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CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI ANNUAL WALK / FUN RUN 2022

Be part of this iconic event where we literally retrace the steps Chief Albert Luthuli walked from his home in Groutville to his shop and fields on the banks of the Umvoti River.

The **Luthuli Museum** in partnership with the **iLembe District Municipality, KwaDukuza Local Municipality, Provincial Department of Sports & Recreation and Enterprise iLembe** are excited to announce the return of the much loved and supported: Chief Albert Luthuli Annual Walk / Fun Run Walk taking place on Saturday 23 July 2022 from 07:00 in Groutville. The event did not take place since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic which restricted mass public events in consideration of people's health and safety.

With the District and KZN Province recently experiencing an overwhelming destruction through the heavy floods, the Luthuli Museum and its partners seek to re-ignite the togetherness and passion for outdoor life and activities. An opportunity to ignite unity amongst the community and also generate the "can do" spirit amongst community members as they rebuild their lives after the terrible heavy rains, but also take their minds off and experience a feel-good moment.

This event caters for the avid runner/walker and novice with a 11km walk and 7.7 km run on offer. This family fun event will include food stalls; chess games; music and other fun filled activities catering for the young and old. The KwaDukuza Local Municipality situated in the iLembe District Municipality welcomes all our visitors for this historic event which also shines a light on South Africa's history while at the same time providing runners / walkers the opportunity to experience a fulfilled event.

The Luthuli Walk starts in front of the original 1927 house of Chief Albert and Mrs Nokukhanya Luthuli on 3233 Nokukhanya Luthuli Street in Groutville. Tickets for the Walk are R100 and R120 for the Fun Run. Further details and registration is on www.luthuliwalk.org.za or contact 032 559 8147 for inquiries.

Log onto www.luthuliwalk.org.za for the route maps. The Fun Run / Walk also encompasses a variety of activities that form part of the program at the Luthuli Museum to celebrate Luthuli Week in the month of July.



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About the Chief Albert

Luthuli Fun Run/Walk

The Luthuli Legacy Walk & Fun Run is an annual commemorative event organized by the Luthuli Museum. The event is aimed at commemorating the passing of Chief Albert Luthuli on 21 July 1967. It takes place during the month of July to coincide with the date of his death. The Luthuli Legacy Walk follows the footsteps of Chief Albert Luthuli's final walk to the railway bridge where he was allegedly hit by train thus leading to his untimely death. The Fun Run links significant sites linked to Chief Albert Luthuli, which are the Nonhlevu shop and Luthuli Museum. The Inaugural event took place on 23 July 2016, where over 500 people participated. The Walk & Fun Run was founded by Mr. Zakhele Gumede and later adopted as one of the flagship programs of the Luthuli Museum's annual event calendar.

In 2017, The Walk was held in commemoration of 50th anniversary of the death of Chief Albert Luthuli. The Walk starts at the Luthuli Museum at Nokukhanya Luthuli Street to the Memorial Site returning via Chief Albert Luthuli's gravesite at the Groutville United Congregational Church and then concludes at the Groutville Sports Ground. The route of the Walk is 11,5 KM altogether.

Along the route is the Aldinville Primary School, where Chief Luthuli started schooling. Next to it is the King Shaka Observation Rock where King Shaka used to sit and watch his warriors like the Hlomendlini regiment drilling. He also used to enjoy watching his cattle in Shaka's Kraal. The Charlotedale level crossing and railway station is also one of significant sites.

In 2018, the Luthuli Legacy Fun Run started at Chief Albert Luthuli's Statue on Chief Albert Luthuli Street in KwaDukuza. It went southwards on R102 where there was a slight detour to get participants of Fun Run past the site of the Gledhow Sugar Company. The route passed the Nonhlevu Store that was established by Chief Albert Luthuli in order to provide a steady income for his family.

A new element to the Luthuli Legacy Walk & Fun Run was introduced in 2018 that being the Aerobics Warm-up Session in the morning and a Cool-down Session after the Walk & Fun Run in order to further promote the importance of exercise and healthy living. An aerobics instructor from the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sports & Recreation facilitated these sessions. The inclusion of aerobics has become a standard feature.

The Walk continues to grow from strength to strength each year with various elements added to make it bigger and interesting in order to attract more participants.