GOMBE
NATIONAL PARK

The home of Chimpanzee



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Welcome to the Park

If you are looking for a wild place with significant representation of the few magnificent remaining chimpanzees and other endemic species in fragile strip of lush forest , Gombe is an ideal place to explore .

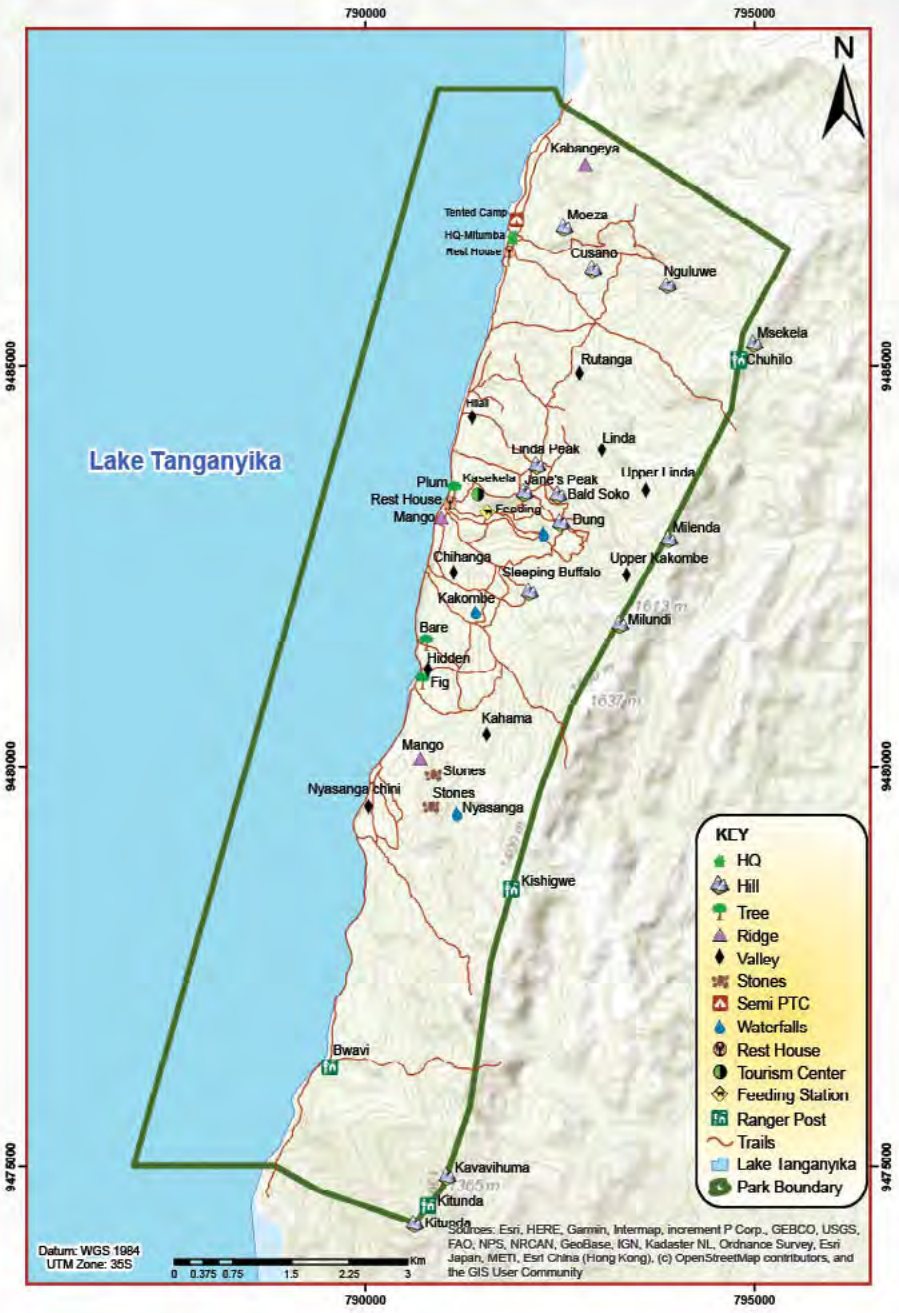
Here as one can enjoy this magnificent National Park by conducting different activities like chimps trekking, lake excursion, snorkelling and hiking. The scenic view of the hills and sand beach of the Lake Tanganyika offers unforgettable experience as one sit on the camps overlooking the lake.

We are more than happy to be part of your exploration of this magnificent park.

Brief History

The park was gazetted in 1968 with an area of 56 sq. km. Existence of chimpanzees in this area was the main course of upgrading this place into a National Park. The research done by the renowned scientist and conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall also showed the importance of conserving this remaining habitat which is a home of the closely related creatures to human beings; the chimps





Getting there

This park can be reached by boat from Kigoma town.
To reach Gombe you must travel by boat from Kigoma as there is no road to the park. Take a local tax or charter boat from Kigoma to Gombe (2-3 hours). You can plan for an overnight stay or for a day trip and return to Kigoma town in a single day.

For brilliant chimpanzee trekking and viewing we recommend you to have two nights for exploring their culture, beauty and behavior.



Climate

The park experiences bi-modal rainfall pattern with short rains starting from November to December and long rains from March to May. The dry season is from late June to October and from January to early March.

Attractions

- **Chimpanzee**

  Chimpanzee which shares 98% of human gene are easily seen living in social communities of several dozens. They communicate through hugging, beating and kissing as human do. These animals alluares the park thus making it an ideal place to visit especially chimp lovers.

- **Wild animals**

  Gombe is a true primatology marvel with 8 primate species found in the park. The species include olive baboons, blue monkey, red tailed monkey, vervet monkeys, red colobus monkeys and bush babies. It also protects 35 mammal species including the bushbuck, bush pigs, duiker, civets, white tailed mongoose and checkered elephant shrew making it a superb place to travel.

- **Birdlife**

  The park has 287 species of birds, most of them are forest birds like fish eangle, palmnut vulture, paradase flycatcher and schalow's turaco. Migratory birds are also present from November to April every year.



- **Lake Tanganyika**

  The longest and deepest lake in Africa, the second deepest lake in the world with depth of 1,447m and a width 70km from East to West . It is also the world's longest freshwater lake with length of 675kms. Plan your visit to come and see this longest and deepest lake that provides breeding ground to more than 300 species of fish most of them being endemic including the ornamental cichlid.

- **Scenic beauty (Mountains and waterfalls)**

  The view of Mountains of rift escarpment falling Westwards in the lake are magnificent. The undulating terrain and valleys provide a visitor with attractive landscapes. The deluge of water created by Mkenke and Kakombe rivers leads to gushing over craggy rocks 25 feet plume that roaring into a pool of water. A visit to Kakombe and Mkenke waterfall is a truly rewarding experience.

Tourist activities

- **Chimpanzee trekking**

  Enjoy the best chimps trekking deep in the ancient African forest with outstanding sight of Great Rift Valley escarpment. Gombe has relatively large populations of the shy, social African great apes in relation to area. Rising from the sandy shore of Lake Tanganyika, Gombe National Park is a popular destination for exciting moments of chimp trekking.

- **Filming**

  The 'Great Rift Valley' slopes and its evergreen forests with many open and well- lit places attracts chimps to come to the ground which provide an opportunity for the best chimp's footage. The varied/



alternating peaks and valleys enable filmers to catch spectacular vistas with interesting sight making Gombe as iconic place for Chimps filming in Africa.

- **Bird watching**

  Over 200 bird species that fly in the tropical forest and skying over the lake give you an unforgettable experience. Bird species range from the fish eagle to jewel- like Peters twin spots that hop tamely around.

- **Hiking to the forest and mountains climbing**

  Enjoy the quiet beauty of forested mountain terrain, towering termite mounds, rivers lined with evergreen forest and the bounty inquisitive primate species. Over 45 kms of trails on top of majestic mountains you will find yourself wanting to return often once you discover the refreshing change of pace awaiting you in Gombe Mountain.





- **Lake excursion**

  This is an amazing experience; you can choose a luxury boat or an ordinary speedboat, depending on your budget. This activity allows you to feel Lake Tanganyika's breeze while savoring the culture of local communities.

- **Watersports and sunbathing**

  Lake Tanganyika offers watersport activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, swimming, sunbathing, sport fishing and sunset viewing opportunities. Kayakin is one of the favorite new tourism product in Gombe National Park. Visitors will have an opportunity to cruise along the shores of the longest lake in the world (Lake Tanganyika).

- **Visit to cultural tourismand historical Centre**

  You are invited to experience authentic hospitality, learn about traditional arts, crafts and enjoy traditional dances at Mwamgongo women group outside the park. You can also visit Dr. Livingstone historical site (1813-73) is situated nearby Ujiji and is the site where Henry Stanley's and Dr. David Livingstone had famous encounter.





Available tourist facilities

- **Special campsite**

  From your front door, the world's unfolds around you, impressive expansive view of clear water of Lake Tanganyika that stretches for miles enable you to see a gorgeous sunrise. Sound tempting! You too can wake up to such a view when you rent a tent at Kasekela special camp.

- **Public campsite**

  Camping in the designated areas inside the forest provides solitude in the wilderness thus making your camping awesome.

- **Rest house**

  The Kasekela, Mitumba, Jane Goodall Memorial and Gombe VIC rest houses will cater for your accommodation while in the park.



Park rules and regulations

Please do not:

- Litter;
- Take any sorvenior from the park;
- Bring any animal (pet) in to the park;
- Kill, harass, disturb or feed any wild animals in the park;
- Enter the park without a valid permit;
- Ignite wildfires;
- Erect, mark or remove any signboard in the park;
- Enter or leave the park at points other than the official entry/exit gates stipulated in your permit;
- Camp at the designated campsites only.

Chimps viewing regulations

- Maintain a distance of at least 10 meters from the chimps at all times;
- Always wear a mask (provided by your guide) over your nose and mouth when you are close (50m) to a chimp;
- Do not eat or drink, while you are near the chimpanzees;
- Do not leave personal belongings on the ground;
- If you feel the urge to cough or sneeze –when you're near the chimps, please cover your nose and mouth to reduce the spread of germs;
- Try not to go to use bush toilet in the forest;
- You're not allowed to visit the chimps if you are sick or have an infectious disease;
- No person under the age of 12 is permitted to visit the chimps;
- No more than 6 visitors (plus one guide) are permitted close to the chimps at any one time;
- Maximum viewing time is one hour.

Visit and support!

Visit and experience the beauty of this amazing park. You can support the park and the surrounding communities by visiting and contribute to conservation projects.

Thank you!



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