



ROAD DIRECTIONS TO HIPPO LODGE FROM LUSAKA VIA MUMBWA TOWN

Please carry enough fuel to get back to home again!!!!

Mumbwa doesnot always have fuel.

- From **Lusaka** the total distance is approximately 260 km via the excellent main **Mongu tarred road (M9)**. (*Stop at the **Olive Grove** just before Mumbwa turnoff for clean toilets, coffee & food*).
- About 156 km from Lusaka turn right to **Mumbwa town**, the last fuel stop being at the **Total Filling Station** located at the roundabout (GPS: **14°59.451'S, 27°03.642'E**), across from the mosque).
- At the roundabout turn left, the filling station is now on your right, (**do not go into the town!**) and head west on a gravel road for approx., +1 km, passing through an area of road-side vegetable stalls. (Look for the sign for the Solar Farm on the right, turn right at this sign).
- Turn Right (northwards) on the old **Kasempa / Kaindu gravel road (D181)** – its 106 km to Hippo Lodge from here. Ask for directions if you are not sure. Roadworks are ongoing on this road.
- Follow this graded gravel road for about 33 km, to where the **Lubungu road** forks to the left (GPS: **14°45.674'S, 26°54.417'E**).
- Take the **left fork** and proceed westwards on the narrower but still good gravel road.
- ***This section of the road is dangerous so keep your speed down.***
- It is about 31 km to **Kabulushi Gate** (GPS: **14°40.731'S, 26°39.330'E**) from this left fork. The gate is where you enter **Kafue National Park** – there are usually no game scouts here.
- You will first pass the “**open prison farm**” on your left and then the **Mushungashi Game Conservancy** on your right. Stay to the left as you approach the 1st Musungashi gate, you cannot use the firebreak road.
- From **Kabulushi Gate** drive for about 21 km, the road goes sharp right, and you drop off to the left at the fork (GPS: **14°37.890'S, 26°29.658'E**, look out for the Hippo sign) onto a well-used bush track. (if you continue straight you will arrive at the Lubungu pontoon).
- You are about 16 km from Hippo. Follow the signs for Hippo Lodge. Stay to the left at the Africa Parks Northern HQ junction (2.7 kms off the D181), pass the old knocked down white-washed **Hippo mine buildings on the left** (GPS: **14°39.169'S, 26°25.025'E**, turn sharp left just after these old buildings at the Hippo Lodge sign on a fallen tree trunk) Follow this track for about 4 km to the **airstrip** (east end at GPS: **14°40.191'S, 26°23.417'E**). The lodge is less than 2 km from here.
- DO NOT drive on the airstrip. Stay of the road adjacent to the airstrip, follow the road across the dambo and you will arrive at **Hippo Lodge** on the banks of the Kafue River.

Enjoy the drive!