

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS L'AUBADE, FRANSCHHOEK

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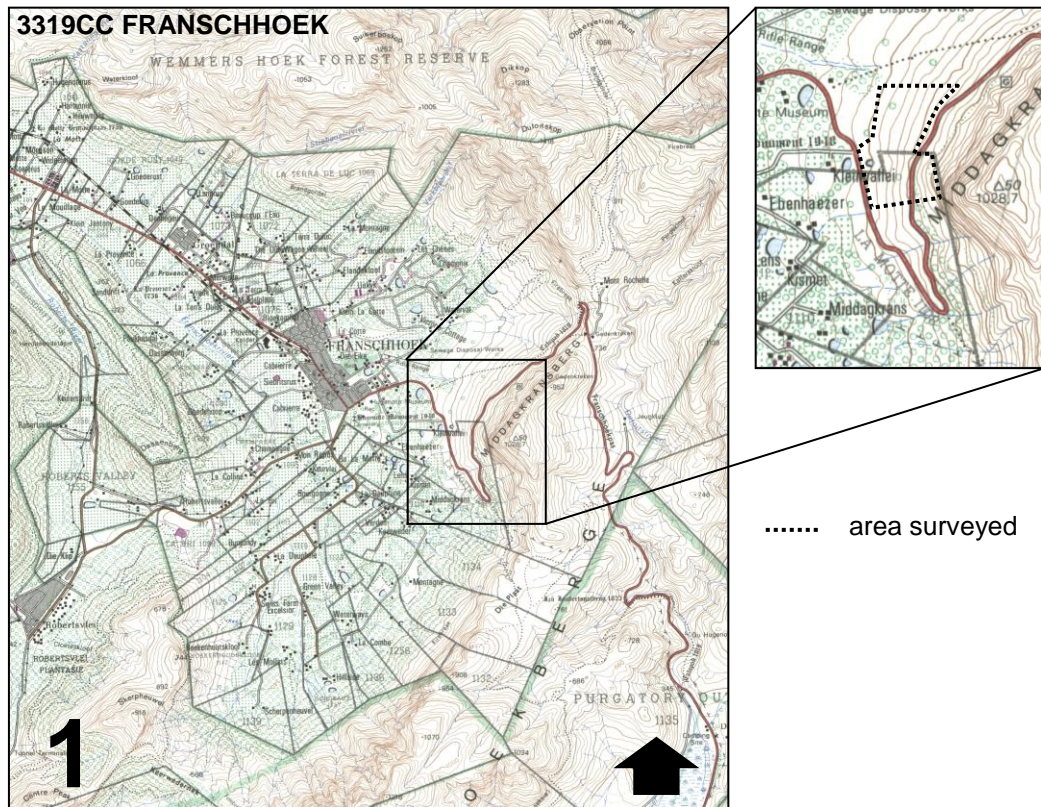
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Archaeological Contracts Office of the University of Cape Town was asked to survey a piece of land on the Franschhoek Pass known as L'Aubade. The survey conducted in late December 2001 extended over three erven (erf 1467, erf 1108/24) as shown in Figure 1.



2. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE

Much of the upper portions inspected lie on fairly steep to steep slopes while the section lying between the pass and Middagkransberg is very steep. Parts of the southern site are covered by dense pine growth, while the northern and upper areas are covered by lush fynbos. A spring is noticed towards the center of the site, where numerous exotic trees (including oaks) were found to be growing. Spring flow has been channeled into various pools. Portions of the site have been modified for several uses including roads, a mineral water bottling plant (small), several houses, a tennis court, wine tasting and restaurant facilities, dams and agricultural terraces. An MTN cell phone tower is hidden amongst the trees.

3. RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

No archaeological or historical material was observed on the site. The density of ground cover in some areas prevented a thorough search being made, but given that no archaeological material was observed in any other area, this is not considered to be a major factor affecting the outcome of the survey.

4. CONCLUSIONS

No further archaeological input is required for this site.