



MUNYAMADZI GAME RESERVE

LOWER LUANGWA VALLEY | ZAMBIA

Driving directions

Lusaka to Nyimba

- 1) Take the Great East Road (T4) out of Lusaka to Nyimba.
 - a. You will pass through/by, in order: Chongwe Toll Plaza, Chongwe town, Chinyunyu (with hot spring), Rufunsa turn-off, Mpanshya turn-off, Manenekela (the large hill with rock-face on the LHS), Luangwa Bridge and market, Kacholola.
- 2) Cross the Luangwa River bridge and continue to Nyimba. This is approximately 100 km and should take about an hour. You will go through Kacholola town before reaching Nyimba.

Chipata to Nyimba

- 1) Get onto the Great East Road (T4) out of Chipata and towards Lusaka – this takes you past the Protea Hotel. You will go through numerous villages and towns along the way, be sure to abide by the speed limits as there are often speed traps.
 - a. You will pass through/by, in order: Katete, Sinda, Petauke turn-off, Minga stop, Alexander Zulu Toll Gate.

Turning off in Nyimba

Message management at this stage if you are worried about getting lost – we will send a search party if you don't reach camp within 4 hours of leaving Nyimba.

- 1) From Lusaka: After the Nyimba River bridge, pass the market on your left and take the dirt road your LEFT-HAND SIDE going towards the Nyimba Urban Hospital – if you reach any of the filling stations, you've gone too far.
- 2) From Chipata: Pass the Puma filling station and bus station on your LHS. Almost immediately after the bus station there will be a dirt road on your RIGHT-HAND SIDE going towards the Nyimba Urban Hospital (just before the market). Turn here.
 - a. $-14.557904^{\circ}, 30.820257^{\circ}$
 - b. This is a dirt road and the whole trip from Nyimba to Camp will take about 2 hours depending on how fast you drive.
 - c. Please do not exceed 60kmph through the villages
- 3) Continue down this road. Approximately 8 km from Nyimba is a T-junction with a cell tower on the left, continue straight.
- 4) Continue for another 20 km approx. where the road forks. This is just after a sign on the left for Chinambi RHC and there will be a sign at the fork for Ngambwa Primary School. Take the right fork (stay on the big graded road)
 - a. $-14.467063^{\circ}, 30.670355^{\circ}$
- 5) Keep going for another 15 km where you will see a sign for Chalubilo RHC on the left just before a fork with a paved road. Keep right at the fork.
 - a. $-14.369153^{\circ}, 30.597633^{\circ}$
- 6) After about 50 m the road splits again – keep left. This road deteriorates as it goes downhill.
 - a. $-14.365841^{\circ}, 30.596557^{\circ}$
- 7) Continue for approximately 2 km until you reach Kalanshya DNPW/ZAWA wildlife camp/scout post. Drive straight through.

- a. -14.354637°, 30.594115°

You are now in a wildlife area with the possibility of running into elephant, buffalo, lion and other animals. Slow down for corners you cannot see around. Only stop the vehicle in open areas with short grass and far from any elephants you may have encountered.

Turning into Munyamadzi Game Reserve

- 1) 4.5km after Kalanshya Camp there will be a road on the RHS, at the bottom of a dip (This is the second road on the RHS after Kalanshya and will likely have fresh tyre tracks on it). Turn Right here – you have now entered Munyamadzi Game Reserve.
 - a. -14.327248°, 30.569710°
 - b. Please do not exceed 30kmph
- 2) Continue on this road for 14km. If in doubt at junctions, always choose the most worn road with the most tyre tracks on it. If you feel lost, retrace your tracks until you encounter people.
- 3) Almost exactly at 14km, there is a turn to the RHS – you have two options: cross the plains or continue closer to the river.
 - a. -14.219313°, 30.604279°
 - b. Cross the plains: Turn right here, follow the road for 2km; at 2.1km you will see a dug out waterhole at a weird 4-way junction: you need to turn right then immediate left at the waterhole. Cross the airstrip and continue to camp.
 - c. Stay closer to the river: Continue straight for about 2.3km; at 2.3km you should take the LHS road at the fork in the forest and follow it around to the right after the forest. Be extra vigilant for elephant on this route. This takes you to the bottom of the airstrip, turn left just before the Vulture sign/windsock.
- 4) About 1.2km after the airstrip there will be a busy junction, this is camp. You will be able to go right, straight, 90° left and gentle left – take the gentle left which should look very well used.
 - a. Camp is at: -14.191857°, 30.615982°

Other points

- Total distance from Lusaka to Munyamadzi main camp is approximately 380 km; a comfortable drive is about 7 hours. The tar from Chongwe to the Luangwa Bridge has some bad patches so this may prolong your drive time. The dirt from Nyimba to camp is approximately 65km and will take about 2 hours.
- There are few facilities en route – carry toilet paper, hand sanitizer, food and plenty of water (2L per person in case of a puncture/breakdown).
- Fuel is available at regular intervals from either Chipata or Lusaka, but most vehicles will manage on one tank to Nyimba. Gerry cans are advised if you plan to do self-drive tours.
- There is an ATM at the Indo-Zambia Bank in Nyimba on the left after Puma, about 300 m (It doesn't always work though).
- Payments in Nyimba are exclusively in Kwacha – please make sure you have enough with you or a VISA card for payments.
- Nikosi Cash and Carry on the right after the bus station is one of the better shops in Nyimba if you've forgotten something. Fresh fruit and veg can be found in the market on the left as you arrive in Nyimba. Kachema Meats and Nikosi have decent meat. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages are available from Kadya Nkena, on the LHS as you turn off the tar road towards camp.
- Zamtel has the best signal once off the tar road with some 4G spots.
- If you need your Tourist or Visitor's visa stamped, there is an immigration officer in Nyimba who will be happy to assist you Monday to Friday during business hours. His office is near the Nyimba Civic Centre, you can just ask anyone you see there and they will direct you.
- The dirt road passes through many settlements, please be aware of small children and pedestrians along the road as well as dogs and livestock (pigs do not move as readily as goats).

- **Elephants and all wildlife have right of way** once you pass Kalanshya wildlife camp/scout post. Please be respectful of the wildlife and do not harass animals in any way. Many elephants have been traumatised by people at some point so there is no knowing what their behaviour will be towards your vehicle – be cautious, don't push them and always give them plenty of space (50m minimum).
- **Driving off road** at Munyamadzi is expressly **forbidden** except in extenuating circumstances (i.e. being charged by dangerous animals or making way for a passing car).
- **Setting fire** to the bush is expressly **forbidden**. Cooking and ambiance fires are only possible in certain places and require Management approval first. You will need to ensure at least 2m around the fire has been cleared of vegetation and the fire, including all firewood, has been extinguished before you leave the site. You may also be required to have Munyamadzi staff present, depending on the site and season.
- **Littering is unacceptable** at all stages of your journey, but especially within Munyamadzi. This includes throwing cigarette butts out the window. Keep *all* your non-compostable waste in your vehicle and we will dispose of it when you arrive at camp (you could also keep compost items which will go into our veggie patch).