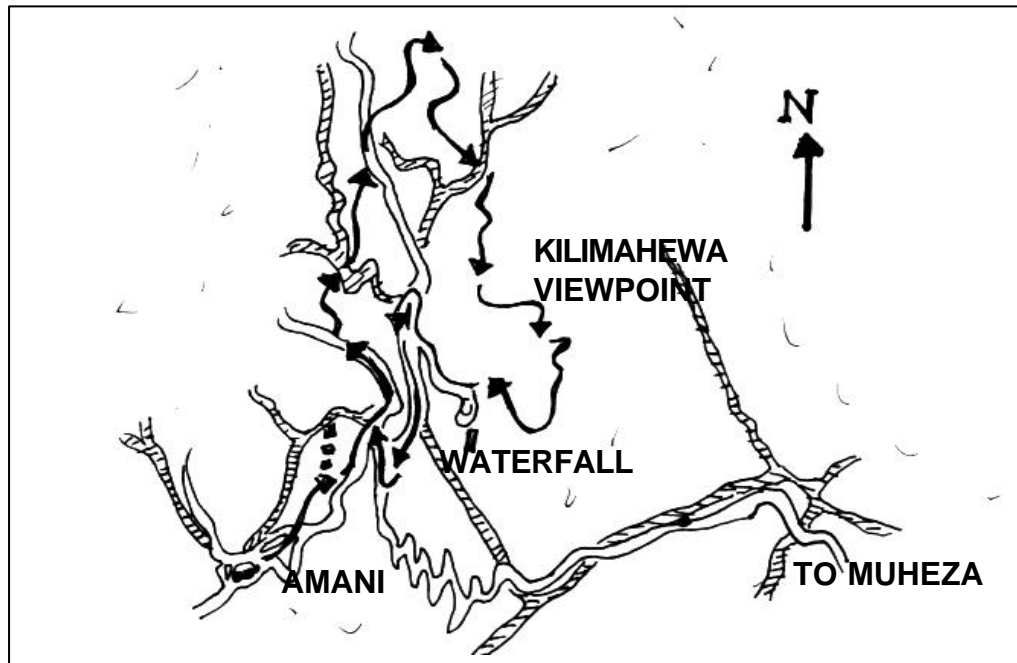


DEREMA TRAIL MAP



Amani Nature Reserve:

Reserve:

Derema Trail

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The Derema trail is 12 km circular trail that provides a full dissection of life and nature in the Amani area. En route this long and at times demanding trail, one passes through natural forests, river rapids, tea plantations, village agriculture, places of historical interest and magnificent panoramic views.

Total time required is about 5 - 7 hours.

The trail is divided into three separate sections, which can be toured separately if accompanied by a driver. A guide is also highly recommended! The trail is full of twists and turns - some more conspicuous than others - and requires prior knowledge of the area.

You may also want to pack a light lunch and take your time to fully enjoy all this trail has to offer.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The East Usambara Area Conservation Management Programme (EUCAMP) aims at protecting biodiversity and water sources while sustaining villager's benefits from the forest. The project is implemented by the Forestry and Beekeeping Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism with financial support from the Government of Finland and European Union.

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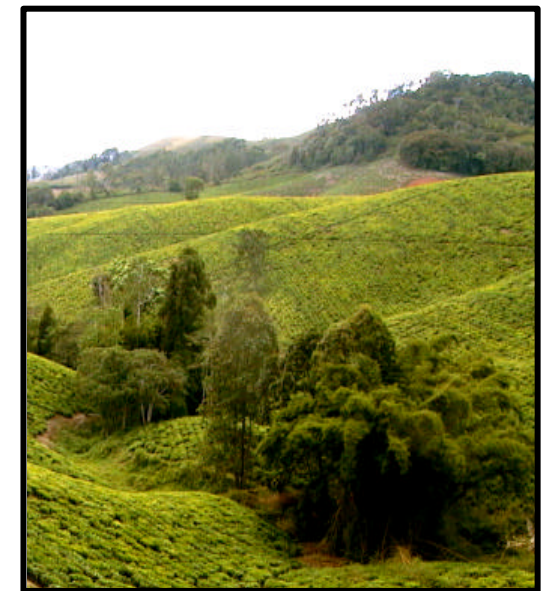
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TRAIL GUIDE

Section 1: Amani Nature Reserve Office to Derema Tea Estate and Kwemkuyu River Valley (5km, 1.5-2.0 hours.)

Begin from the Amani Nature Reserve Headquarters. Walk back the road you came first to Amani from Muheza, through Amani village to Piccadilly Circus - a easily distinguishable junction where 9 roads diverge from. If unsure, just ask around.

At Piccadilly Circus there is a sign for Derema Trail. Follow the way of the sign. At the next junction, with a house above you to the right, go forwards down a narrow footpath. The path descends to a side road leading left to a Catholic Church. Cross this side road and take a small footpath winding downwards towards the bottom of the valley ahead where you will soon cross a wooden bridge over the Dodwe River. After about 500 meter you enter the Derema tea plantations with some natural forest ahead - now an area which is reserved as a corridor between the two most biodiversity-rich forest reserves of the East Usambaras: Amani Nature Reserve and Mt. Nilo.

In about 300 meters, turn left and go up the road leading to Mbomole village. Further ahead when the road flattens out, take a small path to the right on a small ridge through the tea. In about 20 meters, turn left again down into the tea field, then left when you reach the first terrace - and in about 50 meters turn right, zigzag through more tea, down a drainage towards a road at the bottom of the valley. Turn left on this road and in some further 400 meters - after a big patch of bamboo - turn right beside the tea to reach the bottom of the valley.

Cross the bridge over Kwemkuyu River and follow the road winding back on the left along the river. As you come to a Kwemkuyu tea pluckers' quarters, take the road (leftwards) that zigzags through the village. At the end of the village, go left upwards a small path through some more tea until you reach the main Amani- Bulwa road, landmarking the end of Section 1 of the trail.

Section 2: Monga-Amani Road to Kilimahewa Village viewpoint (3 km, 1.5-2.0 hours.)

Unless you have arranged a driver to pick you up at this point - or you wish to walk back to Amani via the Derema village - turn left on the Amani Bulwa road. After 300 meters, with strip of woodland to your right, climb a small footpath to the right. Pass between tea and the forest and at the crest of the hill, follow the path that leads left into the forest. On the other side of the forest you find another road and some more tea. Turn right here and walk along the road. As you reach the ridge you can see the Derema Corridor again in front of you. In the forest to the left of the tea used to be the site of an old German hospital - now obscured by the thick undergrowth. 100 meters down the road is also hidden beneath the tea an old grave for one of the German resident doctors who lived here in the 1890s.

Follow the downwards winding road through tea for about 1 km after which you come to a junction with three large trees. Turn left, past a small clove plantation and continue on the road. In about 150 meters, turn right again through some tea. After about 200 meters, turn right again through more tea until you reach a road, which you turn right again on. After about 500 meters the road crosses a small overgrown stream. Turn left on a small path that goes between the forest and the tea.

In about 100 meters you will reach a small pool and a water intake. Climb steeply to your right, and in 20 meters turn left. Another 200 meters ahead, turn left across a small stream and climb towards a junction and further right towards some houses (Makandara village) amidst cultivation of sugarcane, cardamom, banana and other crops. Take the road left from the village and after about 100 meters climb very steeply up a path amidst more village cultivation (with a tea path to the left.) At the top of the tea, the path veers left. Continue climbing the ridge until you reach Kilimahewa Village at the top of the ridge (to the left).

Section 3: Kilimahewa viewpoint to Derema Waterfall and Amani (4 km, 1.5-2.0 hours.)

As you walk along the ridge at Kilimahewa village, there are magnificent views to all directions. To the south and east you can see the village on the plains and on a very clear day all the way to Pangani estuary on the Indian Ocean - and if lucky, all the way to the Northern shores of Zansibar Island. Closer, you can see the Longuza teak plantations, Magoroto mountain, Mlinga peak and Amani-Sigi Forest.

Walk through Kilimahewa village. At its end there are small paths veering downwards towards Magoda village. Go through Magoda village until you reach the beginning of the Derema Tea Plantations. Follow the road along which local village kids often sheperd goat and sheep. After you arrive at an old German-built house - the oldest building on the mountain - follow the road that rounds to the right. You can also see the big factory-like complex - the old Derema Tea Factory - with Amani village up on the hill behind it.

As you come to a cross road, take the middle road. As you continue veering down the road, you will hear the rushing waterfall at your left. You will also pass a large rock formation to your right where Eastern tree hyrax *Dendrohyrax validus* (Pimbi or Pelele) can be seen rummaging on the rocks. Shortly after the rock, there is a steep path down to the left. Take this. Turn left as you meet the main road, cross the Kwemkuyu River. Soon you will see the impressive rapids on the left side of the road. Follow the road and cross a bridge over Dodwe river (a tributary of Kwemkuyu river) and immediately after turn right on a small path veering up with the river to your right. From this path you will reach the Muheza-Amani road and after little more than a kilometer you will return back to Amani Village where the trail began from.