



Directions to Murchison River Lodge

Our GPS co-ordinates are:

N 02 15 08.8
E 031 31 26.5

From Kampala to Masindi takes approximately 3.5hrs on very good tarmac roads.

From Masindi town there are two options:-

1) The short route through the park takes approx 2hrs and is **85kms.**

From Kampala drive north to Masindi. Drive through Masindi town and turn right at the Murchison Falls National Park sign (opposite the Shell petrol station) onto a dirt road. After approx 5kms turn left at the UWA Murchison Falls Nat. Park sign. Continue on the road for approx 13kms until you reach the park gate. Here you will have to pay park entry.

Once through the gate you will pass Kaniyo Pabidi (chimp trekking) on your right. Follow the road straight for approx 60kms until you arrive at a SECOND left hand turn signed NATIONAL PARK HQ plus MURCHISON RIVER LODGE.

Take this left and follow for approx 4kms (through the ranger's village) until you reach Mubako gate which enables you to exit the National Park (you will be asked to show your entry receipt). Follow this rough dirt road for approx 1.5kms until you see the MRL sign on your right hand side.

Do note that this route is on murrum and can take longer depending on the weather conditions.

2) The longer route via Lake Albert shoreline and Bulisa town takes approx 4hrs, is **127kms and you avoid park entry.**

From Kampala drive north to Masindi. Drive through Masindi town and follow the road straight for approx 1.5kms. At the fork take the right turn signed KINYARA SUGAR. Stay on this road for approx 20kms until you reach Kinyara town. Here there are two small roundabouts - take a right at both and stay on the road through the sugar plantation and Budongo Forest until you arrive at Biso town.

Continue straight until you eventually drop down into the Albertine Rift Valley which offers spectacular views of Butiaba town and Lake Albert (do note the road is quite steep and caution needs to be taken). Once on the valley floor continue for 50kms to Bulisa town - at Bulisa take the right turn signed BUGUNGU GATE.

After 10kms you arrive in Ngwedo town which has a very obvious phone mast landmark. At the phone mast turn left, following the sign for MURCHISON RIVER LODGE. After a further 6kms you will approach a T junction, follow the MRL sign right. Drive for 2kms and turn left at the signed junction. Follow the road for 4kms through Mubako village and 1km after you have exited the village turn right at the cross roads. MRL is 500km on the left.

Do note that this route is on murrum and in some areas the surface is corrugated murrum and can take longer depending on the weather conditions at time of travel.