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Come early to watch implosion, UCT advises

Safety considerations talk: Thursday, 19 August, 13h00, Leslie Social Science 2A
Athlone cooling towers implosion, 22 August, 12h00

The University of Cape Town expects an influx of people eager to view the implosion of the Athlone cooling towers at 12h00 on Sunday, 22 August. UCT advises people to arrive early, bring a picnic brunch and enjoy the event from a prime viewing spot at the country's most beautiful campus.

UCT's Upper Campus offers a number of scenic viewing areas, including the famous steps leading up to the landmark Jameson Hall. The campus has a Heritage Trail with markers that give colourful information about the history of Cape Town and Table Mountain. Upper Campus also offers access via a hiking trail to Rhodes Memorial.

An engineer's view of the implosion: Thursday, 19 August

The towers have been a bone of contention for years among many city dwellers who were concerned about safety and sanitary issues. On Thursday 19 August at 13h00, UCT's faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment (EBE) will host a public talk on considerations for the safe implosion of the Athlone cooling towers. The demolition is expected to give students a case study.

Professor Francis Petersen, the dean of EBE said: "It is great for students to get as much exposure to engineering processes as possible. Safety is not just a buzzword but an integral part of an engineering operation."

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