

Eagle Trail



Colour Code: *Blue Arrows*
Distance: *17.7 km or 20.4 km*
Duration: *approximately 5 hours*
Grading: *Intermediate to Advanced*
Start: *Eagles Nest Info Kiosk*

The Eagle Trail is a wonderful trail for experienced hikers who seek adventure and diverse landscapes. Starting at the Eagles Nest hikers' parking, you are guided through a dry riverbed and onto a foot slope which offers you views over the vast desert plains.

After climbing a ladder over a fence and crossing a slope towards the mountains to the east, you have a challenging climb up a steep slope in a canyon with striking rock formations. Despite the climb, you should occasionally turn around and enjoy the view.

However, always pay attention to the trail, as some rocks might not be as steady as they appear. After the climb up, you will see the surveying point of *Nemesis* on top of a mountain in front of you. After crossing another fence, walk until you reach the sign *Viewpoint* which leads hikers up on top of *Nemesis*. The way to the viewpoint is steep and should therefore only be approached by experienced hikers, who will be rewarded with an outstanding view!



Back on the Eagle Trail after 4km you will reach a signboard where the trail forks. Turn left into a dry riverbed which winds through impressive rock formations. Towards the end of the trail, you reach the canyon that leads you down to Eagles Nest. Please stay on the marked trail on the right side of the canyon and walk carefully as the descent is steep and rocky. In times of rainfall, water starts to flow down this canyon, turning the place into a beautiful spot to visit and have a picnic.



For less experienced hikers...



We have also laid out a less challenging but longer way back to Eagles Nest. Instead of turning left at the sign into the riverbed, you stay on the path and follow it until you reach the gorge of the Geisterschlucht. The hiking trail leads you down to Geisterschlucht and then around the mountains back to Eagles Nest, offering you expansive views over the desert plains. Note that the ladders are there to help you crossing the fences.

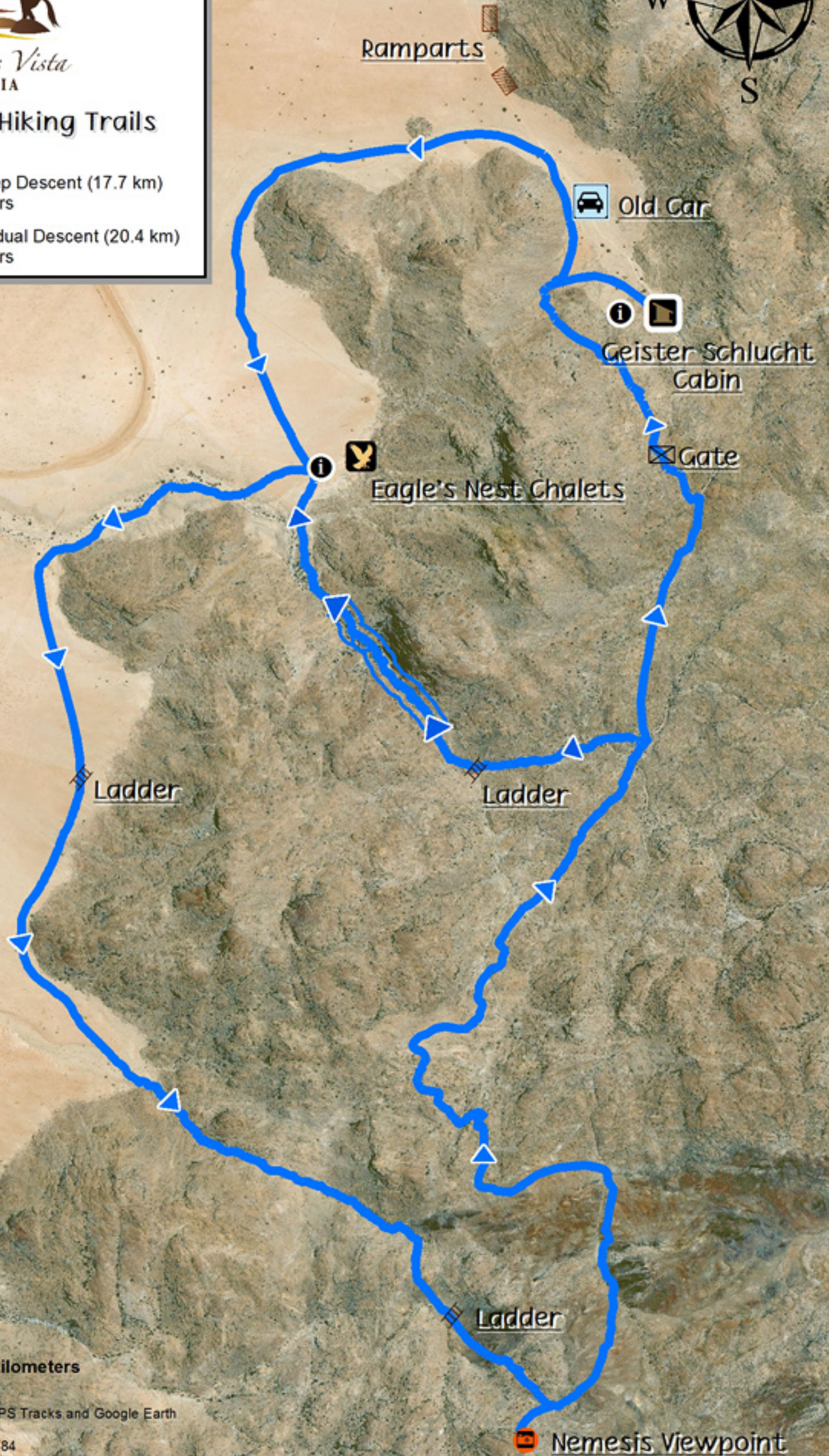


Featured plants on the trail: *Boscia albitrunca*, *Acacia karroo*, *Acacia erioloba*, *Pelargonium sp.*, *Dyerophytum africanum*, *Calicorema capitata*, *Ruschia divaricata*, *Sarcocaulon crassicaule*, *Aptosimum spinescens*, *Aptosimum tragacanthoides*, *Eriocephalus dinteri*, *Rhus burchellii*, *Galenia africana*




Klein Aus Vista Hiking Trails

-  Eagle Trail with Steep Descent (17.7 km)
Takes approx. 5 hours
-  Eagle Trail with Gradual Descent (20.4 km)
Takes approx. 5 hours



Geographical Data Source: Garmin GPS Tracks and Google Earth
Scale: 1:30.000
Geographic Coordinate System: WGS84
Map was produced in September 2011

 Nemesis Viewpoint