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Directions to Simbambili

From Johannesburg

- Travel along 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 30 km past Middleburg take the R540 to your LEFT.
- Travel through the town of eMakhazeni (Belfast) and eMnotweni (Dullstroom) to Mashishing (Lydenburg).
- Take the R36 (which becomes the R527) towards Hoedspruit, passing through Ohrigstad and descending down the Abel Erasmus Pass.
- Approximately 72 km past Ohrigstad after the Abel Erasmus pass turn RIGHT onto the R 531 (Orpen).
- Continue for 30 km driving towards Bushbuckridge/Acornhoek.
- Continue onto the R40 for 2km then turn LEFT onto the Orpen Road (R531).
- Continue for 31km, you will see the SA Wildlife college on your left - then TURN RIGHT AT THE WELVERDIEND/HLUVUKANI ANIMAL CARE CENTRE sign board onto a dirt road. This is directly after passing the South African Wildlife College, and it is where the dirt roads begin. (If you pass this road you will travel to the Orpen gate, turn around and go back. The road is directly across from the Wildlife college).
- Continue for 3km through the community of Welverdiend/Timbavati.
- Follow the Signs to Sabi Sands, making first a left, then right turn towards Hluvukani, still following the Sabi Sands signs
- Travel 8km until you reach a T-junction. At the T-junction in Hluvukani you will see the Viva Garage straight ahead.
- Turn LEFT onto the tar road. Continue straight for 7 km on the tar road towards Manyeleti.
- Turn RIGHT at the Seville/ Sabi Sand sign. This is a dirt road.
- Continue on this road through the village of Seville for 6.5 km until you reach a T-junction always following the Sabi Sand signs.
- Turn LEFT at this T-Junction.
- You will pass the village of Utah, and then Dixie. You will reach the Gowrie Gate entrance to the Sabi Sand Game Reserve, after driving 6,5 km from the T Junction where you turned left.
- Here you will be required to pay an entrance fee of R310.00 (per vehicle including the driver) and R140 per person for each additional passenger.
- **Please note the Gowrie Gate is only open between 5:00am (05h00) and 10:00pm (22h00).**
- **Turn immediately RIGHT after the Gowrie Gate and follow the fence line to the Lodge.**
- **Simbambili is approximately 6km from Gowrie Gate on the left hand side.**
- **DO NOT GO TO ANY OTHER GATE THAN THE GOWRIE GATE. YOU CAN NOT ENTER THE RESERVE AT ANY OTHER OF THE SABI SAND GATES TO GET TO SIMBAMBILI.**

From Nelspruit / White River / Hazyview

- From Nelspruit, take the R40 and drive towards WHITE RIVER & HAZYVIEW,
- Pass through the town of Hazyview and stay on the R40 towards HOEDSPRUIT.
- You will travel through Bushbuckridge and pass Acornhoek.
- Drive past the Acornhoek turnoff. Drive for about 12 km past the Acornhoek turnoff, then turn RIGHT onto the Orpen Road (R531).
- Continue for 31 km, then turn right onto a dirt road, at WELVERDEIND /HLUVUKANI ANIMAL CARE CENTRE SIGN BOARD, which is directly after passing the South African Wildlife College. (If you pass this sign you will travel to the Orpen gate, turn around and go back. The road is directly across from the Wildlife college).
- Continue for 3km through the town of Welverdiend/Timbavati
- Follow the Signs to Sabi Sands, making first a left, then right turn towards Hluvukani, still following the Sabi Sands signs
- Travel 8km until you reach a T-junction
- At the T-junction in Hluvukani you will see the Viva Garage straight ahead
- Turn left at this T-junction onto the tar road
- Continue straight for 7 km on a tar road towards Manyeleti
- Turn right at the Seville A/ Sabi Sand sign
- This is a dirt road
- Continue on this road through the village of Seville for 6.5 km until you reach a T-junction, always following the Sabi Sand signs
- Turn left at this T-Junction.
- You will pass through the village of Utah and then Dixie. It is about 6,5 km from the T Junction until you reach the Gowrie Gate entrance to the Sabi Sand Game Reserve.
- Here you will be required to pay an entrance fee of R310.00 (per vehicle including the driver) and R140 per person for each additional passenger.

From Hoedspruit (From the North on the R 40, via Hoedspruit)

- At Hoedspruit take the R 40 south towards Bushbuckridge.
- Continue 33 km and turn left towards Acornhoek and White River
- Continue 4 km and turn left at Acornhoek.
- Continue on this road until you get to Hluvukani (33 km).
- At Hluvukani you will see the Viva Garage on your right.
- Continue straight for 7 km on a tar road towards Manyeleti
- Turn right at the Seville & Sabi Sand sign
- This is a dirt road
- Continue on this road for 6.5 km until you reach a T-junction always following Sabi Sand signs



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- Turn left at this T-Junction.
- You will pass the villages of Utah and Dixie. From the Utah Trading Store, which is on your right, it is about 7.2km until you reach the Gowrie Gate entrance to the Sabi Sand Game Reserve.
- Here you will be required to pay an entrance fee of R310.00 (per vehicle) and R140 per person.
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- Turn immediately right at the Gowrie Gate, and follow the fence line to the Lodge.
- Simbambili is approximately 6km from Gowrie Gate.
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From Swaziland

- From Jeppe's Reef border post, follow the R 570 north in the direction Malelane
- Take the N4 highway in the direction of Mbombela (Nelspruit) for 64 km
- From Nelspruit, take the R40 and drive towards WHITE RIVER & HAZYVIEW,
- Pass through the town of Hazyview and stay on the R40 towards HOEDSPRUIT.
- You will travel through Bushbuckridge and pass Acornhoek.
- Drive past the Acornhoek turnoff. Drive for about 12 km past the Acornhoek turnoff, then turn RIGHT onto the Orpen Road (R531).
- Continue for 31 km, then turn right onto a dirt road, at WELVERDEIND /HLUVUKANI ANIMAL CARE CENTRE SIGN BOARD, which is directly after passing the South African Wildlife College. (If you pass this sign you will travel to the Orpen gate, turn around and go back. The road is directly across from the Wildlife college).
- Continue for 3km through the town of Welverdiend/Timbavati
- Follow the Signs to Sabi Sands, making first a left, then right turn towards Hluvukani, still following the Sabi Sands signs
- Travel 8km until you reach a T-junction
- At the T -junction in Hluvukani you will see the Viva Garage straight ahead
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Alternative route from Johannesburg

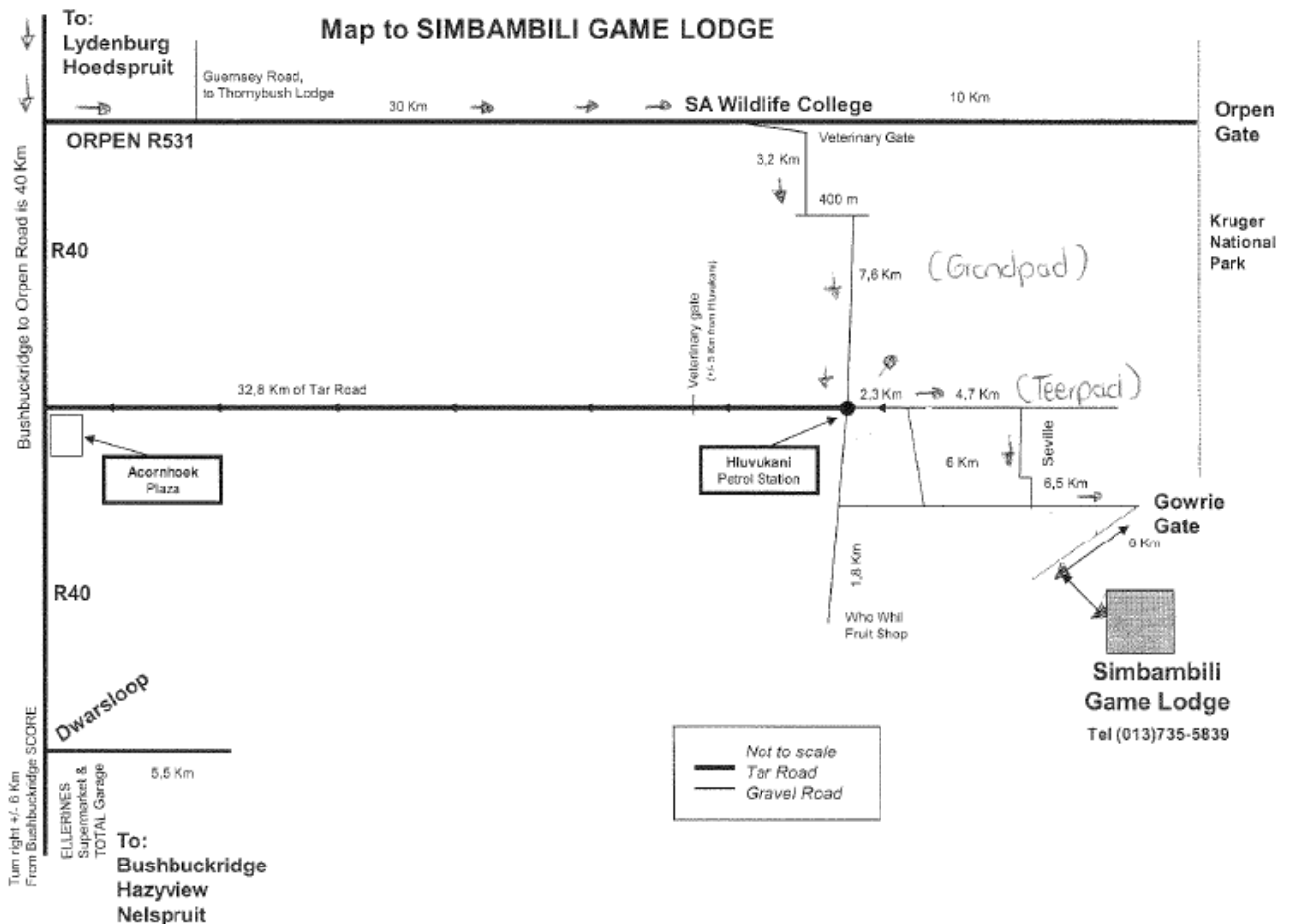
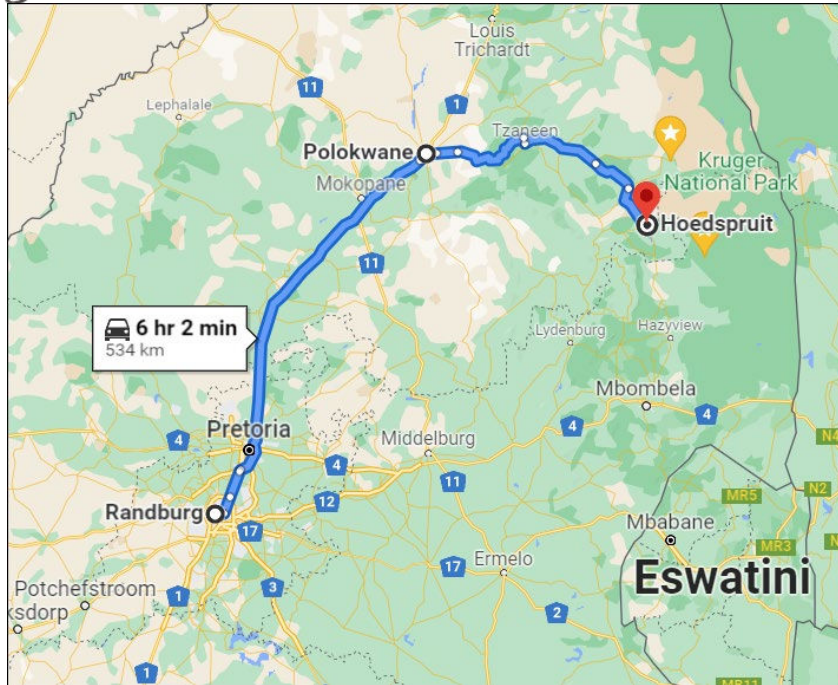
- Take the N1 North Pretoria and follow signs to Polokwane
- From Polokwane take the R71 to Tzaneen, and then onto Gravelotte
- At the T Junction, turn right and follow the R40 to Hoedspruit
- Once in Hoedspruit continue straight on the R 40 south towards Bushbuckridge
- Continue on the R40, then turn LEFT at the T Junction.
- Drive about 2 Km and turn left onto the Orpen Road (R531).
- Continue for 31km, you will see the SA Wildlife college on your left - then TURN RIGHT AT THE WELVERDIEND/HLUVUKANI ANIMAL CARE CENTRE sign board onto a dirt road. This is directly after passing the South African Wildlife College. (If you pass this road you will travel to the Orpen gate, turn around and go back. The road is directly across from the Wildlife college).
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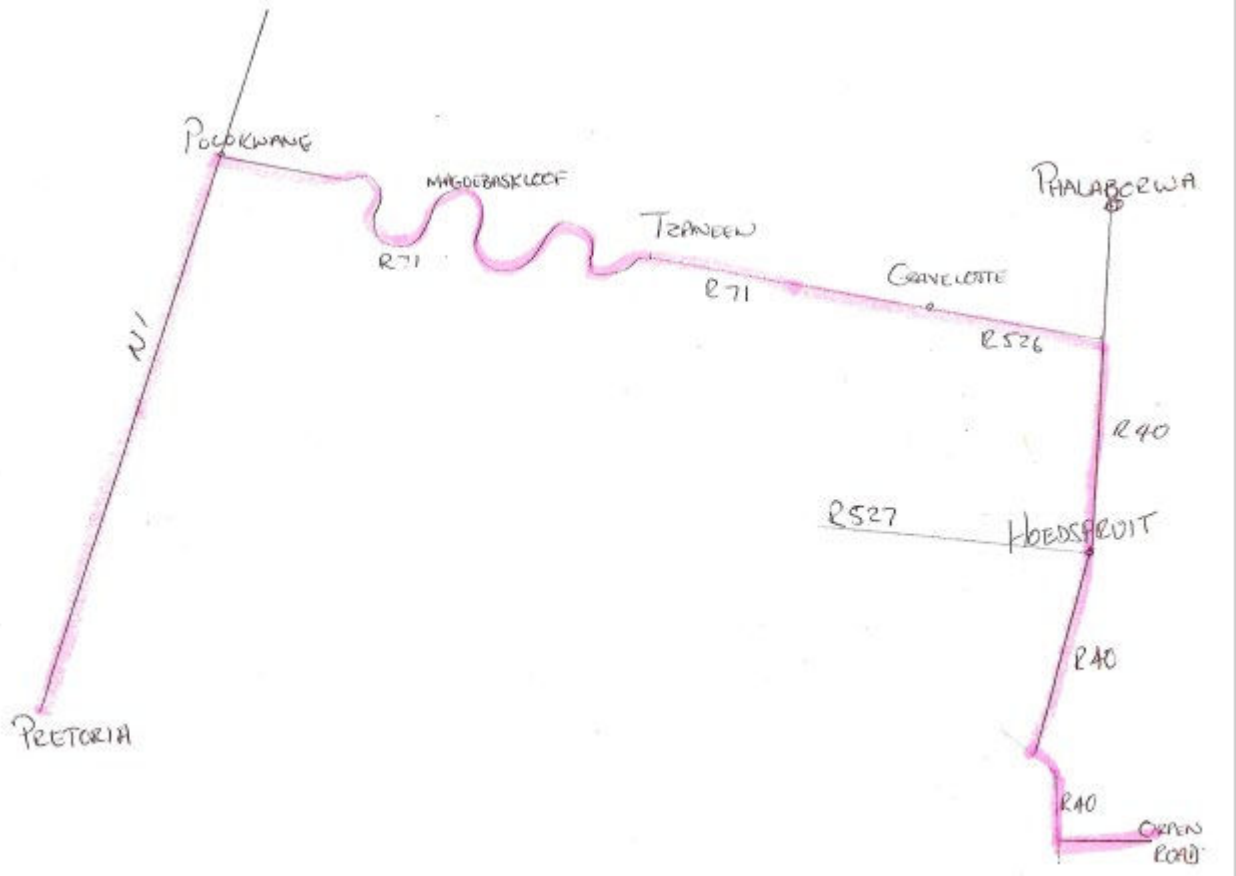
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Basic Handrawn map:



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Please use "South African Wildlife College", then "Hluvukani", and finally, "Gowrie Gate, Sabi Sand" as your destination address when using a GPS/Google Maps, as when you enter "Simbambili" as an address instead, the route takes you through fences and over private property.