Liberation Heritage Route Website
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Building a nation proud of its African heritage

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The National Heritage Council’s (NHC) vision is to build a nation that is proud of its heritage. Part of that heritage is South Africa’s story of liberation. As a result, the NHC and its partners have initiated a number of projects which endeavour to acknowledge and preserve this story of liberation. One such project is the Liberation Heritage Route Project (LHRP).

The Liberation Heritage Route Project

The LHRP aims to identify, research and develop a series of liberation sites with localised, provincial and national significance. The sites will form a route that presents evidence of a common narrative, memory and experience associated with the story of liberation, for emancipation against multiple expressive forms of oppression in South Africa. The sites that are being researched to form the Liberation Heritage Route (LHR) include sites where a significant event took place or a liberation icon resided. There are a number of criteria for researching a site for inclusion in the LHR, the main and overarching criteria, is that the story or persons associated with the site, contributed to the liberation struggle of South Africa. Therefore, through the LHRP, the NHC aims to:

- Reconstruct the history of liberation struggle through the regeneration of physical elements and heritage content linked to it.
- Protect and conserve the tangible and intangible evidence associated with the liberation struggle narrative.
- Attain World Heritage Status and to raise global awareness about the social memory of liberation heritage as part of a shared heritage value for South Africa.
- Unlock economic value and package a series of sites that will be targeted nodes for promoting socio-economic development throughout South Africa.
- Explore the uniqueness of the South African liberation struggle so that it is treasured by future generations.
The Liberation Heritage Route Website

Identifying, researching and developing South Africa’s story of liberation by linking a series of sites, is no simple undertaking. Therefore, the NHC have developed a website to not only showcase the proposed LHRP, but to provide a platform where everyone with a story can contribute to it. The Liberation Heritage Route Website (LHRW) aims to:

- **Act as a vehicle to assist the LHRP** with its primary objective of reconstructing the common memory and narrative of the liberation struggle of South Africa in all its manifestations.

- **Act as a database of information** already, currently and soon to be researched for the Liberation Heritage Route Project. The NHC calls on you to contribute to this database of information.

- **This database is to be a resource for research and education**, aimed at developing a deeper understanding of South Africa and its story of liberation.
### About the Website

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<td>The website contains a map of the Liberation Heritage Route sites that have been identified and approved for the project, to date. This map will grow as further research is conducted and additional sites are identified and included.</td>
<td>The website categorises the stories of liberation according to sites, people, events, time and themes. All information can therefore be added and searched accordingly.</td>
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<td>The website showcases research, special projects, news, events, stories, and all other relevant information associated with the Liberation Heritage Route Project.</td>
<td>The website is aimed at learners, scholars, academics, teachers, institutions, organisations, tourists and anyone of the general public interested in hearing and sharing the stories of South Africa’s liberation.</td>
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<td>This website allows not only for the storage and preservation of information on the sites of the LHRP, but it allows for the public to engage with that information. We encourage you to add your own stories and comment on existing stories, all while viewing the sites within the context of a map and geographical location.</td>
<td>This website includes a blog and newsletter, and is linked to Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest so the stories can reach and grow through social conversation. Sign up today and get involved in the discussion.</td>
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Submit Research and Images Today!

- The NHC calls on learners, scholars, academics, teachers, institutions, organisations, tourists and anyone of the general public who are involved or engaging with Liberation Heritage Route related sites, to submit potentially relevant information and images to the website team for consideration and uploading to the website.

- All efforts - be it in the form of images, audio-visual material, written or verbal historical accounts - will contribute to the Liberation Heritage Route Project, and in turn the reconstruction of the memory of the liberation struggle.

- All information and images will be referenced and all submissions will be duly acknowledged.

- Submit your information today and one of our team members will get back to you: research@liberationheritage.co.za

- Should you have any questions or queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact the Liberation Heritage Route Website Team by emailing: info@liberationheritage.co.za

- Should you wish to learn more about the Liberation Heritage Route Project and its associated projects, please contact the National Heritage Council's dedicated Liberation Heritage Route Unit:
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