

## Route Guide Six

<b>From:</b>	Imfolozi Game Reserve
<b>To:</b>	Charters Creek
<b>Distance:</b>	82 km
<b>Time:</b>	1 hour 30 mins

Travel (km)	and then	to take	Total (km)	Time Taken
	From Impila camp head north towards Hluhluwe on tar road			
17	Turn right signposted Nyalazi gate		17	0:32
1	Exit Nyalazi gate & continue on tar road		18	0:33
	At T junction turn right onto R618 signposted Mtubatuba 31kms		-	-
27	At cross road turn left onto N2 signposted Pongola	R618	45	0:55
20	Turn right signposted Charters Creek	N2	65	1:10
10	Arrive at Forestry checkpoint & gate		75	1:17
2	Left turn for Fannies Island 14kms on dirt road		77	1:21
	Dirt road		-	-
4	Enter <a href="#">Charters Creek Reserve</a>		81	1:27
1	Arrive reserve gate & reception		82	1:30

<b>Wetland Note:</b>	With no water here the activities are limited. Keep checking out the link to the KZN website for updates and on Fannies Island, which is currently shut due to the drought. Elephants are present here so again abide by the rules.
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<b>From:</b>	Charters Creek
<b>To:</b>	Cape Vidal
<b>Distance:</b>	98 km
<b>Time:</b>	1 hour 47 mins

Travel (km)	and then	to take	Total (km)	Time Taken
	Depart Charters Creek on dirt road			
5	Tar road		5	0:09
	Right turn for Fannies Island signposted 14kms		-	-
2	Check point & Forestry gate		7	0:11
10	At T junction turn left onto N2 signposted Empengeni		17	0:20
18	Turn left onto R618 signposted St Lucia	N2	36	0:33
3	Turn left signposted St Lucia	R618	39	0:35
	<a href="#">Total Service Station</a> on right	R618	-	-
24	Enter <a href="#">St Lucia Estuary Reserve</a>	R618	63	0:55
1	Arrive roundabout turn left (see below for St Lucia Estuary Mouth)	R618	64	0:56
2	Crocodile Centre on left		66	0:59
	Arrive Eastern Shores Reserve gate		-	-
2	Enter Game Reserve		68	1:08
10	Right turn for <a href="#">Mission Rocks</a> - 2 kms on dirt road		78	1:19
17	Enter <a href="#">Cape Vidal Reserve</a>		95	1:42
3	Arrive camp reception		98	1:47

	Option via St Lucia Estuary Mouth			
	At roundabout turn right	R618		
	Advantage Tours & Charters on left		1	0:01
	<a href="#">Engen Service Station</a> & <a href="#">Spar Supermarket</a> on left		-	-
	At roundabout turn left signposted KZN Wildlife		2	0:02
	Arrive <a href="#">St Lucia Estuary Reserve</a> reception & information Centre		-	-
	Exit reception car park and turn left		-	-
	Eden Campsite on right		3	0:04
	Sugar Loaf campsite and <a href="#">St Lucia Estuary Mouth</a>		4	0:07

<b>Beach Note:</b>	Cape Vidal has a stunning beach and makes an ideal base for either whale or turtle watching. Advantage Tours & Charters based in the nearby town of St Lucia offer a choice of activities. Driving into the reserve go slowly and keep a look out for game. Monkeys, rhino and buck are present in large numbers and I have been lucky enough to see leopard here. St Lucia is a busy commercial town with supermarket, fuel, beach type shops, restaurants and bars.
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<b>From:</b>	Cape Vidal
<b>To:</b>	Maphelana
<b>Distance:</b>	120 km
<b>Time:</b>	2 hours 16 mins

Travel (km)	and then	to take	Total (km)	Time Taken
	Exit Cape Vidal gate onto tar road			
17	Left hand turn for Mission Rocks		17	0:18
10	Exit reserve		27	0:27
2	Exit reserve gate		29	0:30
	Crocodile Centre on right		-	-
1	At St Lucia roundabout turn right	R618	30	0:32
1	Exit St Lucia Estuary Reserve	R618	31	0:33
24	At T junction turn right signposted Empegeni N2	R618	55	0:52
3	At cross road turn left signposted Empegeni N2	R618	58	0:54
3	<a href="#">Caltex Service Station</a> on right	N2	61	0:56
13	Turn left signposted Maphelana Reserve (via Teza)	N2	74	1:04
1	Cross railway line - No barrier so stop and look both ways		75	1:05
5	Dirt road with Pot holes and soft sand		80	1:10
4	At T junction turn left signposted Maphelana		84	1:16
6	Tar road – Possible Pot holes		90	1:21
8	Dirt road with Pot holes and soft sand		98	1:29
6	Keep right signposted Maphelana		104	1:39
1	Keep right signposted Maphelana		105	1:40
3	Enter Maphelana Reserve & continue on sand road		108	1:44
11	Arrive <a href="#">Maphelana Reserve Gate</a>		119	2:14
1	Arrive camp reception		120	2:16

<b>Beach Note:</b>	The drive here is very worthwhile after an adventurous drive along the last stretch of sand road. Sand dunes and beach separate the ocean and estuary. There are hippos, crocodiles and lots of birdlife including fish eagles. Fuel is available on the N2 highway.
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<b>From:</b>	Maphelana
<b>To:</b>	Umlalazi
<b>Distance:</b>	105 km
<b>Time:</b>	1 hour 41 mins

Travel (km)	and then	to take	Total (km)	Time Taken
	Exit Maphelana gate on sand road			
10	Exit reserve on dirt road		10	0:30
4	Keep left on gravel road		14	0:37
5	Tar road		19	0:43
9	Dirt road		28	0:52
5	Keep left signposted Kwa-Mbonambi		33	0:59
4	Tar road		37	1:02
8	At cross road turn left onto N2 signposted Richards Bay		45	1:10
16	Right turn for <a href="#">Enseleni Reserve</a>	N2	61	1:20
41	Exit junction 297 signposted Mtunzini	N2	102	1:35
	<a href="#">Mtunzini Toll</a>		-	-
	At cross road turn left signposted Mtunzini		-	-
1	Mtunzini information sign on left		103	1:37
1	<a href="#">Spar Supermarkt</a> on left		104	1:39
	Turn right signposted KZN Conservation Services		-	-
1	Arrive <a href="#">Umlalazi</a> gate & reception		105	1:41

<b>Beach Note:</b>	Umlalazi has a holiday camp atmosphere along with a pure white beach and plenty of bird life. There is a chance here of seeing the very rare palm nut vulture. It is also the closest reserve with accommodation north of Durban. Mtunzini has a supermarket for supplies.
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<b>From:</b>	Umlalazi
<b>To:</b>	Durban, N3 Highway & International Airport
<b>Distance:</b>	133 km
<b>Time:</b>	1 hour 30 mins

Travel (km)	and then	to take	Total (km)	Time Taken
	Depart Umlalazi gate on tar road			
1	At cross road turn left		1	0:03
2	Turn left onto N2 signposted Stanger		3	0:06
1	<a href="#">Mtunzini Toll Plaza</a>	N2	4	0:07
25	Junction 269 - option for Amatikulu	N2	29	0:21
	Exit junction 269 signposted Amatikulu Nature Reserve	N2		
0.5	At cross road turn left signposted Amatikulu		0.5	0:01
0.5	Dirt road signposted Amatikulu		1	0:01
2	Keep right signposted Amatikulu		3	0:04
1	Arrive <a href="#">Amatikulu Nature Reserve</a> gate		4	0:05
10	Junction 258 - Option for Harold Johnson Reserve or continue south on N2	N2	39	0:29
	Exit junction 258 signposted Tugela Mouth	N2		
0.5	At cross road turn right signposted Mandini		0.5	0:01
5.5	Turn right signposted R102		6	0:05
	At T junction turn right onto R102 signposted Darnall			
7	Turn left onto dirt road signposted Harold Johnson Nature Reserve	R102	13	0:11
1	Turn left signposted Harold Johnson Nature Reserve		14	0:12
1	Arrive <a href="#">Harold Johnson Reserve</a> gate		15	0:15
1	To continue to Durban Southbound turn right		1	0:03
1	Turn left onto tar road R102 signposted Durban		2	0:04
8	At cross road turn left signposted N2	R102	10	0:10
2	Cross N2 & turn right to rejoin highway signposted Stanger N2		12	0:12
13	Junction 245	N2	52	0:37
20	<a href="#">Mvoti Toll Plaza</a>	N2	72	0:47
1	<a href="#">Shell Service Station</a> on left	N2	73	0:48
25	<a href="#">Tongaat Toll Plaza</a>	N2	98	1:01
26	<a href="#">Total Service Station</a> on left	N2	124	1:16
7	At junction 165 - Option to exit N3 West signposted Pietermaritzburg N3	N2	131	1:21

	Keep in right hand lane on slip road signposted N3	N2	-	-
2	Join N3 - Northbound to Johannesburg		133	1:22
	At Junction 165 - Continue on N2 signposted South Coast		-	
13	Junction 151 Durban International Airport	N2	146	1:30

**Note:** Our final route links in with Durban, the International Airport and the route north to Pietermaritzburg and onto Johannesburg.