

## **HIKING TRAIL LOCATION & DIRECTIONS**

The Blinkwater Hiking Trails are situated at the end of the Karkloof mountain range in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. The hiking trails can be split into two sections; the Northern Section (starting from Mountain Falls Farmhouse) and the Southern Section (starting from Mondi Seele Workshop).





#### **Northern Section**

### **DIRECTIONS TO MOUNTAIN FALLS:**

There are various route options for getting to Mountain Falls Farmhouse depending on which direction one is driving from.

- 1. From **Pietermaritzburg**, take the R33 towards Greytown, turning left just before Seven Oaks (on the P151) towards Rietvlei. About 15km down this road where it becomes a dirt road, look for the *Blinkwater Trails* sign to the left. \* After crossing the Umvoti river (on the causeway) head up the hill and look for the sign to Mountain Falls on the left.
- 2. From **Howick**, take the tarred road to Karkloof, passing Mbona Mountain Estate (dirt road) then turning right at the turnoff to York and soon after left past Benvie Estate. Continue on the road and look for the sign to Mountain Falls on the right.
- 3. From Greytown, take the R622 towards Mooi River. After about 26km turn left onto the P151

(signed Seven Oaks) – this is a dirt road. \*\* Cross a railway line immediately after turning and stay on this road for approximately 8km down a very steep hill and soon after crossing the Umvoti River, turn right at the Upper Umvoti School. *Continue from \* 1. above to arrive at Mountain Falls*.

4. From **Mooi River** (Johannesburg) take the R622 towards Greytown. After passing through Riet Vlei, follow the road for approximately 12km until you reach a sign *Blinkwater Trails* - turn right (this is a dirt road). *Continue from \*\* Point 3. above to arrive at Mountain Falls*.

Vehicles can be parked at this point.



# **Southern Section**

#### **DIRECTIONS TO MONDI SEELE:**

- 1. From **Pietermaritzburg** take the R33 towards Greytown. Just before entering New Hanover, look for the left turn (signed *Blinkwater Trails*) and follow this road (dirt) to the starting point at Mondi Seele Workshop.
- 2. From Tongaat (an option if travelling from **King Shaka International** airport / Ballito) take the R614 towards Wartburg, keeping right to Dalton. Drive through Dalton and at Frenzel's garage turn right to Seven Oaks. At the T-junction on the R33 (Pietermaritzburg Greytown road) turn right towards Greytown. After about 1km turn left at the road signed Elandspruit. Continue on this (dirt) road until a T-junction and turn right into the Mondi-Seele Estate. Follow the road to the main office and workshop.

Vehicles can be parked at this point.