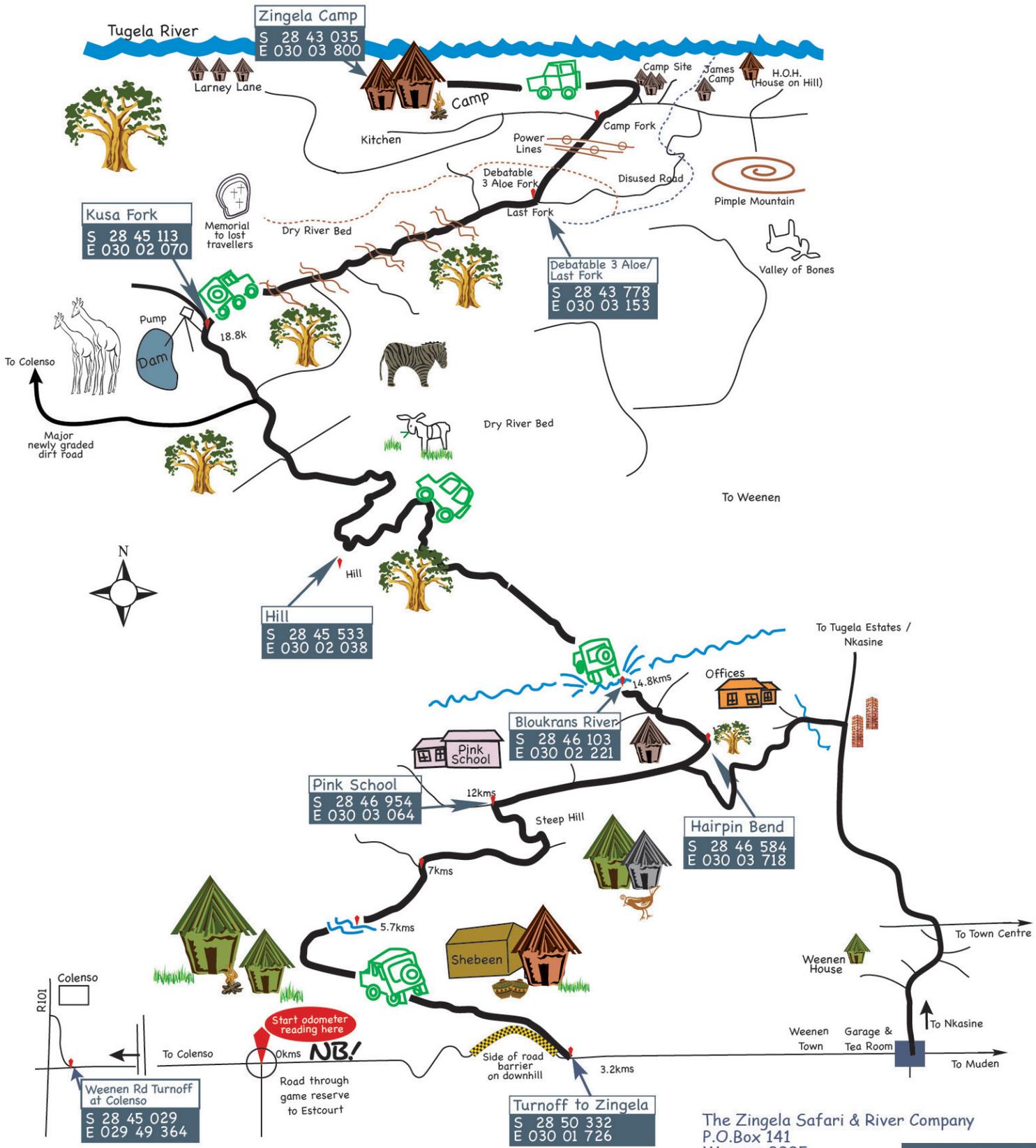


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- ⚠ Make sure that you can locate the town of Weenen.
- ⚠ This map is for those wishing to self-drive. The rocky terrain is suitable for high-clearance vehicles only. In summer, a diff-lock or 4x4 essential for muddy conditions. Think Sani Pass or Wild Coast and your perception will be correct. It is an excellent road for the off-road enthusiast, and bad if you are not!

**NB!** Please do not punch in the end GPS co-ordinates of the camp into your trusty machine as it WILL lead you to the opposite bank of the Tugela. Nothing worse than smelling the braai and not being able to get to it! Rather refer to the map and old-fashioned written directions.

- ⚠ Cell signal is very sporadic once off the tar road. On a clear day there are comms on the hill climbing out of the Bloukrans valley, but nothing to rely on. Dry valley bushveld cuts out the use of smoke signals so you are on your own!
- ⚠ Finally, road signs aren't used in this part of the world except as building material, so don't look out for them.

## Route # 1

### Zingela via Weenen Game Reserve

Your kilometre and GPS readings start from the Weenen Game Reserve so set your kilometer reading to ZERO Your journey will end 26 Kms later at Zingela Camp.

As you wind down the hill on the R74 leading to Weenen you will notice the game reserve fence on your right and a metal barricade on your left. Where the barricade ends at the base of the hill and there is a sharp turn-off to your left onto a dirt road.. Take it. **S 28 50 332 E 030 01 726**

You will pass a shebeen on your left and homesteads on your left and right. When the road forks a couple of kms on, bear right.

The road is good but corrugated. You will travel down a steep hill which has been the scene of some unfortunate accidents. Not ours! Go carefully. After approx 15 minute drive you will reach a T junction.

There is a pink school and community hall in front of it. **S 28 46 954 E 030 03 064**

Turn right, and travel for a short distance. Watch out for an inverted culvert. Once you have negotiated this obstacle you will see a very definite split in the road. This is decision time. You may want to go straight as that is the direction you are looking BUT you must take the sharp left hand bend.

**S 28 46 584 E 030 03 718**

Observe homesteads and mealie fields to your left and shortly you will be at the cement causeway that crosses the Bloukrans river **S 28 46 103 E 030 02 221**

After crossing the river keep trucking. Follow the track which will lead you to the Bloukrans Hill. 4x4 is necessary if conditions are muddy, otherwise high clearance and clenched teeth will do. A couple of hairpin bends later will bring you to the top of the pass. An unexpected newly graded highway glides off to the left. Don't be lured by its enticing curves as you will end up in the not very romantic town of Colenso! Instead keep your eyes on the straight and narrow and you will very shortly pass a dam and borehole on your left. At the T-junction turn right **S 28 45 113 E 030 02 070**

Once you have travelled a short section along the plains you will start dropping into the valley. Camp is about 20min drive away. The road is rocky so don't rush. You will cross several dry river beds. Ignore eroded off-shoot roads, keep to the well used track

There is a point where the road forks. **S 28 43 778 E 030 03 153** Keep left. You will pass a normally empty dam on your left, cross a normally dry river bed and pass under power lines that are normally there too. Go straight to the river, you won't see it just yet, but if you roll down your windows you should hear it. Ignore the kitchen road to the left, bear right and 200m to the river.

Camp car park **S 28 43 035 E 030 03 800**

House on the Hill road to the right. WELCOME!!





## Route # 2

### Zingela via Sun Valley

You will pass the Game Reserve en route to Weenen. Travel down the windy hill into the fertile valley that is home to the little village and farms of Weenen.

Follow the tar road into Weenen and at the Quest garage set your odometre to zero and just past the Garage you will see a good dirt road on your left . It used to be sign-posted Nkasine and might still be! Take this road, it will lead you out of town. past curious cows and peaceful pastures. On the dusty 10km mark you will see a stone entrance to an Orange Estate. If you go too far you will reach the Tugela Estates / Nkasine sign and you will then need to do a u-turn .

Having followed your nose and the map you will soon cross a small canal and will see offices and packing shed ahead.

Take the left hand track.....

Follow the main route You will go through a normally closed gate. Follow the rules of the country & leave the gate as you found it ie either open or closed.

Distance to where the road joins the dirt road coming from the Weenen Game reserve route is approx 7kms from the stone gates. The gps reading is **S 28 46 584 E 030 02 070**

You will bear right at this point and within a couple of kms you will see the cement causeway across the volatile Bloukrans river **S 28 46 103 E 030 02 221**

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