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NATIONAL PARK

The Land of the Might Rufiji River



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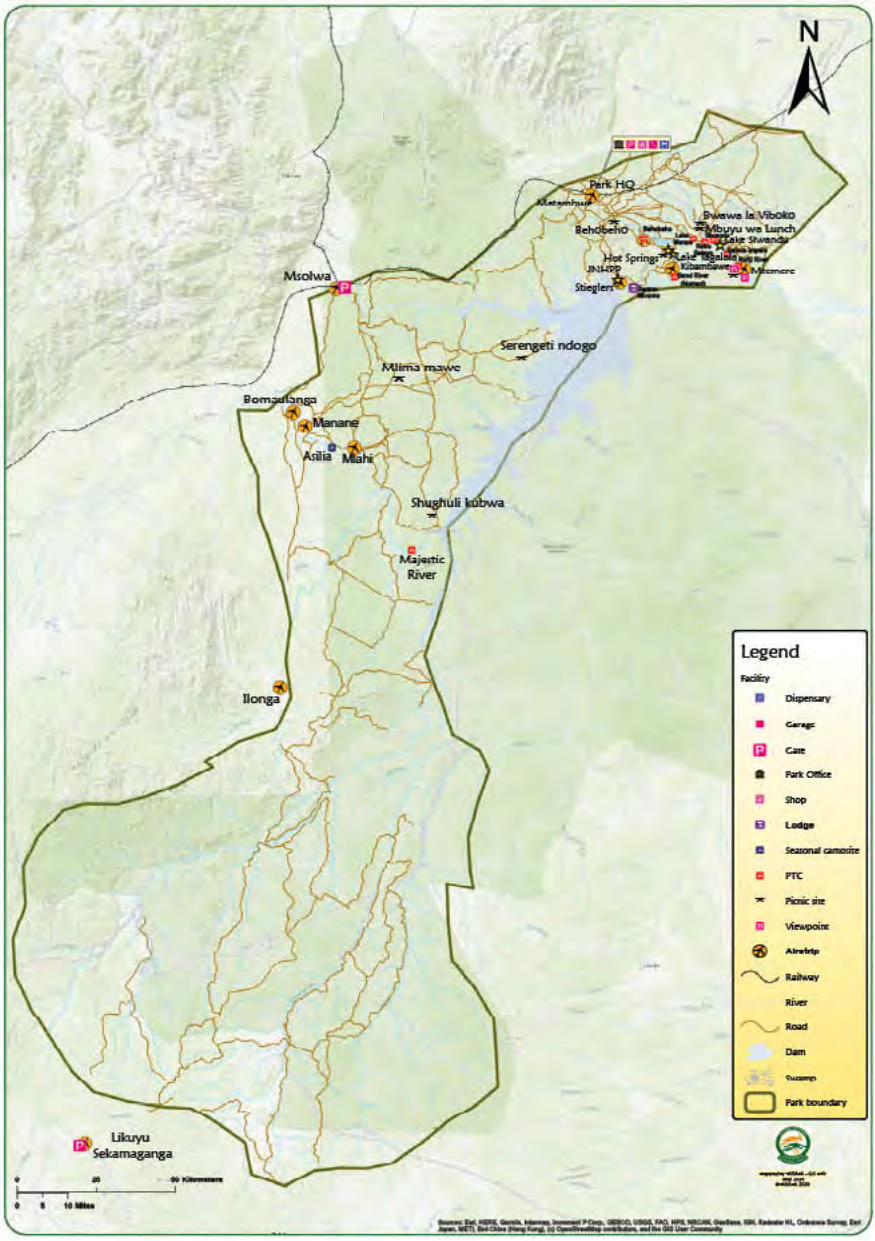


Welcome to the Park!

This is the Africa's Largest National Park! The Park with staggering size of 30,893km² host one of the world's largest concentrations of wildlife. The collection of wildlife both in diversity and abundance is just remarquable! Visitors to this vast sanctuary will be able to see astounding volume of wildlife both rare and common species. The park hosts the famous "Big Five" and some rare species of antelopes like roan antelope, brindled gnu, lichtenstein hartebeest, roan, sable antelopes and greater kudu.

Thank you!





Climate

Nyerere has a unimodal rainfall belt of southern Tanzania with two rains per year.

In a normal year, the short rains fall in November and December and are followed by a partial drying out in January and February. Thereafter, the long rains follow ending in early May. The average rainfall varies from one part of the park to another due to variation in the altitude. Most of the northern part of the park is directly on the coastal plain and is less than 100m above sea level. The temperature range is from 13°C to 41°C.



Getting there

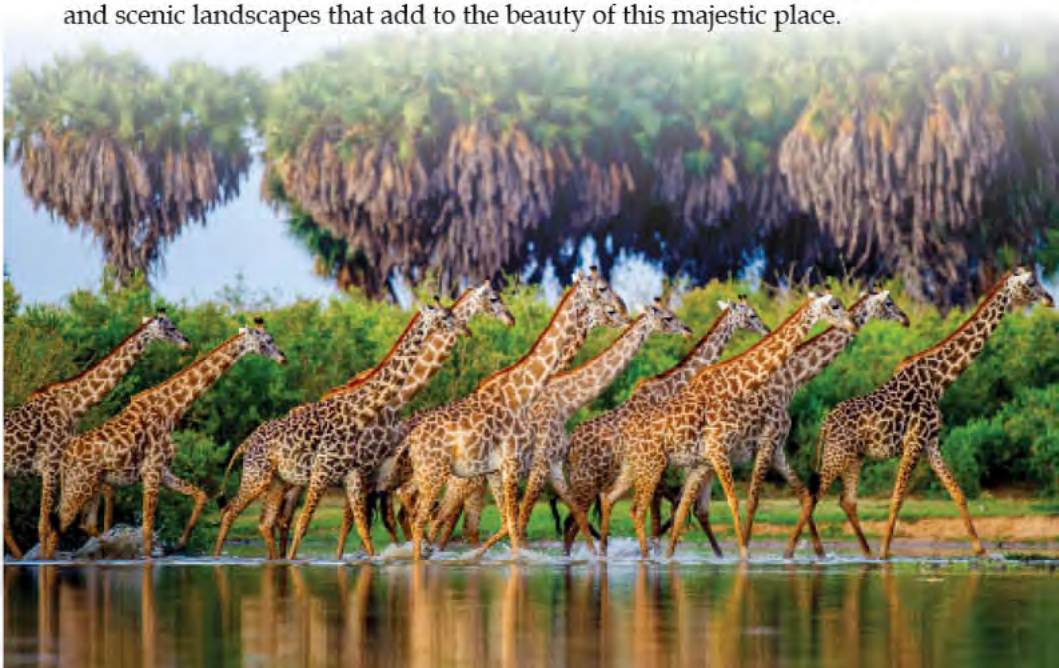
The park is accessible by both road and Air.

By road: From Dar es salaam to Nyerere National Park is about 250km via Kibiti.

By air: There are regular flights from Dar es salaam, Kilimanjaro and Arusha to a number of small airstrips in the park.

Attractions

The park has numerous attractions that visitors can enjoy. Some of the best attractions is ability to see the big five, large concentrations of elephants and hippos, the Rufiji River full of abundant wildlife and largest population of african wild dogs. The park is also endowed with beautiful and scenic landscapes that add to the beauty of this majestic place.





- **Rufiji River, Myriad of Oxbows, delta and Lakes**

  Rufiji is East African largest river which flows through the northern part of the park. It's a slow moving and wide river, creating a number of oxbow lakes in its northern flood plains thus making a beautiful landscape of plains and woodlands interspersed with expanses of water. The might Rufiji with its renown population of hippo and crocodile flows to Indian Ocean. The river has been designated as a photographic zone and it is a popular for tourists.

- **Largest population of African hunting dog**

  In Nyerere, African hunting dogs are thriving, unlike most of those elsewhere on the continent. Despite the fact that, this species is highly endangered and seen in few areas, the park has the last true stronghold for African hunting dog in Africa.





- **High concentration of hippos and crocodile**

  Rufiji River that goes through the park is home of plenty hippos and Nile crocodiles. The big concentration of hippos that happily live together in the puddles especially during the dry season is a never miss chance. One is able to see the male fights something that is truly a hair – raising watch. The area also has largest crocodiles in Africa making this unique for dinosaur descendants. During the wet season the crocodiles feed mainly on catfish and in dry season they supplement their diet with animals coming down to drink.

- **Diverse birdlife**

  In Nyerere National Park, birdlife is diverse and abundant. More than 440species of birds have been recorded! These birds are found in sandbanks, oxbow lakes and channels are home to these species. The rare species of pel's fishing owls and white backed heron which live in the wooded section of the riverbank.

- **Rare species of antelopes**

  Apart from being very famous for elephants, rhinos and hippopotamus, Nyerere has also a vast range of game including brindled gnu, nyasaland gnu, sable antelope, eland, greater kudu, waterbuck, hartebeest, zebras, giraffe, reedbuck, warthog, spotted, hyena, lion, leopard, hunting dog, in addition to the largest populations of buffalo in Africa.





Tourist activities

Nyerere National Park has some of the activities that give visitors opportunities to enjoy its beauty. The park will give opportunities to do walking safaris, game viewing as well as unforgettable boat trips along the mighty Rufiji.

- **Boat Safaris**

Watching wildlife from the river or lake is a beautiful and different way of game viewing. While boating, you can see animals like crocodiles, hippos, elephant, waterbuck and buffalo spend a lot of time near the water, but a mass of other game including birds will be seen.

- **Day game drive**

Game driving along the numerous small tracks is a popular way of enjoying wildlife. Swarming with an abundance of elephants, giraffe, zebra, topi, impala, hartebeest and defassa waterbuck is simply a magnificent sight to remember. The spotted hyena with the elusive leopard emerging on the woodland fringes are frequently seen here. Wild dogs do as well prowl her but prefer to stick to the escarpment.

- **Night game drives**

Nyerere national park offers a unique night game drive providing an opportunity to witness nocturnal animals as well as unique night sky. Visitors can spot shy nocturnal creatures, such as leopards, aardvark, genet and smaller cats, feeding and fighting through the bush at night.

- **Walking safaris**

The park offers some of the most breathtaking walking in the African savannah. Famed trail include trail close to Rufiji Rivers which cross spectacular shores when spotting zebras, hippopotamus, crocodiles and



magnificent views. Guided walking safaris with overnight stays in light weight flying camps are popular.

- **Bird watching**

  Nyerere National Park offers best bird watching experience, a popular and adventurous activity involving observing and studying bird species in their natural habitat. With over 400 recorded species, including common, endemic, rare, migratory, and non-migratory birds, tourists can learn to recognize and name species by sighting and sound.

- **Sport fishing**

  Also known as recreational or game fishing, it focuses on physical exertion and thrilling experiences, with tigers being the most prized game fish.

- **Photographic and filming**

  This activity can be done all year-round, showcasing a rich wildlife environment. The park offers exiting photographic safaris, due to a variety of wild animals, birdlife and landscapes.

Tourist Facilities

The park has different type of visitors facilities including public and private campsites.

Lodges: The park has several lodges of different qualities depending on a personal choice located in the most pristine area of the park.

Permanent tented camp; There are a number of luxury tented camps where visitors can choose depending on their preferences.

Seasonal Campsites: The park has several seasonal campsites for guests to book, stay and enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the park.



Please do not:

- Enter the park without a valid permit;
- Litter;
- Block other visitors access, disturb or the animals they are watching;
- Exceed the speed limit of 50k.p.h;
- Take pets, plant seeds or fire arms into the park;
- Uproot, pick, cut or damage or be in possession of any part of the plant from the park;
- Kill, harass, disturb or feed any wild animals in the park;
- Feed animals;
- 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 permi

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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