

## Schanzen Trail



**Colour Code:** *Brown Arrows*  
**Distance:** *5.1 km*  
**Duration:** *approximately 90 minutes*  
**Grading:** *Easy to Intermediate*  
**Start:** *Desert Horse Inn or Campsite Info Kiosk*



If you feel like taking an unhurried and scenic walk in midst of mountains and foot slopes, the Schanzen Trail is the perfect choice for you! The trail has its name from the numerous ramparts that can be found around Klein-Aus Vista and which were built by the German soldiers during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

Start the Schanzen Trail at the Desert Horse Inn Hiking Info Kiosk, just west of the parking area, pass the rooms to the west through a gate, cross the wide sandy river bed and enter another gate, followed by a smaller gate.

Please make sure that you properly close all the gates. After walking up the slowly-mounting slope for about 15 minutes, you can see a beautiful single boulder at the top of the climb and get the chance to take a short break and enjoy the great view over the whole area near the campsite. When you arrive at the bottom of the slope, you will see a prominent quartz outcrop on your left hand side and the campsite to your right.



Cross the dry riverbed and head up an erosion cliff, turning right at the top. The trail then links up with a track that was used during WWI by the Schutztruppe leading towards the ramparts and trenches at the western front, it offers great views in the direction of the Garub plains about 20 km to the west where the South African troops were based. Walk parallel with a long rampart and after turning right through a gap in the wall head in a northerly direction through rocky terrain vegetated with of bushman candle, pelargonium species and other succulent vegetation. Once descending the hill, the trail leads you past another line of ramparts and overgrown trenches in an easterly direction. To the north you see the bed of the Aus River filled with *Acacia karoo* and *Acacia erioloba*. The last part of the trail follows the dry riverbed before ending at the lodge.



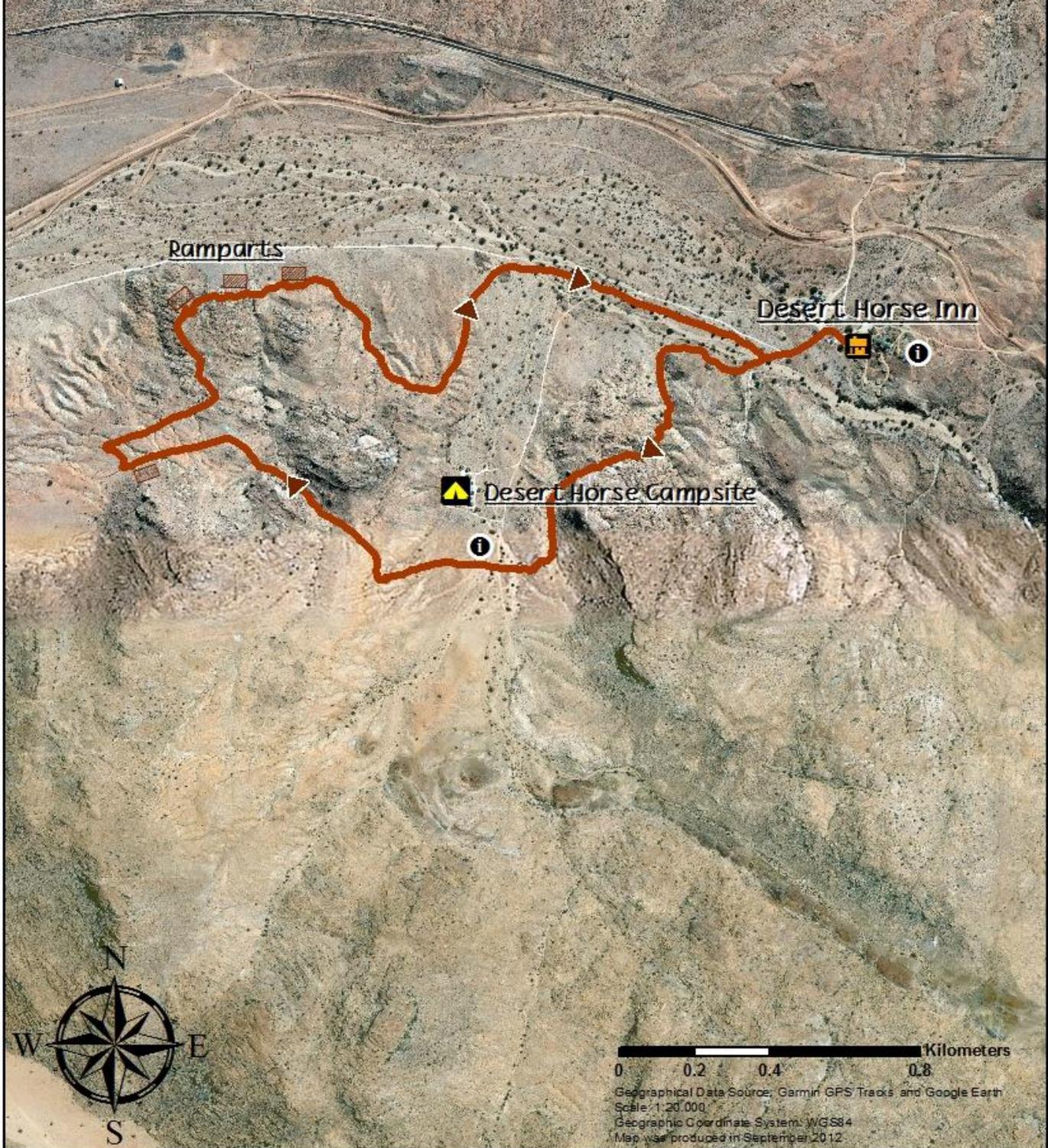
**Featured plants on this trail:** *Dyerophytum africanum*, *Galenia africana*, *Sarcocaulon salmoniflorum*, *Salsola sp*, *Euphorbia sp*, *Pappaea capensis*, *Psilocaulon sp*, *Lampranthus otzenianus*, *Hermannia spp*, *Kleinia longiflora*, *Boscia albitrunca*, *Acacia erioloba*, *Acacia karroo*, *Schinus molle*



*Klein-Aus Vista*  
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### Klein Aus Vista Hiking Trails

 Schanzen Trail (5.1 km) takes approx. 1.5 hours



0 0.2 0.4 0.8 Kilometers  
Geographical Data Source: Garmin GPS Tracks and Google Earth  
Scale: 1:20,000  
Geographic Coordinate System: WGS84  
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