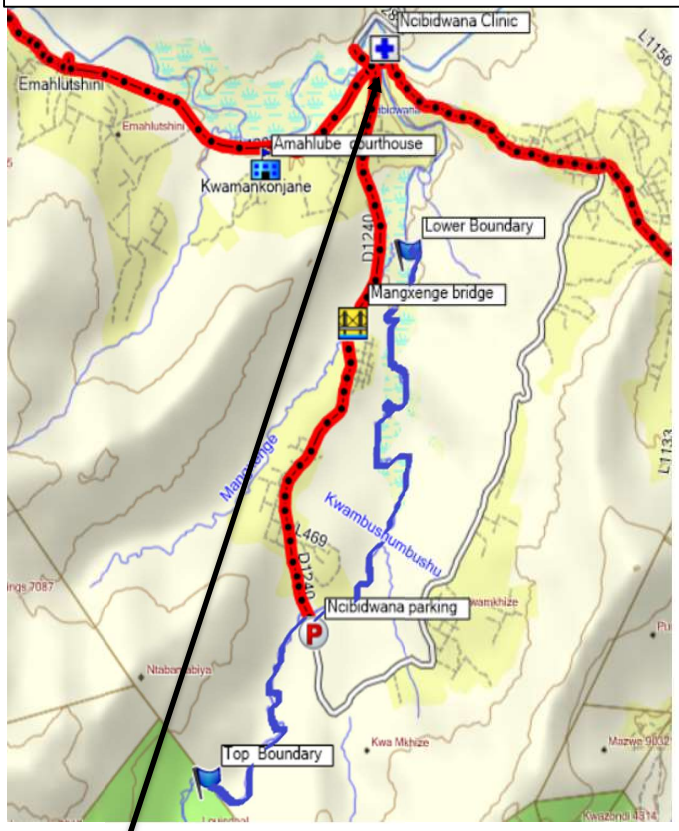
Ncibidwana River **Owner: amaHlubi Tribe** **Map No: B5 May 2024**

Parking: across the bridge, Just off the gravel road, on the right, where there is a parking sign as indicated. **Keep limits as per the NFFC website.** Rods: 4 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 for 7.7 km. You will enter the tribal area, cross the Ncibidwana stream, and see the clinic on your right. At this point you turn left onto the gravel road to Ncibidwana (D1240).

Markers to look out for:. Proceed along the Ncibidwana gravel road for a total of 6.2 km. You will cross the Manxenge stream along the way. And cross the large bridge over the Ncibidwana. The parking for this beat is on the right-hand side of the road near the bridge, on the roadside, and is signposted “Ncibidwana 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. 8.6kms. Note the section above is Ezimvelo land, and below the lower beat marker, which is where the Manxenge stream joins the Ncibidwana, is community land, some of which is heavily populated.

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 14.411 E29 37.731
Top boundary (sign)	S29 15.232 E29 36.961
Lower boundary (sign)	S29 12.344 E29 38.421

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 Ncibidwana. 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.

This is a small and seldom fished stream, but it holds Brown Trout as well as yellowfish in the summer, both of which move up from the main river and can reach surprising size. This beat is at an altitude of between 1400 and 1439 metres above sea level, and with this gentle gradient it loops and meanders extensively. The Manxenge stream often dirties the river in summer, but this beat is above that junction.

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.