RUMANYIKA-KARAGWE NATIONAL PARK



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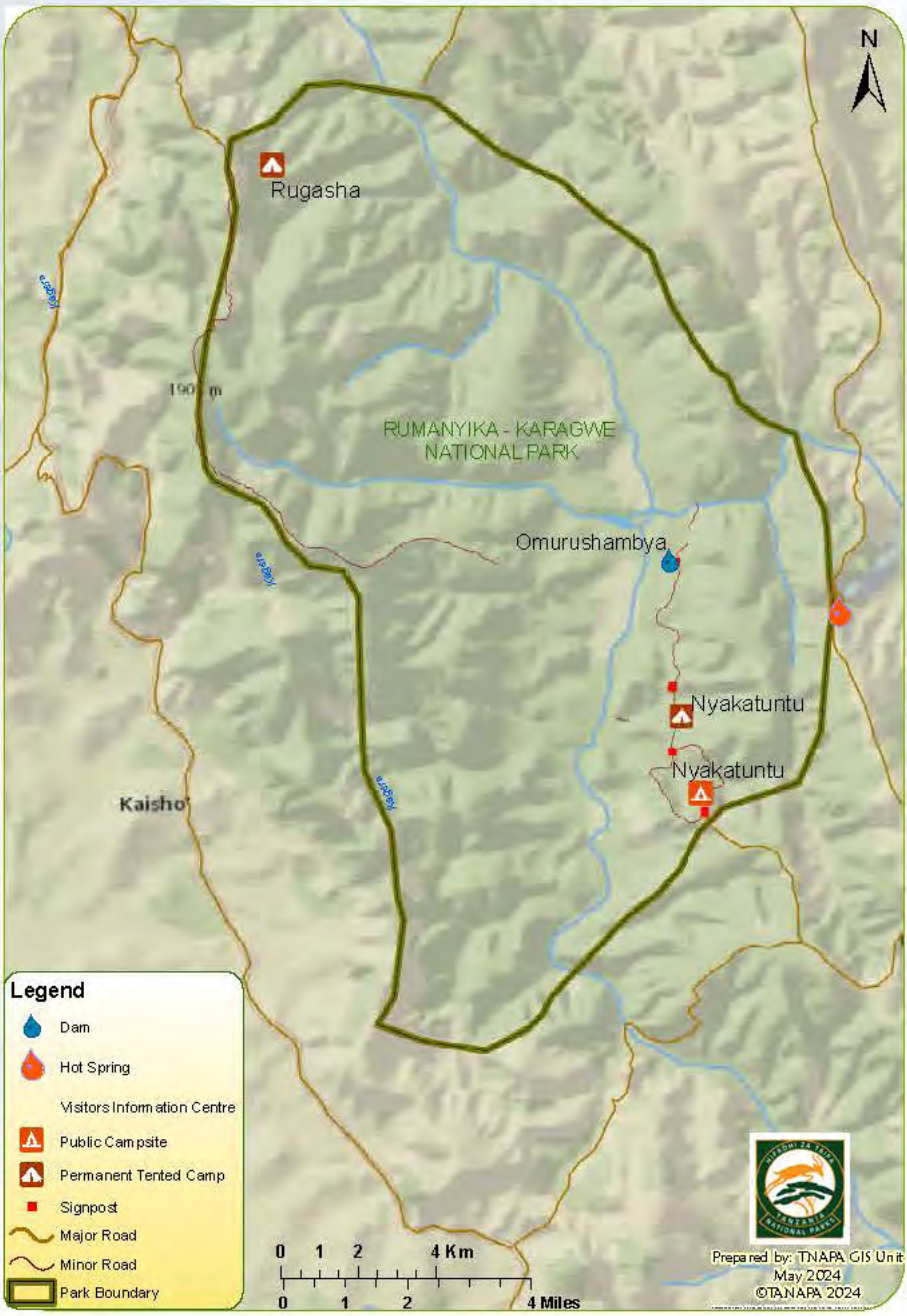


Welcome to the Park!

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.

You can explore the park by walking around the forest swamps and lakes. We hope that your visit to this breathtaking National Park will make will leave you with such unforgettable memories.

Thank you!


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Rugasha
RUMANYIKA - KARAGWE
NATIONAL PARK
Omurushambya
Nyakatuntu
Nyakatuntu
Kaisho
Legend
Dam
Hot Spring
Visitors Information Centre
Public Campsite
Permanent Tented Camp
Signpost
Major Road
Minor Road
Park Boundary
0 1 2 4 Km
0 1 2 4 Miles
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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 247km^2.

The Park was previously gazetted as Rumanyika Orugundu Game Reserve to honor the Karagwe Chiefdom.

Rumanyika Orugundu was gazette 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.





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℃ to 13.7℃ respectively. The best time to visit the Park is between January to February and June to August.

Tourist Attractions

- **Wild animals**

  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 a 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.

Tourist 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 tourist facilities

Currently, the available accommodation facility in the park is campsite but there are available accommodation facilities at the nearest towns.



Park rules and regulations

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;
- Enter or leave the park at points other than the official entry/exit gates stipulated in your permit.

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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