

Gecko - Trail

Directions & Recommendations for a successful hike

1. Wear good sturdy **hiking boots**
2. Take **2 litres of water** per person
3. Water out of the river is save to drink - add some wild mint for better flavour.
4. Fresh spring water can be found at point of leaving the Nuy River and heading up the Steep Ravine to Simonskloof.
5. Parking and start of trail at Nuy Valle Guest House, their phone number: 023 342 70 25.
6. At the Guest House please ask for Pieter Conradie, he'll show you the starting point, or proceed to the start which is the **Jeep Track** off the road to Farm Leipzig just after the turn of to the Nuy Wine Cellar.
7. After the Fig trees you'll pass a gate, then keep following the Jeep Track, passing the koppie on the east side, into the kloof. Soon the track it will cross the river many times.
8. In the Waaikloof at "Villa Werda" the Berg hut the Jeep track ends and from here follow the **Wooden Arrows** and rock cairns by first crossing the river via the earth/concrete dam and turn sharp right through the bushes then follow the **Foot Path** which soon crosses over boulders to the other side of the river again.
9. From there on it's Wilderness Adventure pure and every now and then you'll find a rock cairn or a wooden arrow showing you the way BUT simply follow your nose :-) crossing the river every now and then.
10. 1500m after the hut you'll leave the river for the first time up the western slope (eastern bank of river) and around the bend. Here follow along a steep rock band then descend down to the river again and through the Blackwattle forest.
11. At the u-bend of the river you'll come across a couple of big cairns and a deep ravine joining the river. Here you'll leave the Nuy and follow the mountain stream through -most likely- dense bushes and soon take a right through a dry river bed and further up along the stream again up, up and up.
12. After a couple of boulder climbing 1/3 up the **Steep Ravine** at some big boulders with many cairns and a rock and wooded arrow pointing right, up a secondary ravine follow this new ravine (cobra ravine) and its many rock cairns.
13. 2/3 up the cobra ravine the foot path appears again on the left (pointed out by double arrows on a cairn) and leads you the rest of the way past the **Nose** and up to the **Saddle** from where you'll see Simonskloof down below.
14. **All along the trail please do not litter - take out what you take in, also citrus peels, and cigarette stompies, many thanks.**
15. But now most of all: ENJOY the trail and have your sense of Adventure ready!

All the best
Jurgen

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