

# Vista Trail



Colour Code: **Red Arrows**  
Distance to Camp site : 1.6 km & Distance to View point: 1.8km  
Duration: approximately 90 minutes- 2.5 hours depending on the route  
Grading: Easy to Intermediate  
Start: Desert Horse Inn or Campsite Info Kiosk

The *Vista Trail* offers you stunning views over the Namib plains and is great for pre-sunset or sunrise walks. In addition to this spectacular view you can also admire the Stone Horse (land art) from the viewpoint.



The trail starts from the Desert Horse Inn and guides you parallel with the dry riverbed to pass just west of the campsite. From the campsite, walk up an erosion cliff past the reservoir. The path then joins the other trail and snakes in a south-westerly direction, climbing gradually to a junction with a signboard where you turn right to the viewpoint.

Complete the 400m climb to the viewpoint and 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. Look downwards and spot *the Stone Horse*, galloping towards the crossroads.

Once recharged, return back to the junction; you can the same way back or turn right to continue on the trail 2.2km to the campsite. The trail now slopes to the left descends into a small valley. Cross the dry riverbed and continue over the mountain foot slopes, strewn with numerous big boulders and occasional trees. You will get to a T- junction, where the Vista Trail turns left back campsite. Before descending down the eroded hillside, 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 130m; the daily maximum yield is only 4 m<sup>3</sup> and was drilled in 1948.



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Following the track, you pass by a quartz outcrop on your right side with the campsite straight ahead. If you started at Desert Horse Inn, continue following the road, turn right before the riverbed, pass the small gate and follow the riverbed to the lodge where the trail ends after 1.3 km.



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