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Directions to Nkelenga

THORNYBUSH NATURE RESERVE

Address:

Nkelenga, Thornybush Nature Reserve, Limpopo

Lodge contact number: 015 793 1976/3

Emergency number: 072 765 7642

GPS coordinates

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Key instructions

PLEASE NOTE:

It is best to arrive before 15h30 for the afternoon game drive, although check-in time is from 14h00.

It takes approximately 6 hours to drive from Johannesburg to the lodge.

Please note the Thornybush Reserve gate is only open between 5:00 am (05h00) and 10:00 pm (22h00).

Distances

- Johannesburg is approximately 550 km / 7 hours by road from Nkelenga Lodge
- Nelspruit is approximately 171.8 km / 2 hours 30 hours by road from Nkelenga Lodge
- Hoedspruit is approximately 27km/45 minutes by road from Nkelenga Lodge

From Johannesburg

- Take the **N12** to Emalahleni (Witbank), where the **N12** highway links up with the **N4** highway
- Continue with the **N4** in the direction of Mbombela (Nelspruit)
- Approximately **60km** past Middleburg, take the R540 to your left
- Travel through the towns of Emakhazeni (Belfast) and Emnotweni (Dullstroom) to Mashishing (Lydenburg)
- Take the **R36** (which becomes the **R527**) towards Hoedspruit, passing through Origstad, descending the Able Erasmus Pass
- Once in Hoedspruit, take the **R40** south towards Bushbuckridge
- Travel **6.4km** and turn left at the Eastgate Airport sign / Argyle Road (*signposted Timbavati*)
- Go through the boom gate (license disc will be scanned) and continue **16.9 km** (along the tarred road) and turn right onto Guernsey Road (*following the signs to Thornybush Game Lodge*)
- After **9.2km** on the gravel road, you will see the sign for the Thornybush Game Reserve/Lodge, turn left here
- Follow the signs to Nkelenga , and the lodge team will be expecting you.

From Pretoria

- Take the **N4** in the direction of Mbombela (Nelspruit)
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- Travel through the towns of Emakhazeni (Belfast) and Emnotweni (Dullstroom) to Mashishing (Lydenburg)
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From Nelspruit | White River | Hazyview

- Passing Acornhoek, head towards Klaserie for approximately 8km and turn right onto the **R40** heading towards Hoedspruit / Eastgate Airport / Phalaborwa
- Drive 1km and take the Guernsey turnoff on your right. there is a large brown Thornybush sign on the left
- Pass through the security gate and travel for **7.3km** on tar road and a further **3.9km** on dirt road
- Turn left at the T-junction and travel another **6.3km** to the Thornybush Private Nature Reserve gate on your right
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From Swaziland

- From Jeppe's reef border post, follow the **R570** north in the direction Malelane
- Take the **N4** highway in the direction of Mbombela (Nelspruit) for **64 km**
- On arrival in Mbombela (Nelspruit), turn right onto the **R40** in the direction of white river
- Continue through White River, Hazyview, Bushbuckridge towards Acornhoek
- Passing Acornhoek, head towards Klaserie for approximately **8km** and turn right onto the **R40** heading towards Hoedspruit / Eastgate Airport / Phalaborwa
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Alternative route from Johannesburg

- Take the **N1** north, Pretoria, and follow the signs to Polokwane
- From Polokwane take the **R71** to Tzaneen, and then onto Gravelotte
- At the T-junction, turn right and follow **R40** to Hoedspruit
- Once in Hoedspruit, take the **R40** south towards Bushbuckridge
- Travel 6.4 km and turn left at the Eastgate Airport sign / Argyle Road (signposted Timbavati)
- Go through the boom gate (license disc will be scanned) and continue **16.9 km** (along the tarred road) and turn right onto Guernsey Road (*following the signs to Thornybush Game Lodge*)
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