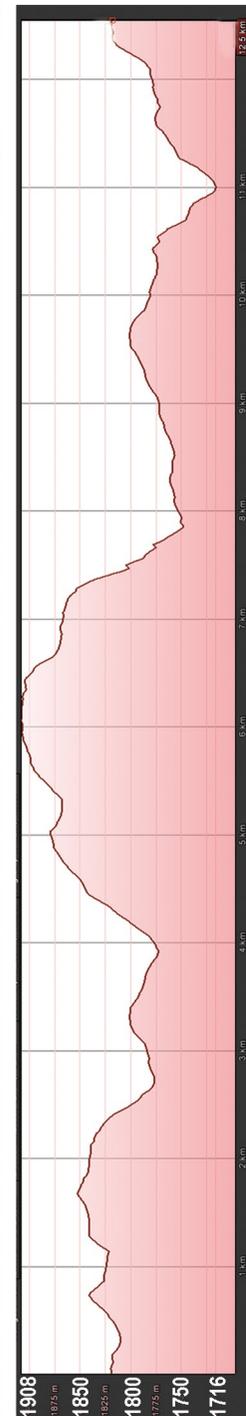


Post Tower Trail



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- set in the heart of the Great Western Escarpment, this trail meanders across high-lying terrain affording excellent views, and drops into river ravines dotted with rocky ledges and trees
- trail follows along farm tracks, zebra trails and ravine/river beds
- 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 pseudebenus*), Namib coral tree (*Erythrina decora*), sweet-thorn (*Acacia karroo*), century plant (*Boophone disticha*), Namibian resin tree (*Ozoroa crassinervia*) ...

Distance: 12.6 km

Duration: 5 hrs walking only (add 2 hrs resting, exploring ...)

Elevation gain/loss: 425 m

Best timing: Early morning (in summer, ideally at dawn)

Please ensure you take the following essentials:

- Hat
- Good walking shoes/boots
- Long-sleeved shirt for sun protection and sun lotion
- Water: 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 of steep section, 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'. A protected and prominent tree in Namibia (origin of name: one of the very few shade trees found in the Namib Desert).
4	River-bed junction. Continue along track to the right.
5	A borehole casing from the past. A windmill would have pumped underground water from about 100 m to the surface.
6	Gate. Next turn-off about 600 m from here.
7	Just after crossing a river bed, turn right at the cairn.
8	You are walking on an historical air strip. The first farmer living on Hakos owned a small aircraft (during the 1940/50's).
9	Post Tower. Built in the 1970's, today it serves as a data link connection in the country and beyond. Continue in a NE direction along zebra paths.
10	Turn left on reaching the valley and the track. Continue on track until reaching point 4 again and head down the river. Along the way there are rocky ledges (note the rock-splitting fig sprawling across one of the ledges) and trees affording shade.
11	River intersection with sandy 'beaches' and pools in the rainy season. Game depends on this water supply. Turn left into another river bed that leads you up to the house again.
12	A concrete retaining wall to trap sand upstream, which absorbs water to replenish the underground aquifers and the well, built in 1937. This was the original source of drinking water and determined the location of the farm house. Continue another 150 m and take the track on the right for the final ascent back to the house.

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