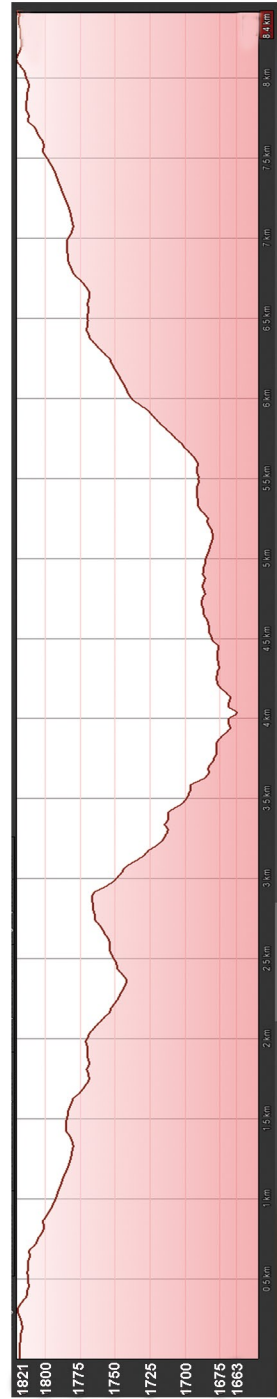


Waterfall Trail



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- a spectacular sight during the rainy season when water cascades >100 m over several ledges into the valley - for most of the year this is dry, yet the 'Green Dam' may hold water for a longer period and attract wildlife
- the trail follows farm tracks and dry river beds
- spotting of wildlife e.g. hartman's mountain zebra, oryx, kudu
- rich flora including: Namibian resin tree (*Ozoroa crassinervia*), century plant (*Boophone disticha*), cissus (*Cyphostemma bainesii*), wild hibiscus (*Abutilon pycnodon*), sweet-thorn acacia (*Acacia karroo*), red umbrella-thorn (*A. reficiens*), *Euphorbia* sp.

Distance: 8.4 km

Duration: 2.5 hrs walking only (add 1+ hrs resting, exploring ...)

Elevation gain/loss: 234 m

Best timing: Any time of day

Please ensure you take the following essentials:

- Hat
- Good walking shoes
- Long-sleeved shirt for sun protection and sun lotion
- Water: 1-2 litres

Please:

- Do not litter and leave no toilet or tissue paper in the veld
- Do not smoke – bush fires kill
- Respect all wildlife and be aware of snakes
- Leave only footprints and take only photographs

LEGEND

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1	Gate – continue straight on. Namibian resin tree on the left en route to no 2. Note its characteristic and attractive black stem.
2	Gate – and 4-way crossing of tracks. Continue straight on. The return route joins in from the left.
3	Winding down the slope, you'll find the track going left and right in front of a low rock band. Keep right and continue.
4	When you reach a small river bed, take the track/path to the right and continue along a trail marked with leopard footprints. Soon you will encounter a retaining wall which stores occasional water flowing down the river which is absorbed into the sand, thus feeding the underground aquifers.
5	Waterfall. Please take care, beyond the edge of the rock is a sheer cliff. When the waterfall is flowing, continue hiking along the mountainside to the right and look back directly at the spectacular waterfall. There are several ledges and pools as the water plummets into the valley. Return to where the river joins the track at no 4 and turn right.
6	Track crossing. Keep right to continue to the 'Green Dam'.
7	Green Dam, named after a green layer of tiny algae covering the entire water surface in 2008. When the dam holds water, you may encounter game drinking here and lots of bird activity. Return to the crossing and turn right at the track or the river bed – they soon merge and continue along the river bed.
8	An obsolete dam with a permanently breached wall. The remains of the old reservoir was once turned into a dwelling for a cattle herder. Continue along the old, very rocky track up the slope and turn right when meeting the track you came down at no 2.

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