

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	Mantsopa's Cave
	Site Name	Mantsopa's Cave, Anglican Church complex,
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Site Category: Living Heritage/Sacred sites

Directions:

Mantsopa's Cave and spring is situated at Modderpoort (near Ladybrand). Modderpoort is an Anglican Mission Station located close to the Lesotho border, 14km outside the Eastern Free State town of Ladybrand on the R26 towards Clocolan. The site is part of the Anglican Church Mission Station of Modderpoort and access to the site is governed by the Anglican Church.

SiteComments:

In the church cave, some of the walls have religious texts inscribed on them and ledges and alcoves are used for placing candles brought by worshippers at the church and lit during their prayer sessions. The candles combine with the natural light that enters from the top of the cave to create some more light in the cave. Higher up, on the cliffs overlooking Modderpoort, are San paintings, evidence of religious beliefs that preceded those held by the visitors to the cave chapel.

Damage Types: