

Mountain Trail

Colour Code: **Black Arrows**
Distance: 6.4 km
Duration: approximately 2 hours
Grading: Intermediate to Advanced
Start: Eagles Nest or Geisterschlucht Info Kiosk



If you are looking for a short trail that is a bit more challenging and offers great views, the Mountain Trail is the right choice for you. However, this trail should only be chosen by relatively fit and sure footed hikers as you will have to master a gradual climb over a mountain with a tricky down- hill descend.

Starting from the Info Kiosk at Eagles Nest, cross the open plain to then walk along the mountain range for a while and admire the impressive boulders. After about 20 minutes, you will see a fully-split rock to your left that was exposed to chemical weathering



processes. Soon after, you will pass an old, rusty Hudson which is part of the legend that gave the “Geisterschlucht” its name. Please read the information board next to the car if you want to know more about the legend.

Leaving the car behind, you will soon start to climb up the mountain range that encloses the

Geisterschlucht. The path up the mountain is dotted with beautifully glimmering pink quartz feldspar and mica. After having climbed the winding and mounting trail for about 20 minutes, your efforts will be rewarded with an amazing view over the vast desert plains.



Refreshed from the peacefulness of this very spot, you can start descending the mountain towards Eagles Nest, enjoying great views during the whole way down. The descent can get very rocky and steep at times, so please be careful on your way down and budget enough time for the way down the mountain.



Featured plants on this trail: *Hypertelis salsoides*, *Dyerophytum africanum*, *Codon royenii*, *Heliophila trifurcata*, *Blepharis spec*, *Salsola sp*, *Tetragonia reduplicata*, *Aptosimum spinescens*, *Forsskaolea hereoensis*, *Salvia gariepensis*



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Ramparts

 Old Car

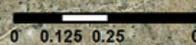
 
Geister Schlucht Cabin

 Viewpoint

 Eagle's Nest Chalets

 Gate



 Kilometers
0 0.125 0.25 0.5

Geographical Data Source: Garmin GPS Tracks and Google Earth
Scale: 1:20,000
Geographic Coordinate System: WGS84
Map was produced in September 2011