



Kompasberg Climb

Time:

4 hours each way from Kompasberg Farm (8 hours return). The farmstead is an hour's drive from Nieu-Bethesda



Difficulty:

Moderate to difficult. The route is exposed and poorly marked. There is no water on the mountain. The last hour is a scramble. Do not attempt in bad weather.

From the farmstead, follow the jeep track to the foot of the mountain. Head straight up the gully to a ledge from where cairns indicate the way to the summit.

The vegetation along the climb is montane grassveld. There are 360° views of the Karoo from the summit. Apparently during the Anglo Boer War the heliograph world record was set here by British troops who managed to send a message to the Cockscomb mountain near the coast.

More information:

Permission is needed from landowners. Get directions from the Karoo Lamb Restaurant.

