

**DIRECTIONS FROM BLANTYRE TO KUTHENGO CAMP (via Main Gate OR Charlie Charlie)**

**GPS Coordinates:** S 14°48'15.9 E 35°17'03.8

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**Journey time** – approximately 4 hours

**Distance** – approximately 140 km (86 mi)

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

**BEFORE YOU DEPART PLEASE NOTE** The dirt road through the park is very bumpy in places. High clearance or 4x4 vehicles are required for the trip. The park gate entrance opens at 06:00 and closes at 18:00

- Leave Limbe on the Zomba Road, following signs to Monkey Bay.
- Head north towards Liwonde.

You have two options to reach Kuthengo – through the National Park main gate **OR** via Charlie Charlie. See both options below:

**Option 1**

**If you plan on driving through the National Park to reach Kuthengo**, once you reach Liwonde, you'll see Petroda filling station in front of you and a right junction. Take this right turn passing now Petroda Filling Station on your left.

- Drive for about 350m (you'll pass the bus depot to your right) then take the first Right turn.
- Carry on this road, passing the Malawi Fertilizer Co. and the rice mill & nut factory on your left.
- After 4.2km from the turnoff, you will turn left onto a dirt road towards Liwonde National Park (There is a sign post) main gate and will reach it after 3km from the tarmac road.
- Once inside the park follow Spine road and signs for Kuthengo Camp (aprox. 37km from the main gate).

## **Option 2**

If you plan on meeting the Kuthengo staff at the **Charlie Charlie boat point near Makanga Gate** - once you reach Liwonde, continue on the M3 main road through town, crossing the bridge over the Shire River.

- Approximately 5km after crossing the river, turn right on the M3 (just after the Meru filling station).
- Drive for about 21km until you see signposts at the turnoff to Liwonde National Park and Kuthengo Camp. This turnoff is just before the town of Ulongwe. This should now take you onto a bumpy dirt road.
- Once on the dirt-road, you will see regular signs to Kuthengo (and Mvuu) Camps, passing through various villages and markets on your way. Continue following the signs for 16 km up to Makanga gate. Please allow up to an hour to complete this final section of road.
- The gate is manned by African Parks personnel. They will ask you to sign in and then show you the way to the Charlie Charlie boat point.
  - \***Note:** Depending on the tariff you are on, you may need to pay park entry fees once you reach the gate to the National Park. \*
- Once through the gate it is about a kilometre to the Shire River. There is safe parking here for you to leave your car - as a precaution, please take all valuables with you and leave your car locked.
- You will be met here by a representative with a handheld radio, who will advise Kuthengo to come and collect you by boat.
- The boat journey to Kuthengo Camp is approximately 20 minutes.

**Welcome to Kuthengo Camp!**