

# Voortrekker Monument

## Identification

<b>EBN</b>	103557
<b>Name</b>	Voortrekker Monument
<b>Construction Type</b>	monument
<b>Current Status</b>	existing [completed]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	Afrique	<b>Postcode</b>	0027
<b>Country Name</b>	Afrique du Sud	<b>Address (as text)</b>	Centenary Road, Groenkloof
<b>State Name</b>	Gauteng	<b>Latitude</b>	<a href="#">Contact us</a>
<b>City Name</b>	Pretoria	<b>Longitude</b>	<a href="#">Contact us</a>

## Description

<b>Architectural style</b>	Art Deco
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## Spatial dimensions

<b>Height (structural)</b>	203,41 ft	<b>Height (tip)</b>	203,41 ft
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## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction start)</b>	1937	<b>Year (construction end)</b>	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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