

Zebra Trail



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- trail follows along tracks with scenic views and the farm's main river bed with its rock formations
- discover where our drinking water is sourced and follow its route to the farm house
- spotting of wildlife e.g. hartman's mountain zebra, oryx, kudu
- flora: red bushwillow (*Combretum apiculatum*), shepherd's tree (*Boscia albitrunca*), black-thorn acacia (*Acacia mellifera*), red umbrella-thorn acacia (*Acacia reficiens*), butterfly-leaf (*Adenolobus garipensis*), skew-leaved elephant root (*Elephantorrhiza suffruticosa*) ...

Distance: 7.3 km

Duration: 3 hrs walking only (add 1.5 hrs resting, detour to borehole)

Elevation gain/loss: 333 m

Best timing: Any time / Spectacular early morning with sunrise

Please ensure you take the following essentials:

- Hat
- Good walking shoes/boots
- 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

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| 1 | At the cairn 1.1 km from farm house, turn left onto old track. |
| 2 | Vantage point with a view of the Gamsberg massif – third highest mountain of Namibia (2347 masl), also referred to as an 'inselberg'. It is topped by a 20-30 m deep, erosion resistant quartzite layer. |
| 3 | Iab river bed – turn right. Catchment and source of river is on farm Hakos - the main river at the foot of the Hakos Mountains. The Iab feeds into the Kuiseb River, which flows westward through the Namib Desert and into the Atlantic Ocean at Walvis Bay. Both the Iab and Kuiseb are ephemeral rivers. |
| 4 | <p>Here you encounter a retaining wall which stores water flowing down the river and absorbed by the sand, thus feeding the underground aquifers.</p> <p>Take a short detour some 20 m further up on your left. Follow the track which leads you to a borehole and solar installation. This is where our drinking water comes from. It is pumped via a middle station, which you'll pass on the way up, to reservoirs supplying the farm house - a total distance of 3.4 km and a height of 300m. You would have seen the pipeline running at the top of the fence when you started the hike (from house to no 1). The pipeline is raised to prevent porcupines from damaging it and also facilitates easy maintenance.</p> <p>Return to the river bed and head for the reservoir, noting the deep well next to it. This is historically the first source of water when Farm Hakos came into existence. Continue along the track leading to the right out of the river bed.</p> <p>NB: Consider walking our 'landscape interpretation trail' – which describes how a farm survives independently. Ask for the guiding booklet at reception.</p> |

ENJOY YOUR HIKE !