

# DIRECTIONS SHEET



AFRICAN RETREATS

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**Rukiya Safari Camp** is located in the Wild Rivers Private Nature Reserve about 10km outside Hoedspruit in the Greater Kruger region of Limpopo. Wild Rivers is a 3000-hectare area forming part of the 12000-hectare Blyde Olifants Conservancy. The camp itself lies on the banks of the Blyde River only 500m upstream from the confluence of the significant Blyde and Olifants Rivers.

The reserve is home to an array of wildlife species and phenomenal birdlife; it has a mountain view and the presence of water, which makes it a magnificent spot in the bush. The local Hoedspruit airport is only 45-minutes' drive away, making it an easily accessible yet remote safari experience.

## HOW TO GET THERE

The entrance to the Wild Rivers Nature Reserve is only 10km from the town of Hoedspruit, and about 45-minutes' drive from the airport. It is easily accessible by road from Johannesburg (5-6-hour drive). Once inside the reserve, it is another +10km to the camp via dirt roads. **Please DO NOT follow Google maps and directions, the GPS takes you through private farms and is inaccessible. Use our directions ONLY.**

### From Hoedspruit:

At the intersection of R40 and R527 in Hoedspruit, travel north on the R40 towards Phalaborwa. Continue for 10km until the Wild Rivers Private Nature Reserve sign appears on the left (directly opposite the gate for Mohlabetsi on the right). Turn left onto the Wild Rivers gravel access road, continue 600m to the entrance gate (careful crossing an active railway line). Sign in for nr. 21 (Rukiya) at the gate and then follow the signs to nr. 21 (roughly 10km).

### From Johannesburg:

From Johannesburg/Pretoria continue on to the N4 Highway. Continue to follow N4 for 191 km. Take the exit toward R33. Continue onto R540 from Belfast to Dullstroom. Turn left onto R36 (Lydenburg). Continue to follow R36 to Ohrigstad, continue through the Strydom Tunnel and take the R527 to Hoedspruit.

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### From Phalaborwa

From Phalaborwa, drive west for about 5 km, then turn left onto the R40 (heading in a southerly direction) and continue over the Olifants River bridge. From the bridge, continue for +10km towards Hoedspruit until you get to the Wild Rivers Private Nature Reserve sign on the right (not highly visible - it is opposite sign for Mohlabetsi on the left).

Turn right onto Wild Rivers gravel access road and continue 600m to the entrance gate (careful crossing an active railway line). Sign in for nr. 21 (Rukiya) at the gate and then follow the signs to nr. 21 (roughly 10km).

### From the Wild Rivers Reserve Gate:

Upon entering the gate, turn immediately right and drive along the fence line. After 2.5km the main road curves to the left slightly, leaving the fence line. From this point it is another 2.5km until you reach a board that signs 14-23 to the left. Turn left here and continue another 4.3km.

This road will start to gently decline down towards the river, keep straight passing the signs for 14 and 15. Keep driving straight on you will reach 21 on the left. Turn left at the wooden board saying Rukiya Safari Camp, 21.

**Please Note:** The Wild Rivers reserve gate is open from **6h00-18h00**, so please plan to arrive and depart in this time frame. There is an out of hours gate service that can be arranged if you are going to arrive late but this must be done so prior to your arrival. This service runs from 18h00 - 19h30 but there will be no access granted after 19h30.

**The fee for this out of hours service is R200 per vehicle.** Should you need a late gate entry between 18h00 - 19h30 this needs to be **arranged in advance** (before the gate closes at 18h00) and this can be done by contacting the lodge directly; [lodge@rukiyacamp.com](mailto:lodge@rukiyacamp.com) or +27 60 802 4229.

Should this arrangement not be made before 18h00 or should you arrive after 19h30 unfortunately there will be no access into the reserve.