

KRCA EASTER EGG HUNT
26 MARCH 2012



This past Saturday, 24 March 2012, children from the SOS Children's Village, Tenterden and Ons Plek children's homes, and the surrounding community enjoyed a spectacular morning out in Kenilworth Racecourse Conservation Area (KRCA).

The Friends and conservation staff of KRCA hosted a marvellous day of activity, including Easter egg hunts, hot cross buns, juice, grasshopper catching, live Western Leopard Toads and a Baboon Spider. Pick n Pay

generously sponsored 480 marshmallow Easter eggs, over 100 hot cross buns and juice for all.

Approximately 90 children of all ages, from two to seventeen, attended. Due to the varied age groups, the children were divided for the hunt, into three age categories with each group in a different part of the activity area. The older children were given a scavenger hunt, with clues and various challenges to complete along the way, which eventually took them to a different part of the reserve for their Easter egg hunt.



Once everyone arrived, the hunt was on! Children were running this way and that, eggs were spotted and fun was had. The scavenger hunt had the older group searching for clues in mysterious places, hopping across the race track and learning all about the indigenous Easter bunny – the Scrub Hare.

After all the children had found (and eaten) their fair share of eggs, they all came to visit the Western Leopard Toads (Jemima and Mad-Eye Moody) and "Blackie" the Common Baboon Spider (as named by the children).



Some were brave and were desperate to hold the spider, while all of

them were thrilled to be able to touch our beautiful Jemima; they clustered around the table for ages checking out the animals, watching their every move.

While the excitement around the animals continued, juice and hot cross buns were devoured, and much scintillating conversation was had between the eager and interested children and the assisting adults.



The newly developed Environmental Education Garden in KRCA provided the perfect setting to host such an event, with ample space to play and hunt, without anyone having to worry about damage to the unique flora that is found on site. The children thoroughly enjoyed the time outdoors, and were excited by the grasshoppers, stick insects and praying mantises that were caught for the Western Leopard Toads' lunches.



We would like to thank FKCA members Margaret Kahle, Gavin Goldsmith and Sandy Hotz; passionate volunteers Margaret and Bjørn Marks; as well as James Cooper, Skye Marks and Tania Snyders (Cape Town Environmental Education Trust, KRCA) for their efforts before and during the day.

It was a splendid success that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

For more pictures from the event, visit our website: <http://www.krca.co.za/gallery-activities>