

Zimbabwe May 2012, Part 2a

Day Three: Lion and Elephant - Mbizi - Triangle - Chipinge - Junction Gate - Ozingire - Chimanimani (Frog and Fern B&B) 415 km

The next morning it was off into the Eastern highlands taking the cane haulage road to Mbizi. This road is not on any maps but I saw it on google earth photos. It is in fairly good condition and dead straight...very tempting to push on at 100 and plenty...but just remember where you are (nowhere near good medical help) and that you still have 3000 km to do!





Magnificent autumn colours...and another look at the dead straight cane haulage road (yes, that's me taking a leak!)





Heavy clouds today but no rain...most of Zim receives no recorded rainfall in May, but it is still fairly green from summer with those lovely autumn colours starting to show. With the days getting cooler and the sky a beautiful blue, it's generally the best month of the year to tour on your bike (my opinion of course!) August and September the views are very hazy due to all the veld fires and summer must be sheer hell with the heat!



"Hauling it" down the cane haulage road! We're standing just to ease the pressure on the bum...and because Ronelle loves it! (not because it's technical or anything!)



Lunch for three - loaf of bread, tin of bully beef and cold drinks from a local store.



Not much time to let the food go down before getting back on the road. After lunch our route followed tracks and paths through the Eastern Highlands to Chimanimani (I had drawn from google earth and converted via Tracmaker into Mapsource to download to my 276C, something I learnt to do after reading a post on this in the Wild Dog forum) What a magnificent afternoon this turned out to be!

