



RUMANYIKA-KARAGWE NATIONAL PARK

English

*“Kishanda valley is a tributary and
distributary of Kagera river ”*



Welcome to Rumanyika-Karagwe National Park

Characterized by a deep valley with its slow winding river at its base leading into lake and swamps, this newly established National Park is home to beautiful wildlife and scenic landscapes! The lower slopes of the valley have Acacia tall grass woodlands which are spacious and attractive.

Brief History of the Park

Rumanyika-Karagwe National Park is situated in Kyerwa District, Kagera region in northwest part of Tanzania and covers an area of 247km². The Park was previously gazetted as Rumanyika Orugundu Game Reserve to honor the Karagwe Chiefdom established in the 19th century under the chief Rumanyika I Orugundu who ruled from the year 1855 – 1882.

The Karagwe Chiefdom although started back in 1450 but it was ended in the year 1962 when all Chiefdoms were abolished in the country after Tanzania attained its independence. Rumanyika Orugundu was gazetted as Game Controlled area in 1965 and was declared a Game Reserve in 1974, it was under the Regional Administration until 1996 when it became a National Project to be managed directly by Wildlife Division and later upgraded as a National Park in 2019.

The Park harbors equatorial montane forest, at an attitude of over 1700m (aunsl) and is among the few representatives of this vegetation type. The vegetation of Rumanyika-Karagwe national park ranges from grassland to medium height equatorial forest, marsh/swamps and open water bodies occurs in certain areas.

Getting there

By Air: The park can be accessed from Bukoba and Chato airports to airstrips located at Ihanda in Karagwe district or Kagaga airstrip at Ibanda-Kyerwa National Park.

By Road: The Park is accessible by road from Bukoba town via Kyaka, Omurushaka to Nyakatuntu; 185Km or from Kayanga (Mgakorongo), Kigororgoro to Nyakatuntu; 85Km. Also from Uganda through the official border post at Kikagati/Murongo about 8km to Rugasha entrance gate

Climate

Annual average rainfall varies from 729mm to 995mm. January to February is a period of marginal or no rainfall. Peak rainfall season occurs in March to May and September to December with a relative dry period from June to September. The mean maximum and minimum temperature ranges from 26.2°C to 13.7°C respectively. The best time to visit the Park is between January to February and June to August.





Attractions

- **Abundant Wildlife**

The park hosts a significant number and diversity of wildlife that can be enjoyed. Tourists to this area will be able to witness a variety of wildlife such as buffalo, waterbuck, leopard, bushbuck, monkeys and baboons, and a great variety of birds.

- **Birdlife**

The park has habitats that favor number of birds that bird lovers can enjoy. Some of these includes some species of forest birds and water birds due to presence of lakes and other waterbodies.

- **Scenic Landscapes**

This park has exceptional scenic beauty due to presence of deep valleys, forests and thick bushes and hills.





Tourism Activities

There are opportunities for visitors to enjoy the beauty of this park through various activities like Game driving, Walking safaris and Bird watching.

- **Game Viewing**

This is a very popular activity in this Park and the visitor will be able to use well chosen tracks and roads to see and photography wildlife during the game drives.

- **Walking Safari**

For the guests that are keen and wish to see nature in close proximity will enjoy walking in this beautiful park. This activity which is normally accompanied by an armed ranger will give an opportunity to see wildlife in a close encounter.

- **Bird Watching**

For bird lovers this is a place is a little birdwatching paradise. More than 300 species of birds can be seen here.

Available tourism facilities

Currently the available accommodation facility in the Park is to arrange your own camp. There also affordable accommodation at the nearest towns

PARK TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
A. Conservation fees per person			
i. Age 16 and above	5,000	30	15
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,000	10	5
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
B. Camping Fee - Public Campsite			
i. Age 16 and above	5,000	30	30
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	5	5
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
C. Camping Fee - Special Campsite			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	50	50
ii. Age between 5 and 15	5,000	10	10
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
D. Sport Fishing			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	25	25
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	10	10
F. Walking Safaris			
i. Short walks (1 to 4 hours) for adults	5,000	20	20
ii. Short walks for children of or above 12 years	2,500	10	10
iii. Long walks (above 4 hours) for adults	10,000	25	25
iv. Long walks for children of or above 12 years	5,000	15	15
F. Guide/Ranger per group			
Guide fee	5,000	20	20
G. Filming Fees			
The following filming fees are applicable to each person per day and covers entrance, camping and filming. This applies to all Nationalities			US \$ 250
H. Crew Fee (Tanzanians) this includes Conservation fee (Tshs 1000) and Camping fee (Tshs 2000)			
			Tshs 3,000

I. Video shooting per group of 2-20 pax

This is for recording own art (music or movies)

i. Inside the Park (payable on top of conservation fees per day)	100,000	100	100
ii. IIQ and Park office ground	100,000	50	50

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K. Boating safari fee 10,000 20 20

L. Motor Vehicle Fees

	Tanzanian Register TShs.	Foreign Register US\$.
i. Tare weight up to 2000 kgs	20,000	40
ii. Tare weight 2,001 to 3,000kgs	35,000	150
iii. Tare weight 3001 to 7,000kgs	60,000	200
iv. Tare weight 7001 to 10000kgs	150,000	300
v. Tare weight above 10 tons (prior permission from	300,000	500
vi. Fuel tank which should not exceed 10 tones	125,000	125

M. Over Speeding (All type of vehicles) Tshs. 50,000

N. Fine for vehicles causing accident TShs. 200,000

O. Annual Directors' Pass Fee US \$ 100

Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner

P. Fee for Tanzanian registered (non commercial vehicle/trailer/boats and air crafts stationed in the park per year)

i. Tare weight up to 2000kgs	50,000
ii. Tare weight 2,001 hadi 3,000kgs	100,000
iii. Tare weight 7001 - 10,000 kgs	200,000
iv. Tractor, trailer and boats	50,000
v. Aircraft	200,000

Q. Landing Fees

	Foreign Aircrafts (US \$)		Local Aircrafts (TShs)	
	Private	Commercial	Private	Commercial
a) Up to 4 seaters	50	120	10,000	15,000
b) 5 - 12 seaters	120	170	15,000	20,000
c) 13 - 20 seaters	170	320	20,000	35,000
d) Over 20 seaters	NA	NA	50,000	60,000

R. Students Fee for Organized Groups or Individuals

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| i. Conservation fee for Primary, Secondary and High School students | TShs 2,000 |
| ii. Conservation fee for Colleges and Universities Students | TShs 5,000 |
| iii. Camping fees for Primary, Secondary and High school students | TShs 2,000 |
| iv. Camping fee for College and University students | TShs 3,000 |
| v. Huts and hostel for the students | TShs 5,000 |

S. Tourism Investment Site Allocation Fee and Annual Land Base Rent Fee

Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation and Annual Land Base Rent fees for new investors in National Parks.

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| i. Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation fee US\$ 1,000 | |
| ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee: | |
| a) Seasonal campsites | US\$ 100 |
| b) Permanent Tented Camps | US\$ 1,000 |
| c) Lodges | US\$ 5,000 |

NOTE:

- Conservation and Vehicle fees are for multiple entry
- Fee once paid is non-refundable
- Proof of identification is mandatory at entry gate
- All tariffs are VAT (18%) exclusive
- Expatriates/residents and their dependents living in Tanzania must have either of the following documents: residents permit Class A,B or C; exemption certificate; temporary pass attached with
- Government receipt plus acknowledgement letter; and Diplomatic passport or ID
- EAC citizen refers to the nationals of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan
- Nationals of other EAC member states must produce their passport at entry gate
- EAC private vehicles are strictly prohibited to conduct any tourism business in the park
- For video shooting consult Park Management for guidance

Visit and support

Visit the park and experience the real side of an African culture where locals can share their traditions and cultural values; where you can contribute by improving their livelihood in this ever changing world! Thank you!

Park Rules and Regulations

Please remember to:

- Leave the Park Undisturbed by not leaving, introducing or removing anything, animate or in animate.
- Use only designated roads/routes/trails.
- Trash in and Trash out.
- Be considerate to fellow visitors - do not disturb them or the animals they are watching.
- Obtain an entry permit from the Park. The permit is valid for 24 hours (single entry) and fees once paid cannot be refunded
- Deal with properly registered tour companies that have a current/valid TALA Licence.

Please do not:

- Exceed the speed limit of 50 k.p.h. the recommended speed for game viewing is 25 k.p.h.
- Light or cause a wildfire.
- Disturb the wild animals in any way.
- Take any pets or fire arms into the park.
- Uproot, pick, cut, damage any plant or be in possession of any part of a plant from the park.
- Make noise, blow your horn and use radios during game viewing.
- Feed wild animals
- Drive off Road

NOTE: The park opens at 06:00 am and closes at 7:00 pm



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