

## **DIRECTIONS FROM LILONGWE TO MKULUMADZI (NORTH GATE)**

**Note: please do not use directions available on google maps, rather stick to our directions as this is the only way to get to us.**

**GPS Coordinates:** 15°49'2.61"S 34°44'8.40"E

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**Journey time** – approximately 6.5 hours

**Distance** – approximately 335km

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**\*\*Please remember to call and confirm your estimated time of arrival if you are running behind or ahead of schedule. \*\***

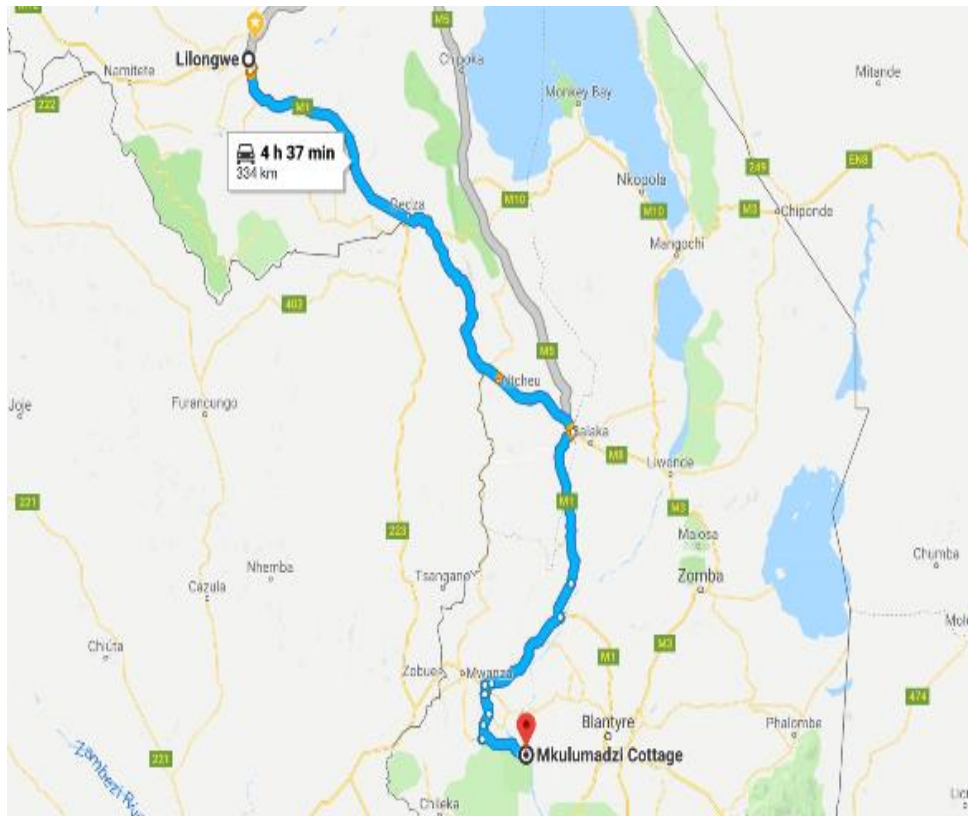
The route via Zalewa, Neno and into Majete Game Reserve takes about 4 ½ hours from Lilongwe. A 4x4 vehicle with high ground clearance is needed to navigate the last 60km's. The area is remote with very few vehicles using the road, you however might come across loggers trucks or motor bike taxi's, take care around the sharp bends, you can't see vehicles coming from the opposite direction. Once you turn off the tar, the track is a well-serviced gravel road, but as you proceed, it narrows into jeep track until you finally reach the African Parks gate. TNM and Airtel both have reception until you reach gate.

The gate is usually not manned, so if you haven't prearranged to use this route, nobody will be waiting for you. The route is strictly by prearrangement only and this by arrangement with our reservations department in Lilongwe. Only Mkulumadzi guests have been given permission to use this entrance.

Once you have arrived at Mkulumadzi Lodge, access to the rest of the park is via a drift on the Mkulumadzi River, this is a tricky seasonal crossing that should only be attempted if your confident in your 4x4 skills.

- ❖ Follow the M1 to Blantyre for approximately 360km.
- ❖ You will reach a Police road block at Balaka
- ❖ Turn right towards Zalewa Road and follow this road until you reach a T-Junction.
- ❖ From the Junction in Zalewa, turn right towards Mwanza town and travel for 38km.
- ❖ When you notice the railway track on your right, please slow down and look out for a "MKU" sign and a "Good Future Organization" signboard. If you cross over the Mkulumadzi River, you have gone too far.
- ❖ Turn left at the sign.
- ❖ Follow this road for 2.6km, you will get your first glimpse of the Mkulumadzi River on your right.
- ❖ After 2.6km take a sharp right here.
- ❖ Cross through a dry drift and turn left after approximately 800m.
- ❖ The road is fairly well maintained, cross the various drifts and follow this road for 7.5km.
- ❖ When you reach the T-junction after on your right, you will see an Mkulumadzi signboard, turn right along this road.
- ❖ Continue for another 4.5km then turn left onto Mileembe
- ❖ The general rule from here to the Majete Game Reserve gate is to keep on the biggest road and there are no more major junctions from here.

- ❖ Follow the road for 0.6 km's and pass the four way junction and continue straight through the villages.
- ❖ Continue for 10km's, pass the charcoal trucks that are usually parked on the right. And a football pitch on the left.
- ❖ Continue straight through the villages, It does get a bit bumpy with drifts, until you reach a rough junction, continue straight. Stay to the right and follow the largest track.
- ❖ Once you get to a fork in the road, keep left.
- ❖ 0.3 km's later take a right. You're almost there!
- ❖ Continue along this road for 2.5 km's until you reach the north gate of Majete Game Reserve.
- ❖ It's 5.1kms along a rough jeep track to the lodge. The only deviation from the road is a turn towards the right after 2.5km, but keep left, The elephants do enjoy pushing trees over the road, please be cautious when getting out the vehicle to remove any obstructions.



## Welcome to Mkulumadzi!

At the Mkulumadzi parking area you will be met by one of our staff who will escort you over the footbridge where you will be taken to the lodge. Please keep your park entry voucher on you and hand over to Management on arrival.