

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	11/K/PED/1
	Site Name	Emqwasheni Milkwood Tree, Peddie
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	Project	
	CaseNID	274302
	Coords	-33.099093, 27.075857

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AlternateName:

Emqwasheni

Site Category: Monuments & Memorials, Natural

Directions:

From the Engen Garage in King Williams Town get onto the N2 and follow it for 44.6km then turn right. After 1.7km, turn right onto the R345. The tree is 7.4km from here.

SiteComments:

Emqwasheni, or Milkwood Tree, is located beside the R345 and near the base of a hill. The R345 is part of the Makana Route that connects various historical sites of the area. These sites relate to the interactions between early colonists and the Mfengu, amongst others, in the early to mid-19th century. The monument consists of the old Milkwood, an open interpretative centre, and a building/church. The tree is believed to be the location where the Mfengu came from north of the Kei River area, on 14 May 1835, and converted to Christianity, and agreed to be ruled by the British Queen, in the presence of Rev. John Ayliff (from the plaque at the monument). The Mfengu are believed to have originated from Zululand, and had fled Shaka during the Mfecane.

Damage Types: