

Wildebeest Migration Movements

At present the migration is moving back and forth around Ndotu and Moru Kopjes. As it gets drier, less water becomes available in the Ndotu area and they will head west through Moru Kopjes towards the Grumeti river in search of water.

When they get to the Grumeti, there will be plenty of water, the migration will be in to mood or pressure to move. They will hang around for a few weeks or up to a month depending on how much damage they cause to



their own environment. Eventually most of the grazing is finished and they will have to move on, heading northwards towards the Maasai Mara. They will cross the Mara River by the earliest mid July and towards the end and then continuing into August.

First, this is a migration of 1.5 million animals, and they unfortunately are wildebeest, they have very little logic and will do exactly the opposite to what anybody predicts or plans. So what I have said above can change, yes they will end up in the Mara because they are going to be attracted to the Mara River as a source for water and rain that should fall in October.

I think as it has been a dry "wet season" they will get to the Grumeti a little early, around mid June and start heading up north in early July. I think that the crossing of the Mara river will not be so spectacular as the Mara river will not be very high.

If you want to film and can come out early July, then we head to the Grumeti. As the wind northwards, over the Serengeti Plains into the riverine areas, it only gets more spectacular and very remote. You do not see tourists between the Grumeti river and the Mara. It is some of the most picturesque areas of the Serengeti and most diverse.