

Directions

Lions Bluff is next to Salt Lick Taita Sanctuary.

Lions Bluff is 48km west of Voi on the Taveta Road within the 125,000 acre Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary.

Directions from Voi.

From Voi take the turning to Taveta. This turning is the Mombasa side of the Total petrol station and the Nairobi side of Petro fuel station. The first 22 km to Mwatate are new tarmac. At Mwatate the road becomes a murrum surface for the rest of the drive. The road follows the route of the railway (now disused but once a vital supply line for the British-led forces of world war one). Once on the murrum after Mwatate continue to Bura. You enter the Taita Hills Sanctuary by passing a cattle grid and electric fence. Continue, but be mindful of elephants, and you will come to the turning for the Taita Hills Lodge. From there it is exactly 5 km further down the road to the entrance gate to Lumo. You cross a second elephant grid to leave Taita Hills Sanctuary and immediately pass a small shop on your left. Continue about 700m from the elephant grid and you will see a sign for Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary and Lions Bluff on the left of the road. Turn in left here, take the most obvious track. 1km along this you will come to a fence line and the Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary entrance gate. You can see Lions Bluff Lodge from the gate and it is a 5 km game drive to and along the Bluff to reach the comfort of Lions Bluff.

MORE RELAXED SCENIC ROUTE THROUGH TSAVO WEST GAME PARK

Remember to bring KWS Smart card. If no smart card, residents will need an aliens pass to prove residency, or passport or work permit, driving licence no longer sufficient.

Residents Ksh1, 000 citizens Ksh200, visitors U\$65, payment by smart card only. There is a top-up facility for smart cards at Mtito Andei gate.

ROUTE THROUGH MACHAKOS AVOIDING SOME OF MOMBASA-NAIROBI ROAD

Leave Nairobi on the main Mombasa-Nairobi road.

Take the turning left for Machakos, about 60 km out of Nairobi

Follow that road through Machakos town, turning right at the roundabout, past the Caltex and Kenol fuel stations. Follow this road to Wote and Makueni. In Wote turn right. After approx 2km turn left. Follow signs to Makindu to rejoin the main Nairobi-Mombasa Road.

Drive 50km south on main Mombasa-Nairobi road to Mtito Andei.

At Mtito Andei turn right into KWS Tsavo West. Pay at gate

Follow signs to Mwaktau gate

From Mtito gate pass signpost 1, 2, 2c, left at 4, 15, 16, 55, follow main track to 66, right at 66 to Mwaktau gate

Route passes through Rhino valley, leaving Roaring Rocks and Rhodesian Ridge to your west and Ngulia Mountains to your east, you cross Engineers Bridge (wooden) and pass Kudu Campsite

At Mwaktau - Get your smart card exited (often staff are at the Jipe gate and have to cross the road so wave, and be patient)

Turn left (east towards Voi) on the Taveta-Voi Road. There is a police check with spikes across the road at Mwaktau village. Lions Bluff is about 10 km further east along this road. The turning to Lions Bluff and Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary is a few metres after the first railway crossing, marked with a large wooden signpost on your right. Turn right and take the most used road. 1 km to the gate, 5km to the comfort and beauty of Lions Bluff Lodge.

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