Monkey Crosses the Equator

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Toto, the monkey, was visiting his relations who lived in a place in the deep jungle where the trees were tall, the leaves were very green and butterflies hovered over the water lilies.
Toto came to an extremely large buyu tree. Underneath it was a notice board beside the road, which read EQUATOR.

Twiga, the giraffe, came close to him. "This is a very interesting place, Monkey."

"Er, yes," mumbled Boohoo, the hippo. "It's the middle of the world."
Monkey’s eyes were full of excitement. “The very middle?”

“Yes,” nodded Twiga. “Sit where you are in the buyu tree and you’re in the Southern Hemisphere, but if you walk down that long limb and jump into the kuyu tree, then you’ll be in the Northern Hemisphere. You will have crossed the equator.”

Toto scratched his head. This was a difficult thing for monkeys to understand.