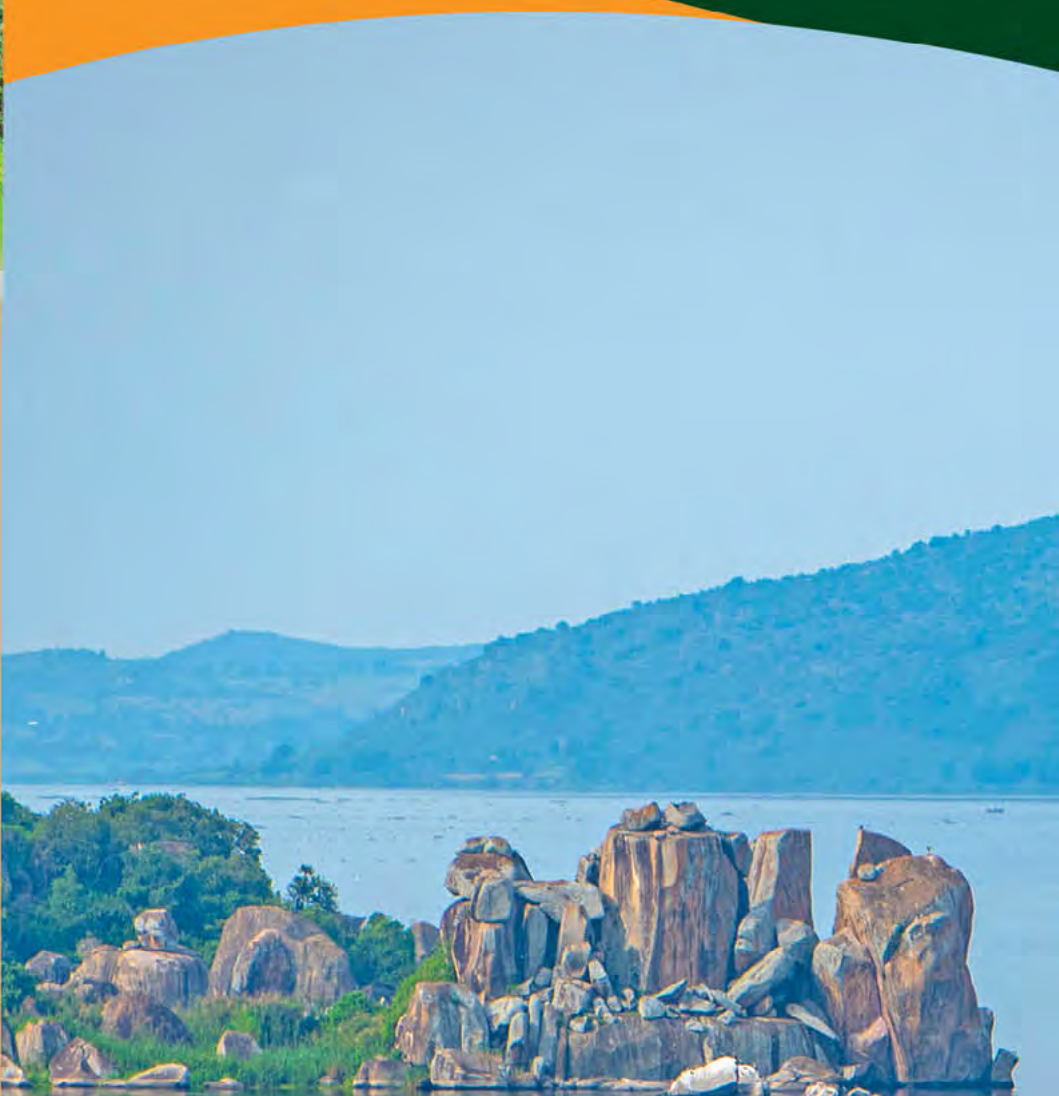
SAANANE ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Majestic isle in Mwanza city



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English



Welcome to the Park!

This small Park that is located on an island in the famous Lake Victoria. It's the only National Park within the city limits. While in the park you will have chance to see the animals like Impala, Zebra, wildebeest, Klipspringer, Rock Hyrax, Vervet Monkeys, Dik-dik, Otters, Crocodiles and a mixture of indigenous and introduced species. The park habitat is of granite boulders, grass areas, thorny thicket and woodland.

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You can enjoy the Park through various activities like walking along the trails on the rocks, birdwatching, game viewing on foot etc.

We do hope that your visit to this wonderful island park will be memorable! Enjoy your stay

Thank you!





Brief History

The island was named after Mzee Saanane Chawandi, a local farmer and fisherman. In 1964 the Government established Tanzania's first ever zoo here. The objective being to promote conservation education and to provide recreation to the people of Mwanza. Established in 2013, Saanane covers an area of 2.18 km².



Getting there

By water: People can travel by ship to Mwanza Port from Musoma and Bukoba on Lake Victoria and also from Uganda, and Kenya.

In Mwanza city the Park headquarters are at Capri point just 15 minutes' walk from city center. TANAPA arranges a 5-minute boat ride from there to the **landing jetty on Saanane Island.**

By air: Mwanza airport connects with all the major towns and cities of Tanzania, and also most of the safari destinations.

By road and rail: Mwanza is connected by road and rail to all corners of Tanzania.

Climate

The Park has a bimodal rainfall with short rains starting from October to January, long rains from February to May and dry season from June to September

The park is located at an altitude between 1134 and 1319 meters with annual average rainfall ranging from 267mm to 1001 mm





Attractions

The park has several attraction ranging from terrestrial to aquatic animals making an ideal place to visit.

- **Wildlife**

  The Island is a home to free roaming mammals such as zebra, impala, rock hyrax, velvet monkey and wild cat.

- **Sunrise and sunset!**

  There is an opportunity for enjoying the sunset and sunrise on the lake. This phenomenon creates fascinating object silhouettes across water to look at.





- **Jumping Stone**

  Unique area for photo taking, tourist jump and take pictures and provide scenic view of Lake Victoria.

- **Birdlife**

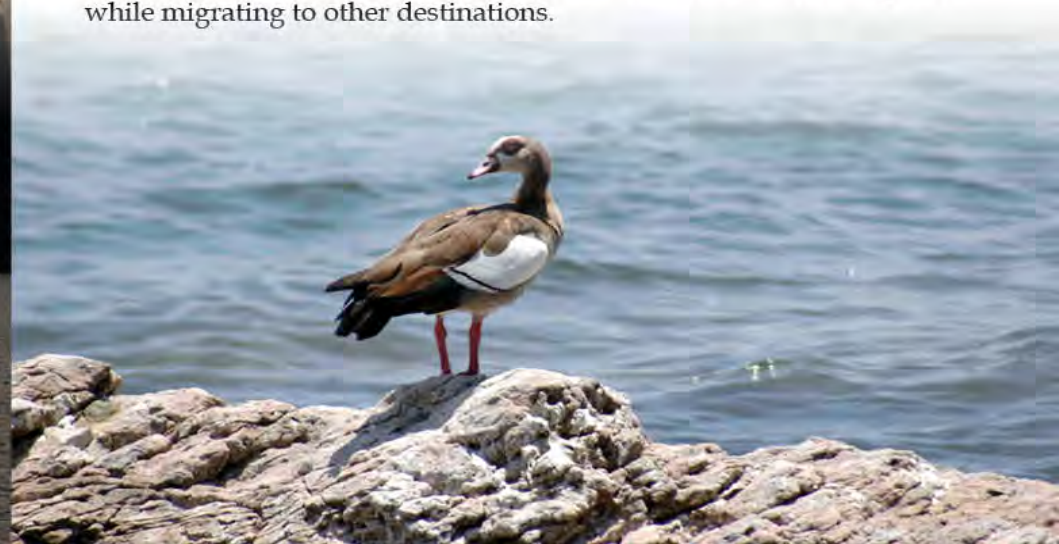
  These are birds live in and around water some are migratory and some are resident while at Saanane one can see different species of birds such as yellow billed Egret, Cattle Egret etc. More than 100 bird species has been recorded.

Tourist activities

Walking the trails, and enjoying the wildlife on the way.

- **Bird watching**

  Visitors can see more than 100 recorded bird species both resident and migratory. The migratory bird species use Saanane Island as stopover while migrating to other destinations.





- **Boat tours**

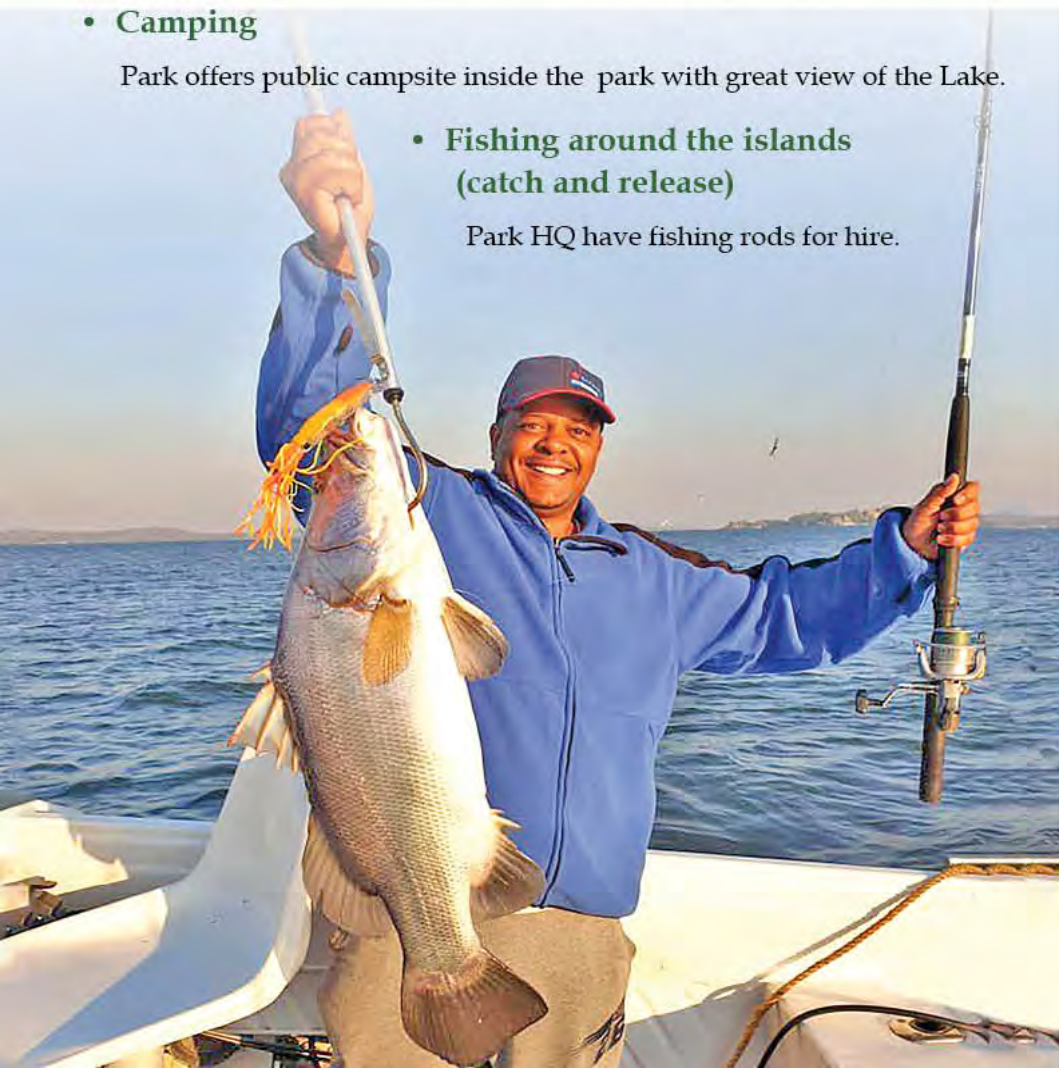
  It takes 10 minutes boat ride to the Island giving a visitor a serene environment of Mwanza City where homes are built on rocks

- **Camping**

  Park offers public campsite inside the park with great view of the Lake.

- **Fishing around the islands (catch and release)**

  Park HQ have fishing rods for hire.





- **Special events**

  Special events can be arranged inside the park like wedding, team building, family day and birthday.

Available tourism facilities

- **Inside the park:**

  The park has permantent tents and public campsite and visitors are advised to book earlier before arrival.

- **Outside the park**

  In Mwanza city there are accommodations services including Motels, Hotels, Lodges and Guesthouses which all of them are at affordable rates.





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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