

BULWER IXOPO ROUTE

Tar – 259 km

2014



Via Ixopo and Bulwer in the Midlands

The Bulwer Ixopo Tar Route heads down the N3 to exit 99 Merrievale. Turn right under the Nr and head off towards Bulwer/Underberg. Fuel is available at Mpophomeni, about 15 Kilometers from the N3, or Bulwer (74 kilometers).

After Mpophomeni the road heads up through the forests over a pass skirting the Vulindlela area. The next hamlet also has a fuel station, and not much more. The Pickle Pot is a good breakfast option, on the right about 5 kilometers after the Impendle turn. The next stop will be Bulwer.

Just outside Bulwer take a left onto the R612 to Ixopo. Fuel is available in Ixopo and you take the turn to the right 100 meters before the stop at the R56 to get there.



Take a right on to the R56, the main reason for being on this route! The route descends into the Umkomaas Valley in a series of twists and turns. Watch out after the bridge over the Umkomaas at the bottom – the first few turns are hairpin bends!! The next stretch takes you past Richmond and into the Richmond twisties, before taking a right at the Thornville junction onto R623. At the stop street, left takes you back on to the N3 to Midmar, and right takes you to Vans Hotel to discuss the ride over a frostie. Lunch as well as fuel, ATM services and shops are available.

