

Directions from Namibia (Katima Mulilo) via Mongu to Leopard Lodge

Before leaving Katima Mulilo, make sure your vehicle is full of fuel. From Sesheke border post at Katima Mulilo you will turn left towards Sioma/Mongu. From Sesheke it is about 115 km (from the border station) to Sioma Camp. From Sioma Camp to Kalongola it is about 80 km and the road is not too good, sandy and bumpy, which will take about two hours. After crossing the Zambezi with the ferry at Kalongo there is a 20 km fairly bad stretch to Senanga. Depending on the season it will take about 40-60 minutes. **PLEASE NOTE:** That from the end of January to sometime in July this stretch is not passable due to flooding.

From Senanga to Mongu it is about 100 km on a good tarmac road. From Mongu to the main gate of North Kafue National Park (Nalusanga Gate) is about 3 hours drive. From there to Mumbwa about 1 to 1½ Hours drive to reach Mumbwa turn-off on the left. (Total Distance from Mongu to Mumbwa about 450 km)

- Take the turn-off to Mumbwa on the left, After approximately 3km you will reach a traffic circle, turn left at the first exit.
- From Mumbwa there is a gravel road for 90 km, max 2 ½ - 3 hours to reach the lodge, on this section of gravel road you will need a 4 X 4 or a vehicle with a high ground clearance. **Note:** Mumbwa is the last fuelling point, however *fuel is not always available here*. From Mumbwa to Leopard Lodge and back is approximately 200km. So it is recommended to fill-up at Mumbwa Filling Station if fuel is available. (14° 59.457' S; 27° 03.617' E).
- Set your odometer in Mumbwa at the traffic circle to zero. The first section of the gravel road, 34km, will take about 1 ¼ hours. The remaining 56 Km will take you about 1 ¼ hours. The total driving time on the gravel road from Mumbwa to the pontoon 4 km before the camp, will be approximately 2 ½ - 3 Hours. (*Note the pontoon only operates between 06H00 – 18H00*)
- Drive for approximately 1km and turn right (14°59.621'S; 27°03.011'E) on the first gravel road (D181).
- Drive approximately 33.2 km to where the road forks, take the left fork. (14° 45.599' S; 26° 54.376' E).
- At odometer reading 40.3 km you will pass Chitunda Open Air Reform School on left. Keep right.
- At odometer reading 62.3 km you should reach Kabalushi Gate (to enter Kafue National Park), (14° 40.727' S; 26° 39.338' E)
- At odometer reading 82 km the road will fork again. Keep right. To the left is the Hippo Mine turn-off (14° 37.866' S, 26° 29.659'E)
- Drive on this road for approximately 8 km until you reach the Kafue River
- Cross the river with the pontoon on payment of US20/ vehicle.
- Drive for another 3.5 km and then turn off the main track (D181) sign posted Leopard Lodge at GPS TULOEP 14°32.700'S; 26°28.082'E.
- Follow this two track road for 1.6 km until you reach the lodge.