

# Maliba Lodge Ts'ehlanyane National Park Hiking Trail



## The Waterfall Trail

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** 4.7 km return trip (2.9miles), Starting at Maliba Lodge at 2030m, dropping to 1980m, then climbing steadily up to 2320m above sea level. This hike is strenuous as it involves pushing your way through dense vegetation up the valley leading to the falls. Note: Before leaving ask the lodge staff whether gate #8 is open.

As you leave the veranda you follow the path to the Lower Trail. At the split where the lower trail turns left you turn right and make your way along the clearly defined path to the River Chalets and the river pool. At the pool you pass through the gate and cross the river, following the path. This path sees a lot of animal activities and an observant person will see many traces of bushbuck, owls, and if you are lucky, eland.

The path leads to the river, which is easily crossed. You will then reach gate #8. Once through turn left on the gravel road and walk for about 460m. On your right you will notice a very clear path leading up the valley. This path is clear until you reach the acacia bush line. The path runs parallel to the stream approximately 150m east of the stream. Be careful of the exposed steep granite sections, they can be very slippery when wet.

The last 150m to the waterfall is overgrown; you need to find your own way in but it is hoped the rangers will open this up soon.



# The Waterfall Trail Map



