

The Aliens in Retreat

July 2010

A chronicle of Helderberg Hackery

Under the auspices of the Friends of the Helderberg Nature Reserve

Rain stops play



The parking area — very wet!

More like "rain prevents play"... John McNaught-Davis, Karen Hansen, Barry Paulse and James Silberbauer turned up to see if any hacking would be done. The rain was too persistent to make it worthwhile so we cancelled. This is the first cancellation in the three years I have run the hacks, so to have the weather stop only one of the 37 hacks is pretty remarkable.



*The would-be hacksite:
very muddy underfoot and the
Helderberg all but invisible in
the clouds.*

For fun and interest, here are some statistics of the hacks that took place from July 2007 to July 2010.

Number of hacks in 3 years (and 1 month)	37
Number of cancelled hacks	1
Total attendance	505 people
Number of people who have hacked at least once during the 3 years	118 people
Average hack attendance	13 people
Average duration of a hack	2½ hours
Total hours worked in 3 years	1 262.5 hours
Total time as days (counting 8 hours per day)	157.81 days
Total time as months (counting 30 days per month)	5.26 months
Average effort per year	About 1¾ months

Next Hack

The next hack will be held on Saturday 14 August 2010. Starting at 8:00am.

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