



2b Fenella Drive, Monavale, Harare, Zimbabwe
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NATURE ON THE HILL offers local and international birders a unique opportunity to experience the abundant variety of birds that live on and migrate to the Monavale Vlei, walk around the beautiful wetland and relax amidst the peaceful and beautiful natural environment of Monavale Hill overlooking the Monavale Vlei. Wake up to the sound of bird song and sunlight filtering through the msasa and acacia trees, open the door to your deck and sit outside with a cup of coffee or tea enjoying a 180 degree view over the Monavale Vlei and watch passing troupes of babblers, wood hoopoes, purple crested Turacos, coucals or guinea fowl and, in the rainy season, listen for the stiped crane and streaky breasted flufftail. In the evening, relax on the deck with a drink and watch the sun go down over the Vlei to the evening sounds of cicadas, frogs, owls and night jars. If you are lucky you will see the bright eyed bush babies springing from tree to tree!

Monavale Vlei is a wetland recognised under the United Nations Convention on Wetlands, the RAMSAR Convention, and has been identified as one of the 2,200 unique wetlands worldwide, ranking alongside the Victoria Falls and Mana Pools (in Zimbabwe) and the Okavango Delta (in Botswana). It has enormous biodiversity with 240 bird species (<http://www.monavalevlei.com/Fauna.html>), over 36 species of grass and 80 species of other plants (<http://www.monavalevlei.com/Flora.html>). The best months for birding are December through to April. Special bird sightings on the Vlei have included:

- Madagascar Cuckoo - January 2021 - <https://birdingzimbabwe.com/tag/madagascar-cuckoo/>
- Buff spotted flufftail - December 2014.



Photo Monavale Vlei: Jill Roberts 2021

NATURE ON THE HILL is a recently opened, stylish BnB on Fenella Drive adjacent to the Monavale Vlei. It offers guests fully equipped and comfortable bed and breakfast accommodation with self-catering facilities, separate entrance and wheelchair friendly access. It provides a large bedroom with a queen size bed and a single bed, an outside deck area off the room with table and chairs, kitchenette, dining table, work desk, wifi, smart TV, fan, USB charging ports, *en suite* toilet and walk in shower. Laundry services are

included in the service. The facility can operate off grid if necessary through its robust solar energy system. The property is secured by a high quality clear view fencing and there is secure on-site parking next to the BnB with own gate remote for access. Dinner can be provided at an additional cost.

On weekends, there are regular birding outings organised by Bird Life Zimbabwe members (including monthly walks on Monavale Vlei), as well as day hikes around scenic areas around Harare. Less than an hour's flight away is the world famous Victoria Falls, and safari adventures in the Zambezi Valley and the Lowveld are within 4 hour drives of Harare.

Nature on the Hill is just 15-20 minutes from the centre of Harare, and within 2km-4km of several suburban shopping centres, e.g. the Avondale Shopping Centre has supermarkets, banks, craft markets, take aways, bottle stores, pharmacies, mobile phone operator offices and other shops. There are several good quality privately run clinics and hospitals in the area, open 24 hours a day.

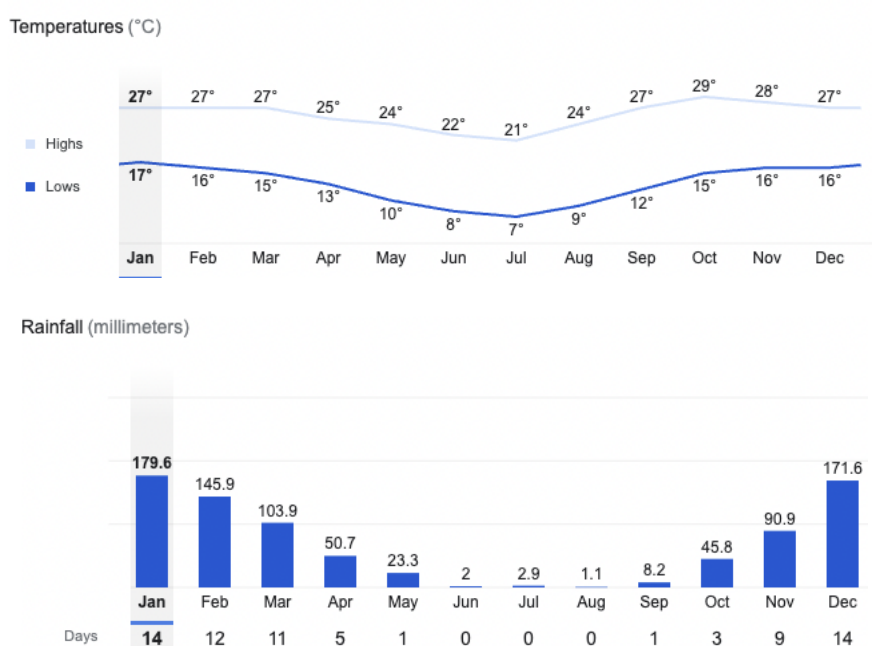
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Harare's climate

Harare has a very pleasant climate for most months of the year, with average maximum temperatures in the region of 27 degrees Celsius in summer (October to March) and 20-24 degrees Celsius in the cooler, dry months (April to September).



Covid quarantine

Whilst Covid restrictions change from time to time, generally self-quarantining is allowed and walks in open areas such as Monavale Vlei are permitted. Nature on the Hill, with its separate entrance and complete range of services make this easy. Please enquire with us to get the latest restriction updates.