



THE COUNTRY CLUB
JOHANNESBURG

Notification of a Controlled Grassland Burn

Burn will take place over 4 days from Tuesday 15 July 2025*

*weather dependent

Important reasons why we burn

- For the rehabilitation of our environmentally sensitive Egoli Granite Grasslands. Burning is vital for the regrowth of indigenous grasses and vegetation.
- To remove moribund vegetation (clumps of dense, dead and decaying undergrowth).
- To maintain the healthy habitat which sustains the mammals that live on our estate. These include scrub hares, hedgehogs, tortoises, genets, white-tailed and slender mongooses.

Caring for the safety of the animals

- Intensive sweeps are conducted prior to the burns to locate and move tortoises to a safe area (hares, genets and mongooses can safely outrun our very small, contained burns). The tortoises will be cared for by FFW (Friends of Free Wildlife).
- Hedgehogs found during the sweeps will be relocated to another part of the estate safely away from the burn areas.
- The sweeps will be led by members of the Club's Environment team.

The inconvenience of smoke

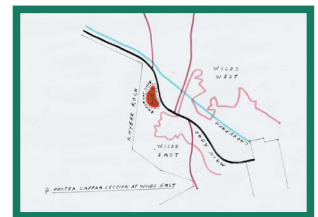
- Six areas have been earmarked for the burn.
- It is possible that the wind will carry smoke to some homes and offices bordering the Club property. The Club will make every effort to minimise this inconvenience.
- Please take note of the burn will take place over 4 days from Tuesday 15 July (weather dependent). Different areas will be burnt on different days during this period, so specific neighbours are unlikely to be affected by the burns on each of these days.
- Once the fires have swept through the designated areas, a professional team of 'dampers' will extinguish smoking embers.
- We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience but ask for your understanding; this is an environmental initiative to preserve precious habitat.

Professional management of the burns

The Johannesburg Fire Department is consulted and the burns will be managed by Mr Grant Fairley and his burn team from Springtime Landscaping.

The six burn locations

1. Reed Dam Bed: RL Hole # 10 & 18 (RHS)
2. Grassveld section opposite Dombeya Rocks & below GD access road
3. Grass Islands: RL Hole 13 (RHS)
4. Protea afra section of Wilds East
5. Egoli Granite Grasslands near Boom Gate (LHS)
6. Hole 9 WM LHS - Extension to the Enviro Sensitive Area



Conserving the Egoli Granite Grasslands

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Expert Consultants

- Grassland Management: Andrew Hankey from Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens
- Controlled burning: Commander Mompoti, Jhb Fire Dept; Grant Fairley, Springtime Landscaping
- Animal welfare: Friends of Free Wildlife

Recommended Reading

- Guide to Grasses of southern Africa by Frits van Oudtshoorn

