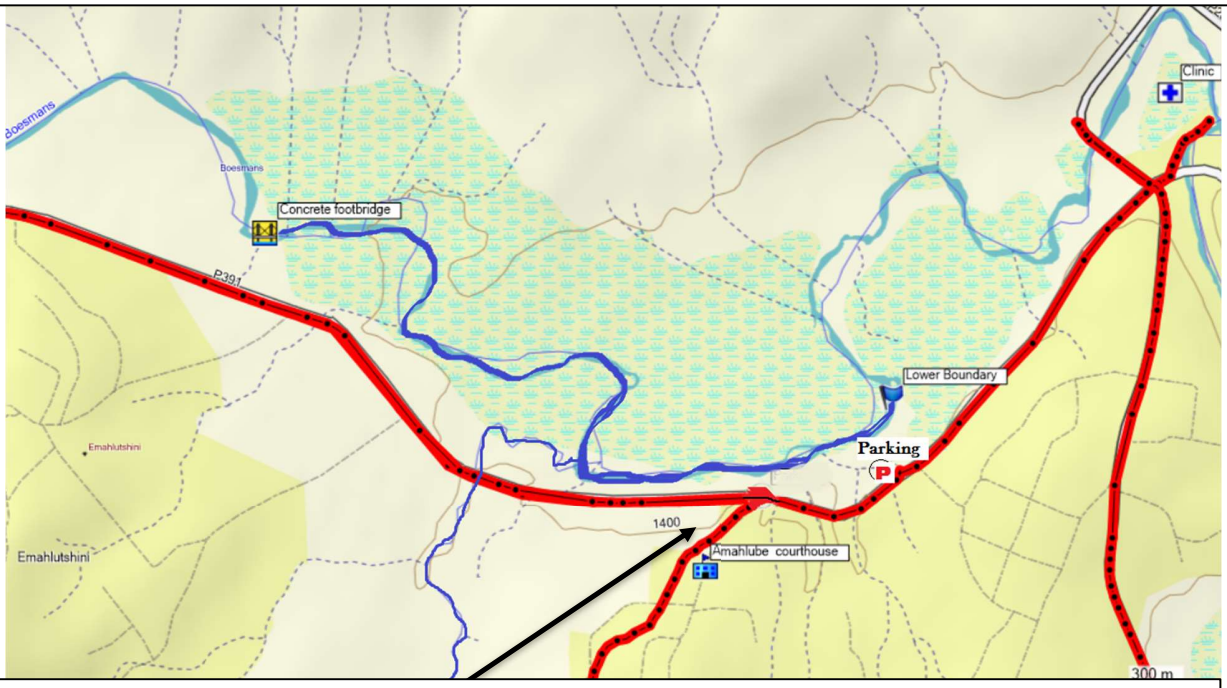
Bhungane beat: Bushmans River **Owner: amaHlubi Tribe** **Map No: B3** **May 2024**

Parking: Just off the tar road, on the right, where there is a large gravel yard within sight of the road near the parking sign as indicated. **Keep limits as per the NFFC website.** Rods: 3 rods in a max of 1 vehicle. Booking: **www.nffc.co.za or by phone 083 651 0987**. **PLUS: Please SMS the beat, the date of your booking, expected arrival time, type & colour of your car to Mrs Sylvia Mbata on 071 202 9807 then await confirmation by return SMS. The alternative number to book a car guard only, should Sylvia not have confirmed a car guard, is to call Skaruja on 072 366 0726, who will arrange a car guard for you. If the water has a prior booking, you will be notified, in which case you will need to cancel on the website and book another beat. IF WANTING TO CANCEL A PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED BOOKING: PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SMS!**



Note: You MUST display your car decal. A parking attendant will appear to guard your car. He must be paid as per the website and notification received with your booking, in cash. Please ensure you have change. Only an attendant wearing the easily identifiable NFFC bib are to be engaged and paid.

To reach this point: From the N3, take the Mooi River off-ramp and proceed through Mooi River, and out on the P19 to Giants Castle. After 35 kms, at a T junction, set your odometer to zero and proceed right on the P28-1. You will enter the tribal area, cross the Ncibidwana stream, and see the clinic on your right, followed by the intersection with the Estcourt road. Proceed straight ahead as though going to Giants Castle Reserve and when your odometer reaches 9.2 kms you will see an attractive thatch building on the roadside on your left, and a gravel road to the left immediately before the thatch complex , 100 metres along which is the community courthouse shown here.

Markers to look out for:. The parking for this beat is on the right-hand side of the road, within sight of the thatch building and the courthouse, and is signposted “Bhungane parking area”. In due course, the car guard, prompted by your booking SMS, will come to meet you. You may fish both banks, between the clear boundary marker signs, a distance of approx. 2.5 kms. Note the section above is the Thandabantu beat and the section below the eClinic beat , which are booked separately by club members, or members of the public, and must not be fished under this booking.

GPS co-ordinates and a description of the water appear on the reverse of this map

GPS co-ordinates of waypoints on page 1

To use these GPS co-ordinates, first ensure your unit is set to "degrees decimal minutes"

Waypoint	Co-ordinates
amaHlubi Courthouse	S29 11.846 E29 37.383
Parking	S29 11.707 E29 37.700
Top boundary sign (footbridge)	S29 11.375 E29 36.625
Lower boundary (sign)	S29 11.607 E29 37.704

Estimated travel time from Pietermaritzburg: 1 hr 20 minutes

General Description: (Updated Feb 2018)

This water is granted to the NFFC out of the generosity of the amaHlubi Tribe, and the residents of Bhungane. Please respect their crops, and animals and be gracious to the people you encounter along the river. Any difficulties should be reported to the NFFC or to the Nkosi's secretary, Mrs Sylvia Mbata , who, in an emergency can meet you at the Court House. The amaHlubi courthouse is a hundred yards up the hill from the previously mentioned thatch building, is fenced and has a sign board.

Note that if there is no prior NFFC booking, The amaHlubi are entitled to sell rod tickets on any of the un-booked stretches*. If such a booking is made before you are able to book, you will be notified by return SMS from Mrs Mbata, and you will need to cancel your NFFC booking and choose another water, possibly one of the Bushmans beats if Mrs Mbata has indicated that any others are free.

*Non-members are encouraged to contact Sylvia Mbata to buy a day ticket. She will appoint someone to meet guests at the courthouse where they are to pay and receive a printed ticket. Anyone fishing the river must either be displaying an NFFC decal (and have booked) or must be able to produce a day ticket, or they will be requested to leave the area. NFFC guests to be booked and paid for as club guests, and then fish as though they are club members, and not to buy a ticket from Sylvia.

The river here is sizeable and holds some big Brown Trout as well as yellowfish in the summer. This is superb water! This beat is at an average altitude of 1,525 metres above sea level, and includes riffle water, as well as some big pools. The river can flow strongly in summer, and caution should be exercised in crossing.

If you cancel your booking after it has already been confirmed by Mrs Sylvia Mbata, please be courteous and send a clear SMS advising that you have cancelled, because if you do not, a car guard will be waiting there for you in vain.

Please pick up litter that you may find along the river. The NFFC and the residents are working to keep the river pristine for future generations. Mrs Sylvia Mbata is the secretary to inkosi Radebe who is the traditional leader of this area. She speaks good English. This is one of 5 beats that form part of the amaHlubi/NFFC community fishery project agreed to by inkosi Radebe in 2018.