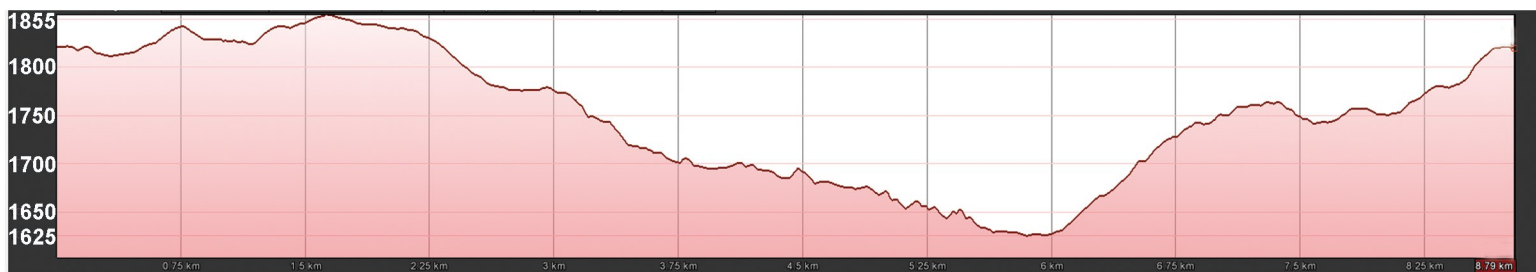
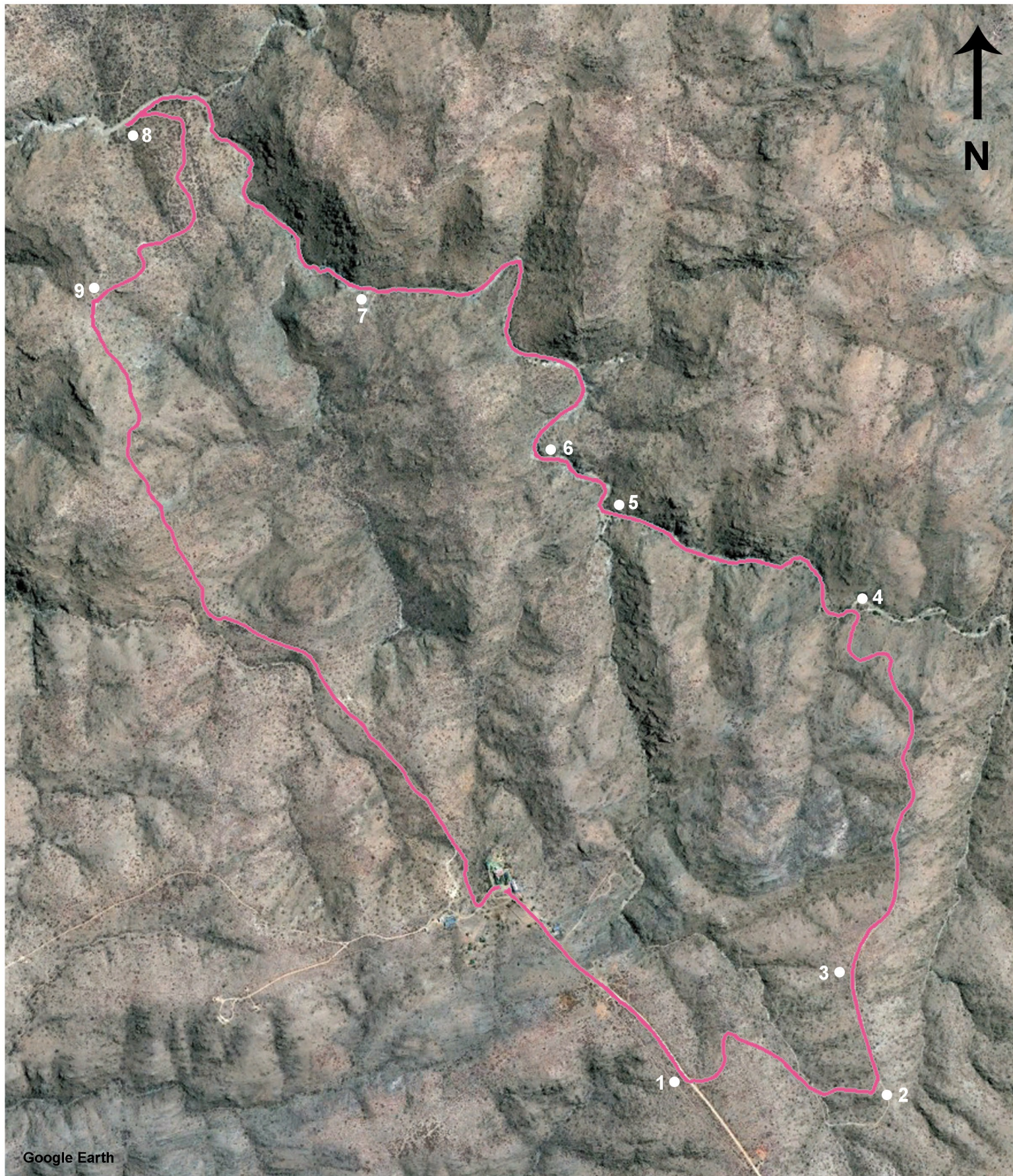


River Trail



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- this trail leads to an excellent vantage point in the heart of the Great Western Escarpment and drops into a river system with interesting rock formations and plant life
- trail follows along farm tracks (section 8 - 4) and in a rocky/sandy ravine/river bed (4 – 8)
- spotting of wildlife e.g. hartman's mountain zebra, oryx, kudu
- rich flora including: shepherd's tree (*Boscia albitrunca*), common wild pear (*Dombeya rotundifolia*), rock-splitting fig (*Ficus ilicina*), wild ebony (*Euclea pseudobenus*), Namib coral tree (*Erythrina decora*), mountain milk-bush (*Euphorbia avasmontana*), skew-leaved elephant root (*Elephantorrhiza suffruticosa*) ...

Distance: 8.8 km

Duration: 4 - 5 hrs

Elevation gain/loss: 333 m

Best timing: Morning

Please ensure you take the following essentials:

- Hat
- Good walking shoes/boots
- Long-sleeved shirt for sun protection and sun lotion
- Water: 2-3 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	Leave the farm house along the main road and take the first farm track to the left after about 650 m. Follow track.
2	When reaching the T-junction at the top, take a short walk to the right (40 m) to view our 'corkscrew' acacia.
3	Solitary shepherd's tree on a rocky outcrop – 'the guardian'. This is a protected and prominent tree in Namibia (origin of name: provides the only shade offered to herdsman in arid landscapes).
4	On reaching the river, turn left down the river gorge, where you'll encounter numerous rocky sections.
5	River intersection with sandy 'beaches' and pools in the rainy season. Game depends on this water supply.
6	Rocky terrain shaped by water into amazing formations with a deep pool on the left hand side. Navigate this section on the right hand side. There are two big coral trees, which produce magnificent deep red flowers around November.
7	Along this section of river you will frequently spot the mountain milk-bush (looks like a candelabra-cactus but is not a true cactus). NB: the milk-bush contains a toxic white sap (latex).
8	On reaching the reservoir (note the deep well beside it) – once the source of the first water found on Hakos and now a historic site. Our current borehole from which we obtain our drinking water is also in this river system. Turn left onto the track.
9	Our water is pumped from the river via this middle station and on to reservoirs just beyond where you left the road at no 1. The water then runs by gravity, supplying the farm house - a total distance of 3.4 km and a height of 300m. NB: Consider walking our 'landscape interpretation trail' – which describes how a farm survives independently. Ask for the guiding booklet at reception.

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