

Maliba Lodge

Ts'ehlanyane National Park

Hiking Trail



The Lower Trail To Black Pool

Grade 1 - Very easy (e.g. half-day walks)

Grade 2 - Easy (e.g. half / full day walks)

Grade 3 - Moderate (physical fitness advisable; e.g. full day walks and moderate backpacking trips)

Grade 4 - Strenuous (physical fitness essential; e.g. longer backpacking trips)

Grade 5 - Very strenuous (requires a high degree of fitness; e.g. backpacking expeditions)

For personal safety reasons, please complete your intended route as well as departure and expected return times in our hiking log book before leaving for your hike, should our assistance be necessary during your hike.

Length 3.1km (1.9 miles), a gentle walk will take about 1 hour 20 minutes to Black Pool. [A return route should take about 3 hours] This route follows the Hlotse River and is almost the same distance as the Upper route but has fewer climbs making it enjoyable for all age groups.

The Lower trail starts from the junction about 140m north of the lodge veranda, accessed off the gravel road leading to the nursery. The trail is a clearly marked path with markers showing the distance covered in meters.

The start of the trail at the lodge is at 2030 meters above sea level. From here it descends gently to 1993m where you meet a t-junction. You turn left and follow the river in a northeasterly direction. A right turn will take you to the river pool and the River Chalets about 1.2km away.

This path passes through the riverine forest allowing for a shady walk with numerous birds twittering away. This path leads to the "Lets'a-Lets'o" the Black Lake, which is at 2080 meters above sea-level.

Look out for a variety of birds and plants. The vegetation consists mostly of riverine trees and shrubs. You will also find tracks of bushbuck and duiker along the way.

Shortly after passing the junction of the Upper trail on your left, you will reach Black Pool. This is a good place to enjoy a snack and liquid refreshment.



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