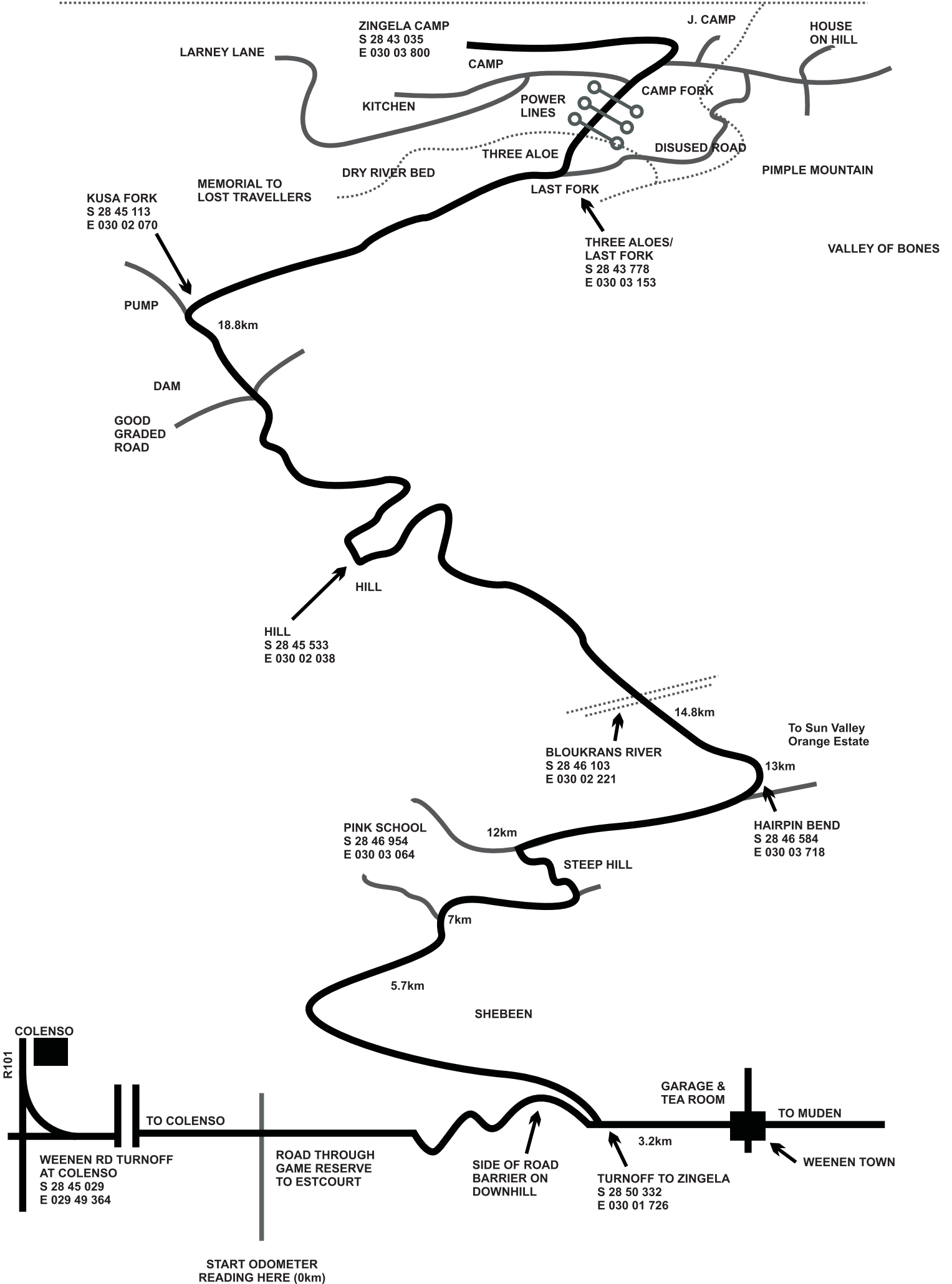


TUGELA RIVER



START ODOMETER READING HERE (0km)

## The Zingela Freeway - Directions and GPS coordinates to Zingela Camp

**RULE #1:** First consult a map and make sure you can locate the town of Weenen.

**RULE #2:** Make sure you are in a high-clearance vehicle. Diff-lock or 4x4 is essential in the summer. Think Sani Pass, Wild Coast and your perception will be correct! The road is good if you are an off-the-beaten-track enthusiast, bad if you are not.

**RULE #3:** Once off the tar road, cellphone signal becomes an irrelevant urban luxury. However, on a clear day there may be some sporadic cellphone communication on high ground, as well as on the hill climbing out of the Bloukrans valley, but nothing to rely on. Remember, once you are over the "Hill" you are "out of comms" and on your own.

**RULE #4:** Don't expect to see the road or directional signs. They are not used in this part of the world, except as building materials. There are no white lines or road markings.

**ROLL THE DICE AND START: DO NOT PUNCH IN THE END COORDINATES OF THE CAMP** as you will be led to the opposite bank and will feel quite lonely there. Best to follow the map & readings step by step. As you travel from Colenso to Weenen (*Weenen Road turnoff at Colenso – S 28 45 029, E 029 49 364*) after 15 minutes you will reach a T-junction where this Colenso/Weenen road meets the road from Estcourt. All references to kilometer readings on the map start here at this T-junction. Be sure to reset your odometer to 0km, your journey ends at 26km at Zingela Camp.

You will now notice the game reserve fence is on your right. As the tar road winds down the hill leading to the little town of Weenen, there will be a metal barricade on the left which suddenly ends. You will see a good dirt road turn-off on your left. Take it, and be careful as it is a sharp turn! (*Turn-off to Zingela S 28 50 332, E 030 01 726*). Once on the dirt road, when the road forks a couple of kilometers later, bear right. (The golden rule is to always follow the road most travelled). After approx. 15 minutes on the reasonably good gravel road you will reach a T-junction. There is a pink school and community hall in front of it. (*Pink School – S 28 46 954, E 030 03 064*). Turn right and travel for a short distance. You will see the Sun Valley Gate in front of you (watch out for the inverted speed hump between the school and the gate. Take a sharp hairpin turn to the left (Hairpin Bend – S 28 46 854, E 030 03 718). Do not go through the gate, unless you are craving fruit, as this road leads to the Sun Valley Orange Estate. You will shortly arrive at the crossing of the banks of the Bloukrans river (*S 28 46 103, E 030 02 221*). Cross the recently repaired cement, in summer be sure to check the status of the crossing – it's prone to flash floods. The Bloukrans river is now to your left, continue to follow the track and bear right at the base of the hill. Engage your diff-lock or 4x4 range. Go slowly (observing the speed limit) as there are some sump-eaters in the road ahead. (*Hill – S 28 45 533, E 030 02 038*). A couple of hairpins and rattled teeth later will put you at the top of the mountain. Keep on the well used track, ignore the graded road turn-off on your left, you will pass a dam and a pump on your left, at the T-junction turn right.

Kusa Fork (*S 28 45 113, E 030 02 070*). You are now dropping into the valley. Ignore the offshoot roads. You will cross dry river beds several times. When the road forks, Last Fork (Three Aloe Fork) – (*S 28 43 778, E 030 03 750*). Keep to the left well-used track. Once you have passed under the power lines you will see offshoot roads to