STRANDFONTEIN CULTURAL MAPPING

HISTORIC TIMELINE

Pre-1652

The Cape Flats formed part of the ancestral grazing lands of the Peninsula KhoiKhoi groups, as well as the Cochoqua who moved seasonally between Vredenburg and the Cape in the autumn.

1652

During the Dutch colonial period (1652-1790s) the land in and around the Strandfontein area was reserved by the VOC for its exclusive use for harvesting thatch and firewood.

1788

Hendrick Cloete of Groot Constantia is one of two Dutch settlers operating a fishery along the Strandfontein coastline in the late 1780s.

1795

Battle of Muizenberg: Dutch rule at the Cape ends in September 1795 after the Battle of Muizenberg, which takes place when British forces land at Simon's Town.

1880s

From the 1880s until the 1950s, Strandfontein is most closely associated with the Phillipi German community who used the Reserve and coast as valuable sources of seafood and game. It was also used for camping, bathing, and fishing, attracting small congregations over holidays such as Christmas and became popular with visitors from the rural Claremont, Wynberg, and Ottery areas.

1897

Establishment of the Strandfontein Coastal Forest Reserve (1897-1974).

1923

Spatial segregation begins from 1923 onward with the establishment of racially based housing estates - Langa and Athlone - for people classified as "Native" and "Coloured" in Cape Town.

1954

Strandfontein is connected to Muizenberg with the extension of Strandfontein Road southwards towards Muizenberg between 1954 and 1958, the beginning of Baden Powell Road.

1957

Group Areas Proclamations in Cape Town: The first Group Areas Act proclamation was issued in 1957. Among the zones that were proclaimed "White" was the Table Mountain area, which covered a large territory which was racially integrated.

1958

Strandfontein Coastal Resort (Bluewaters Resort) was established on a portion (Lot Reserve) of the Strandfontein Forest Reserve in 1958. The oldest structures and original access road date to 1958.

1961

Alpha Surf Lifesaving Club is established at Blue Water

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