

Vista Trail

Colour Code: **Red Arrows**
Distance: 4.1 km
Duration: approximately 90 minutes
Grading: Easy to Intermediate
Start: Campsite Info Kiosk



The *Vista Trail* offers you stunning views over the Namib plains and is great for pre-sunset or sunrise walks. The trail starts from the campsite and guides you along a path



that takes you up an erosion cliff. It then veers to the left and snakes in a south-westerly direction, climbing gradually to a junction with a signboard where you turn right to the viewpoint. Mastering the 15 minute climb to the viewpoint, you will be rewarded by the breath-taking view over the desert plains down below. Spend some time here in order to relax and to absorb the energy from the surroundings, while listening to the desert breeze and enjoying the expansive

view over the endless desert horizons.

Once recharged, return back to the junction and turn right to continue on the trail.

The trail now slopes to the left and descends into a small and idyllic valley. Cross the dry river bed and continue over the mountain foot slopes, strewn with numerous big boulders and occasional trees.

You will soon get to a T- junction where the Vista Trail turns left back to the campsite. Before descending down the eroded hillside, you can see the remnants of some mining exploration, done by early pioneers. Soon after, you reach a solar-powered water installation where the trail turns left. The water for the campsite gets pumped up



from a depth of 130 m; the daily maximum yield is only 4 m³. Following the track along the dry riverbed you soon see a nest of **Sociable weavers** that you can hear tweeting and chattering from far off. During the heavy rains of March 2012 the one nest got so heavy that it snapped off one of the strong branches. After enjoying this impressive piece of 'architecture' with the reminder that bigger without good support is not better, you continue on the trail and pass by a quartz outcrop on your right side with the campsite straight ahead, where the trail ends.





Featured plants on this trail: *Mesembryanthemum guerichianum*, *Galenia africana*, *Salvia gariensis*, *Brownanthus schenckii*, *Boscia albitrunca*, *Rhus burchellii*, *Euphorbia spinescens*, *Eriocephalus sp*




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 VistaTrail (4.1 km) takes approx. 1.5 hours

 Ramparts

 Desert Horse Inn

 Desert Horse Campsite

 Viewpoint

 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