

Voortrekker Monument

Identification

EBN	103557
Name	Voortrekker Monument
Construction Type	monument
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	Afrique	Postcode	0027
Country Name	Afrique du Sud	Address (as text)	Centenary Road, Groenkloof
State Name	Gauteng	Latitude	Contact us
City Name	Pretoria	Longitude	Contact us

Description

Architectural style	Art Deco
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Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	203,41 ft	Height (tip)	203,41 ft
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Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1937	Year (construction end)	1949
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Facts

- The lower hall features a granite cenotaph so situated that the ray of sunshine falls on the inscription every noon on 16 December every year (the Battle of Blood River) and a niche holding an ever-burning flame.
- At the monument's entrance is Anton van Wouw's sculpture of a Voortrekker mother and children.

- It is set on Monument Hill and commemorates the Great Trek of the 1830s. It is regarded as a shrine by many Afrikaners: a memorial to the founders of their republics and a symbol of Afrikaner identity.
- The main block is comprised of two chambers: the domed, 30m-high Hall of Heroes, its walls lined by a frieze of 27 marble panels (their combined length is 92m) depicting the Great Trek's main events, and a lower hall.
- Groundbreaking was held on 13th July 1937 whilst the cornerstone was laid on 16th December 1949.

Involvement companies

Architect.....

Gerard Moerdijk

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