

# LONGIDO

ROCK CLIMBING NEAR KILIMANJARO

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**MULTI-PITCH ROCK CLIMBS** on solid granite • **WILD JUNGLE TRAILS** high above Africa's endless savannahs • **BREATHTAKING VIEWS** of both Kilimanjaro and Meru. Mount Longido offers a fascinating rock climbing bonus to a Kilimanjaro hiking trip, or a truly exotic mountaineering adventure of its own!



**Take the well-paved "Nairobi Road" from Arusha to either Longido or Kimokouwa Village (1 - 1.5 hours). At Longido Village, there is more touristic infrastructure, while Kimokouwa is more traditional and closer to the main access paths to the mountain. Pay your access fee and start climbing. It is mandatory to hire a local to accompany you, ease orientation and offer a much more personal Longido experience!**

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Northern Trail

25m, bushes

50m, UIAA IV

40m, UIAA II

30m, UIAA II

25m, UIAA IV-

15m, UIAA V

30m, UIAA IV

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Northern Trail

## West Summit • East Face

Amongst the two peaks of Longido, the west summit is the far more spectacular one, with a fantastic shape, superb views, and all the climbing routes:

1 Endalata Orpukely (Savannah View), UIAA V, 215m, Gaby Lappe, Kai Maluck and Clemens Pischel, 06.01.2017

Mostly slab climbing with a few steeper sections. Route fully bolted, 11 quick-draws required, all belays equipped with two bolts. Bolt types: Stubai/Fischer anchor FBN II 12/10 A4 with Stubai Protect 12mm hanger (suitable for emergency abseils); Edelrid Gluebolt with Fischer reaction capsule M12. The start of the climb is about 5m away from Longido's Northern Trail, a hiking route leading up the mountain from its foot near Kimokouwa Village.



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### 2 West Diagonal and variation, UIAA V or V+, 600m

Follow the huge fault line from bottom to top (V).

Alternatively, climb the fault for about 150m until it flattens, then take a crack, chimney and gully on its left rather directly to the summit (V+ and "some aid", I.J. Allan and Mark Savage, 1973, complicated route line, see Andrew Wielochowski's *East Africa International Mountain Guide*, West Col 1986, page 129).

### 3 Summit crags

It is possible to combine a Longido hiking ascent with some pleasurable summit single pitch climbing. For this purpose, lower yourself from the highest rocks into the uppermost reaches of the west face. The scenery will be fantastic, but you will

have to share the rock with some lichen.

### 4 The Great Escape, UIAA VI- and aid sections, 335m, Andrew Wielochowski and Ron Corkhill, 1984

Only for the very experienced in route finding and bush & aid climbing, otherwise there will be no Escape, especially in the last pitches. Be prepared some of the necessary trees may be gone when you get there. For a complete description, see Andrew Wielochowski's *East Africa International Mountain Guide*, West Col 1986, page 129.