

Outdoor Club: Bracken Nature Reserve (Reptile Show)

On 13 October 2018, some of the Outdoor Club learners went on an outing to the Bracken Nature Reserve in Brackenfell.

The 32 learners arrived at the nature reserve, only to immediately start their first activity, “the name game”. The learners had to say their names as fast as they could to beat a record of 13 seconds. After this game, their second activity was the reptile show.

The show was presented by Dorain from the Reptile Garden, who invited a few volunteers to help out with his show. He first gave us an introduction about all of his animals and told us how he had raised his snakes from when they were 3 days old. The learners were very excited and they were all eager to be his helpers. Once the reptile show was over, the learners went on a hike with a guide, Lizelle. She took us through the reserve where we looked for different flowers and animals.

The hike was up the hill, on the way to the old landfill site, which is now covered. The ground where the landfill site was now has air vents through which the gases from under the ground can escape. The ground is now part of the Bracken Nature Reserve, home to over 10 endangered or critically endangered plants.

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