PLANTATION LOOP



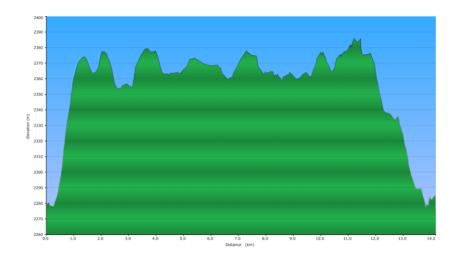


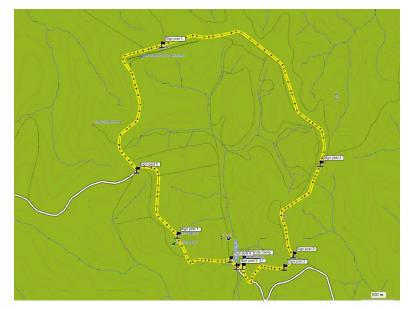
GRADING: EASY DISTANCE: 14.2 KM ESTIMATED DURATION: 2 HOURS

This is the shortest of our cycle trails. Once you have negotiated the initial climb and exited the plantation it's an easy ride with the forest on your left and the beautiful escarpments in the distance to your right. Game most likely to be seen on this trail is bushbuck, reed buck, zebra, roan and sometimes eland. This is also a good loop to see the Nyika raptors flying along the forest edge. It's also one of the areas which get lots of flowers. You will also feel the breeze from the east as there is no forest cover and fog is the order of the day particularly in the cold months. It is amusing to sometimes see the animals on the grassland with their bodies hidden and their heads floating above the fog.

The route:

From the main camp you will pass Dam 1 and sign post 1 and cycle uphill through the forest to the chorus of birds, keeping left at sign post 2, until you reach the other side of the plantation. At the 3rd sign post make a left turn and cycle along the edge of the pine forest. Here you see some of the most beautiful scenery of the plateau on the eastern side. You will go past a mobile phone mast and then past the Dembo junction (sign post 4) and carry on until you see the air strip. You will then be cycling parallel to the air strip and straight past sign post 5. This will take you back to the main road where you'll turn left at sign post 6. It is a steep descent down to camp so be careful.







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