# UGALLA RIVER
## NATIONAL PARK



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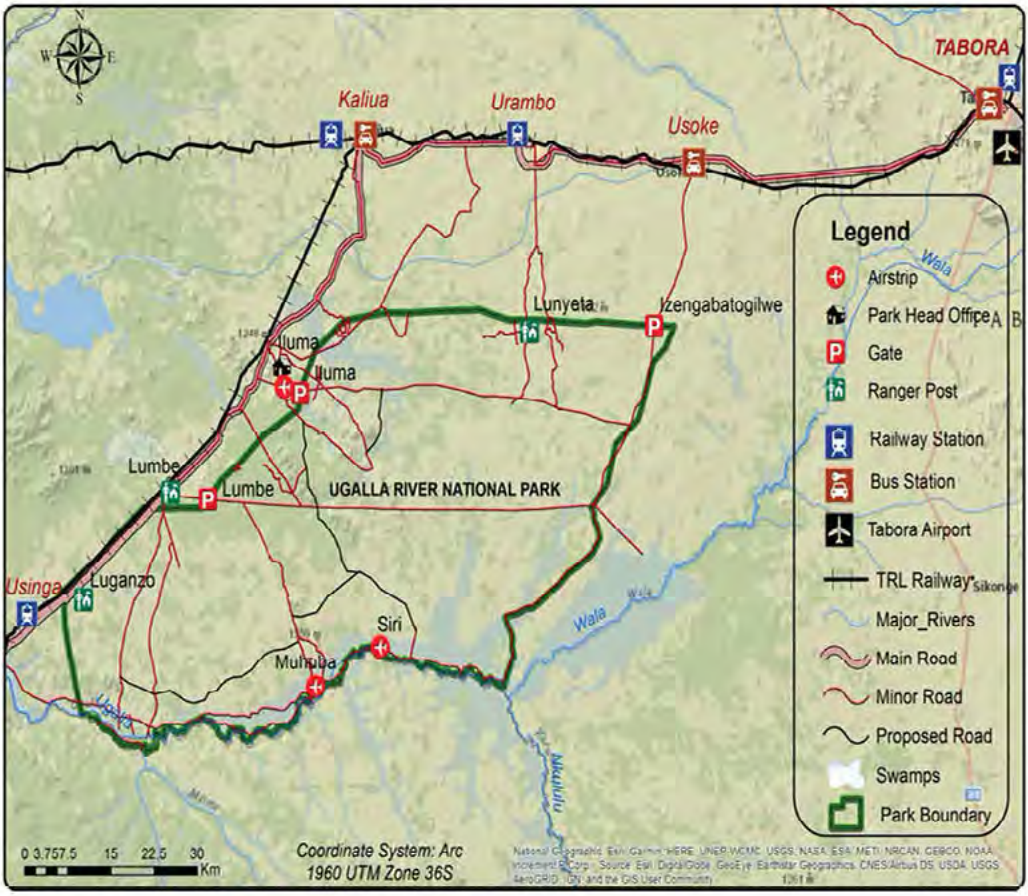


## *Welcome to the Park!*

This is one of the greatest and unexplored National Park in Tanzania with diverse flora and fauna, making the area very potential for tourism activities. The Ugalla river with its broad, slow-moving river of sandbanks, shallow pools, oxbow lakes, and swamps that winds its way in meandering loops westwards through a remote and almost forgotten world of extraordinary wildlife richness inhabits the Cape clawless otters and many water birds such as Shoebills, Storks, Wattled Cranes and Pygmy Geese. The park is wild and remote making it preferred park to visit within the Southern National Parks circuit. Our friendly, knowledgeable, customer service-oriented staff are committed to providing you with the best possible service.

*Thank you!*






# Briefy History

Ugalla River National Park (URNP) was gazetted in 2019 by GN No 936 dated 29th November 2019. The gazettment combine two areas; the Ugalla North Game Reserve (1,811 km²) and North Ugalla Forest Reserve (2,054 km²) making a total area of 3,865 km².

The Park was named after the life-giving River (The Ugalla River) which provides the only permanent water for wildlife during the dry season. The river flows slowly Westwards beyond the boundaries of the National Park into the complex waterways and wetlands of the Moyowosi swamps, which eventually drain into Lake Tanganyika.

# Getting there

**By road:** During the dry season from June to early November the park can be accessed by road from Tabora Town (170 Km), Kaliua district (45 Km) and from Urambo District (75 Km).



**By train:** Can be accessed by train going to Kigoma through Tabora route at Usoke and Kaliua stations and also through Mpanda – Kaliua route at Lumbe and Ugalla Stations.

**By air:** Using charted flighty, the park can be accessed through nearby airports of Tabora, Urambo and Kaliua. Also using existing airstrips of Muhuba, Siri and Kasense within the park that can only be used during the dry season.

## Climate

The park experiences a seasonal tropical climate with rain season from November to end of May with peak rainfall usually from April to May. The mean annual rainfall ranges with an average from 800 to 1000mm/yearly while the mean maximum and minimum temperature during the dry and wet seasons ranges between 28° C-30° C and 15° C -21° C respectively.





# Attractions

- **Wildlife**

  The park is rich in animal species such as Elephants, Sable antelopes, Lions, Leopards Topi, Roan, Wild Dogs, Greater Kudu, Lichtenstein's Hartebeest, Buffaloes, Crocodile, Duiker, Eland, Hyena, Impala, Jackal, Oribi, Bohor reedbuck, Common Reedbuck, Zebra and swamp-dwelling Sitatunga antelope which are found in the swampy stretches to the west.

- **Vegetation**

  The park harbors two primary vegetation zones namely extensive Miombo woodland and Zambezian flooded grassland. Miombo is characterized by Miombo woodland, Hill-top miombo woodland and grassland in the flood plain which cover most of the reserve. Ugalla River offers a wonderful place to camp or perhaps just relax for a mid-day picnic or coffee break as you watch wildlife all around you.



- **Beautiful Landscape**

  The scenic beauty of river meanderings, valleys and vast landscape of shallow hills provides a spectacular view that will make your day.

- **Termite Mounds**

  Small hilly termite mounds interrupt the flat landscape providing good vantage points for predators to spot prey. The mounds provide a good chance of spotting predators looking for their preys.

- **Ugalla River**

  The river which runs through the middle of the park is the main attraction of the park where by diverse species of wild animals can be viewed. The river is the lifeline of the park ecosystem with diverse terrestrial and aquatic wildlife species which also provides refuge for the large population of wild animals during dry season.

- **Home for Large Crocodiles**

  Ugalla River is reputed to have some of the largest crocodiles ever recorded 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.

- **Historical and Cultural site**

  Existence of Mfinula ritual site located at Ikunkwa area (social and cultural site) and Historical site namely Senga 11 and Ilyamchele preserving cultural and historical value for societies leaving adjacent to the park.





# Tourism Activities

- **Walking Safari**

  Walking safari is best done in the morning or evening when the temperature is low. During these times animals are also active searching for food and taking advantage of the cool temperature. This provides an opportunity to experience the nature through walking and enjoying the beautiful sounds of bird, animal and insect.

- **Game Drive**

  This always done in tourist circuit and mostly along the Ugalla River following its endless twists and loops, beautiful overlooks dotted with high concentration of wild animals thus offering an opportunity to see different wild animals and thus making your visit unforgettable.



- **Bird Watching**

The park provides a great place for birding having different species especially water birds such as Shoebill Storks, Wattled Cranes and Pygmy Geese, Black smith Plover, Black headed Heron and varieties of storks.



- **Photographing**

The Park makes the best place for professional filming and photographing. The area provides a best place due to its spectacular attractions.

# Available tourism facilities

- **Inside the park:**

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

- **Outside the park**

Guest houses and Lodges are available at Tabora and small town of Kaliua.





## 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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