate hosts, access requirements and evidence needs

LANDSCAPES AND STORYLINES / CONCEPTUAL GROUPING

MAFUBE

Vaal and Wilge

Cultural interpretation and fossil heritage.

METSIMAHOLO

Vaal Dam

Waterfront recreation and industrial/community stories.

MOQHAKA

Vals River

River leisure, civic heritage and town experiences.

NGWATHE

Dome and Vaal

Geology, river hospitality and rural circuits.

These themes can support itinerary development. They do not establish operating attractions, festival dates, public access, marina approvals or a confirmed district route.

MAFUBE

FS205

VISITOR EXPERIENCES TO VERIFY AND PREPARE

Vaal and Wilge rivers

Test guided recreation, hospitality and outdoor events with local operators. Confirm access, flood risk and water conditions. [MF1]

Ntswanatsatsi cultural walk

The supplied concept links the settlement near Cornelia with Ntswanatsatsi mountain. Custodian agreement, alignment and access remain unconfirmed. [MF4]

Cornelia-Uitzoek fossil heritage

Brink et al. report an early Homo tooth in an approximately one-million-year-old bone bed. Interpretation requires specialist and landowner participation. [MF3]

Custodian and landowner participation are essential. Dinosaur footprints on the proposed walk are unverified.

METSIMAHOLO

FS204

VISITOR EXPERIENCES TO VERIFY AND PREPARE

Deneysville

The municipal profile identifies recreation around the Vaal Dam. Explore boating-related services, food and overnight stays. [MS2]

Oranjeville

Test waterfront experiences and small visitor enterprises around its dam-side setting, subject to access and environmental assessment. [MS2]

Sasolburg and Zamdela stories

A locally curated industrial and community interpretation offer is a proposed product. Named hosts, permissions and viable bookings are needed.

Confirm water quality, flood risk, rescue capability and waterfront permissions.

MOQHAKA

FS201

VISITOR EXPERIENCES TO VERIFY AND PREPARE

Vals River and Kroonpark

The municipal tourism page lists Kroonpark on the Vals River. Verify present operating conditions and visitor services. [MQ3]

Civic and liberation heritage

Kroonstad's association with Rev. Z. R. Mahabane is recorded in the municipal town profile. Develop interpretation with historians and local custodians. [MQ2]

Farm and town experiences

Explore food, craft and farm visits across Kroonstad, Viljoenskroon and Steynsrus with willing operators. This is a proposed commercial package.

Verify each site's current opening hours, access, host and conservation status.

NGWATHE

FS203

VISITOR EXPERIENCES TO VERIFY AND PREPARE

Vredefort Dome

UNESCO inscription dates to 2005. Develop geology interpretation with authorised hosts. The World Heritage property extends beyond one municipality. [NG2]

Parys and the Vaal

Test packages combining accommodation, food, guides and river activities. The IDP identifies the river and nearby islands as visitor assets. [NG1]

Koppies and the rural circuit

The IDP identifies Koppies Dam and the R82 battlefield route. Check individual stops and hosts before combining heritage and farm experiences. [NG1]

Confirm conservation conditions, authorised access, guide capability and river safety.

A BOOKABLE DISTRICT OFFER / PREPARATION PROPOSAL

Identify a host and booking contact for each experience; verify land access and safety; establish an operating calendar and price; combine accommodation, food, guiding and transport through willing businesses.

A combined offer needs its own demand test and operating arrangements. Visitor numbers, expenditure, development costs and jobs have not been estimated in this series.

SOURCES AND QUALIFICATIONS

MF3 Brink et al. (2012), Cornelia-Uitzoek fossil evidence. NG2 UNESCO, Vredefort Dome. MS2 and MQ2-MQ3: municipal town/tourism pages.

MF1 Mafube IDP 2026/27 (supplied) | MS1 Metsimaholo IDP 2026/27 | MQ1 Moqhaka IDP 2024/25 | NG1 Ngwathe IDP 2026/27

MF4: supplied Mafube reference graphic (04 October 2026), proposed cultural walk. Heritage status and place descriptions do not establish permission for a proposed development.