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Discover Forest Hills Resort – a biodiversity and birding paradise in Vumba

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NESTLED in the heart of the lush Vumba Mountains in Zimbabwe, Forest Hills Resort offers an unforgettable escape into nature's splendour.

Known for its breathtaking biodiversity, unique avi-tourism opportunities, serene waterfalls, and tranquil waterscapes, the resort is a haven for travellers seeking peace, adventure, and connection with the environment.

Combined with its refreshing mountain climate and delectable gastronomy, Forest Hills is the ultimate destination for eco-tourism enthusiasts and those looking to unwind in one of Africa's most picturesque landscapes.

Whether you're a birdwatcher eager to spot rare species, a foodie eager to explore local flavors, or simply in need of serenity, Forest Hills Resort promises an experience that connects luxury with nature in the most harmonious way.

Biodiversity of the Vumba Mountains

The Vumba Mountains, also known as the "Mountains of the Mist," are renowned for their unparalleled biodiversity.

Forest Hills Resort is strategically located within this biodiversity hotspot, surrounded by verdant forests, rolling hills, and valleys teeming with life.

The area is home to a variety of flora and fauna, including rare orchids, medicinal plants, and endemic species.

The forest's ecosystem is not only a feast for the eyes but also plays a vital role in supporting local wildlife.

As a guest, you'll find yourself immersed in a living tapestry of nature, where the rustling leaves, chirping birds, and gentle whispers of the breeze create a soothing symphony.



Vumba Botanical Reserve

There is no better place to savour Vumba rich biodiversity as Vumba Botanical Reserve which is separated from Forest Hills Resort by a perimeter fence. The reserve is packed full of rarities which include:

Rare Wildlife: It is a haven for rare and elusive wildlife. Home to species like the Samango monkey and the shy blue duiker, the forest boasts an ecosystem teeming with unique biodiversity.

Rare Insects: It is also a hidden world of rare and extraordinary insects. The forest floor and canopies are alive with vibrantly coloured rare butterflies, some of which are endemic to the region, beetles, stick insects, and dragonflies, many of them yet to be thoroughly studied, thrive in this diverse habitat. These insects play a crucial role in the forest's ecosystem, contributing to pollination and decomposition, making Vumba a paradise for entomologists and nature enthusiasts.

Rare Reptiles: Its lush greenery vegetation is home to a fascinating array of rare reptiles that add to its unique charm. Among the rare finds are species like the dwarf chameleon, which blends seamlessly with the forest foliage.

This rich biodiversity underscores the importance of preserving Vumba's overall delicate ecosystem for future generations.



Avi-Tourism: A Birdwatcher's Dream

One of Forest Hills Resort's crown jewels is its appeal to birdwatchers. The Vumba Mountains are part of Zimbabwe's Eastern Highlands, an internationally recognized Important Bird Area (IBA).

With over 200 bird species recorded in the region, including several rare and endangered ones, the resort is a prime spot for avi-tourism.

Some of the bird species you might encounter include:

- The elusive Swynnerton's Robin, Robert's Warbler and Chirinda Apalis all of which are endemic to the Eastern Highlands.
- The Livingstone's Turaco, known for its vibrant plumage and distinctive calls.
- The Blue Swallow, a critically endangered intra-African migrant species that breeds in the area.

Guided birding tours are available in this resort mountain region, led by expert ornithologists who help guests identify species, understand their habitats, and capture stunning photographs.



Serene Waterfalls and Waterscapes

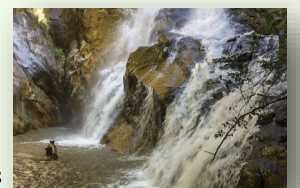
The Vumba region is dotted with hidden waterfalls and sparkling waterscapes, and Forest Hills Resort offers access to some of the most mesmerizing ones.

The soothing sound of cascading water creates an idyllic ambiance that is perfect for relaxation and reflection.

Notable local waterfalls include:

Chinamata Falls: A majestic cascade set amidst lush greenery, offering a perfect spot for picnics and photography.

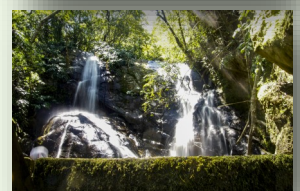
Chinamata Falls



Marindi Falls: Known for its tranquil pool, it's an ideal place to unwind or dip your feet in cool mountain waters.

The resort itself features several artificial waterscapes, including reflective ponds and infinity pools that blend seamlessly into the natural landscape.

Marindi Falls



The Refreshing Climate of Vumba

Forest Hills Resort benefits from the unique microclimate of the Vumba Mountains, which are cooler and more temperate than other parts of Zimbabwe. The "Mountains of the Mist" live up to their name, with misty mornings that give way to sunny afternoons and cool evenings.

This mild climate makes the resort a year-round destination. Whether you're sipping coffee on your balcony as the morning mist rolls in or enjoying a sunset hike with a gentle breeze, the weather enhances every moment of your stay.



Gastronomy: A Taste of Vumba

The dining experience at Forest Hills Resort is as memorable as its natural wonders. The resort's chefs take pride in using fresh, locally sourced ingredients to craft a menu that reflects the Flavors of the region.

The resort also offers wine pairings and artisanal coffee experiences, ensuring that your palate is as delighted as your eyes.



The Resort Experience

Forest Hills Resort combines luxury with sustainability, ensuring guests can immerse themselves in nature without compromising on comfort.

The resort features:

Restaurant: the resort's spacious restaurant delights guests with memorable fine dining experiences with a diverse menu featuring gourmet dishes made from fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Bar: The bar offers a cozy and stylish setting to enjoy expertly crafted cocktails, fine wines, and refreshing beverages.

Deck: overlooking breathtaking forested vistas, the resort's deck provides the perfect spot to relax, enjoy the colourful terraced garden and soak in nature's beauty.

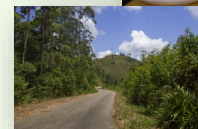
Comfortable Accommodation: Its beautifully designed chalets and hotel accommodation complex offer breathtaking panoramic views of the mountains and forest view and, when it's not misty, a peep into Mozambique to the east.

Hiking and Nature Trails: From the resort, there is a choice of a rich network of hiking paths that take you through dense forests including the magical Bunga Forest, along mountain ridges, to jaw-dropping scenic views and to hidden waterfalls.

Cultural Experience: Guests can have a glimpse into locals' cultural experiences by engaging with the local community through at nearby by craft markets.

Family Friendly Facilities: For families, the resort offers kid-friendly activities like the tambourine, jumping castle, a swimming pool and a beautifully manicured garden ensuring that visitors of all ages can create lasting memories.

Conferencing Venue: The resort is perfectly balanced for both business travellers with its two spacious conferencing facilities. The first being a conference room with beautiful views of the Vumba forest and a playground of the rare Blue Monkey which has a resident population with capacity to host between 60 and 150 guests and a glass building with fairylike views of the Vumba that is set on a terrace on the resort's expertly maintained garden that is home to uncountable wed-



A Commitment to Conservation

Forest Hills Resort isn't just a destination; it's a guardian of the Vumba Mountains' fragile ecosystem. The resort actively participates in conservation initiatives, including litter management across the Vumba, reforestation projects, wildlife protection programs, and community education on sustainable practices through Friends of the Vumba.

By staying at Forest Hills, guests contribute to these efforts, ensuring that future generations can also



Plan Your Visit to Forest Hills Resort

Whether you're an adventurer, a nature enthusiast, or someone in search of tranquillity, Forest Hills Resort offers a unique opportunity to reconnect with the earth.

Picture yourself starting your day with a sunrise birding tour, exploring hidden waterfalls in the afternoon, and unwinding with a gourmet meal under a canopy of stars.

That's the magic of Forest Hills—a place where every moment feels extraordinary.

Forest Hills Resort in Vumba is more than just a travel destination; it's a celebration of life, nature, and culture.

Its rich biodiversity, vibrant birdlife, serene landscapes, and exceptional gastronomy make it a treasure trove for anyone seeking an immersive, eco-friendly experience.

As you leave the misty mountains, you'll carry with you not just memories of stunning landscapes but also a renewed appreciation for the beauty and fragility of our planet.

Let Forest Hills Resort be your gateway to discovering the wonders of the Vumba Mountains—because some places aren't just visited, they're felt.



ABOUT RESORT

Forest Hills Resort is a resort located in the scenic Bvumba Mountains in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe. We pride ourselves on delivering a multipurpose venue for holiday makers to relax, and for business and groups to strategize. We also offer a world class concert and events venue in an outstanding setting.

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OUR FACILITIES

Forest Hills Resort combines luxury with sustainability, ensuring guests can immerse themselves in nature without compromising on comfort.

The resort features:

- Restaurant & Bar
- Spacious Viewing Deck
- Self-catering/Executive/Standard Rooms
- Hiking and Nature Trails
- Cultural Experience
- Family Friendly Facilities
- Free WiFi
- Conferencing and Events Venue

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