

## CHELINDA HIKING TRAILS

During the dry months on Nyika we will be reinstating a number of walking trails on the plateau. These trails concentrate on the areas less accessible to vehicles and vary from 1 to 5 days in length. All hikes are fully serviced with tents, good food, and vehicle support where possible. The more remote hikes require portage of all equipment between camps and thus will use smaller tents while those with road and vehicle access will use larger walk in tents. All hikes require a solid level of fitness; there is much climbing and descending and the latitude, which will vary from 2700 down to around 1200 metres. is also a factor to be taken into account. Costs per night will be the same as the full board rate at Chelinda Lodge, and are for a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 guests. Some hikes start at Chelinda but most start with a short drive to a starting point on the high Nyika Grasslands. The hikes can be done at any time during the dry season although one must remember that on Nyika it can rain at any time of year. Views are always wonderful but best between April and June. All are accompanied by an experienced guide and porters. Some examples below:

### **Nkhonjera Mountain - 3 days/2 nights:**

This is a large flat topped mountain in the south east of the park and is separated from the main plateau by wooded valleys of both montane and miombo with some stunning open plains dominated by the flat topped Mountain Acacia (*Acacia Abyssinica*) patches. As the route descends, there is a good chance of seeing elephants as they feed on the acacias found in the lower valleys.

### **Jalawe, Chipome, Lower Mondwe River, and Nganda Hill – 5 days/4 nights:**

A superb walk through the wooded basin that separates the main plateau and Mhpata ridge with Kawozga hill to the north- a magnificent but challenging hike and only for the very fit with much steep climbing and descending. There are crystal clear streams throughout this hike and the opportunity to swim and an excellent chance of seeing buffalo and elephant. The trail finishes with the ascent of Nganda peak, the highest point on the Nyika at 2700 metres. From Jalawe Peak we are able to see Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania.

### **Chisanga Falls, Domwe Peak, and Jalawe - 3 days/2 nights:**

A challenging 2 night walk that starts at Chelinda Camp and follows a game trail over the grasslands, through forests and descends steeply to these falls on the Rukuru River where the first night is spent. From here the hike skirts the dramatic western edge of the plateau with huge views east to the high grasslands, west to the Rukuru Valley and north to Jalawi and Lake Malawi. Leads you back to Chelinda Camp.