



MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK

English



"Wildlife at a Glance"



Welcome to Mikumi National Park!

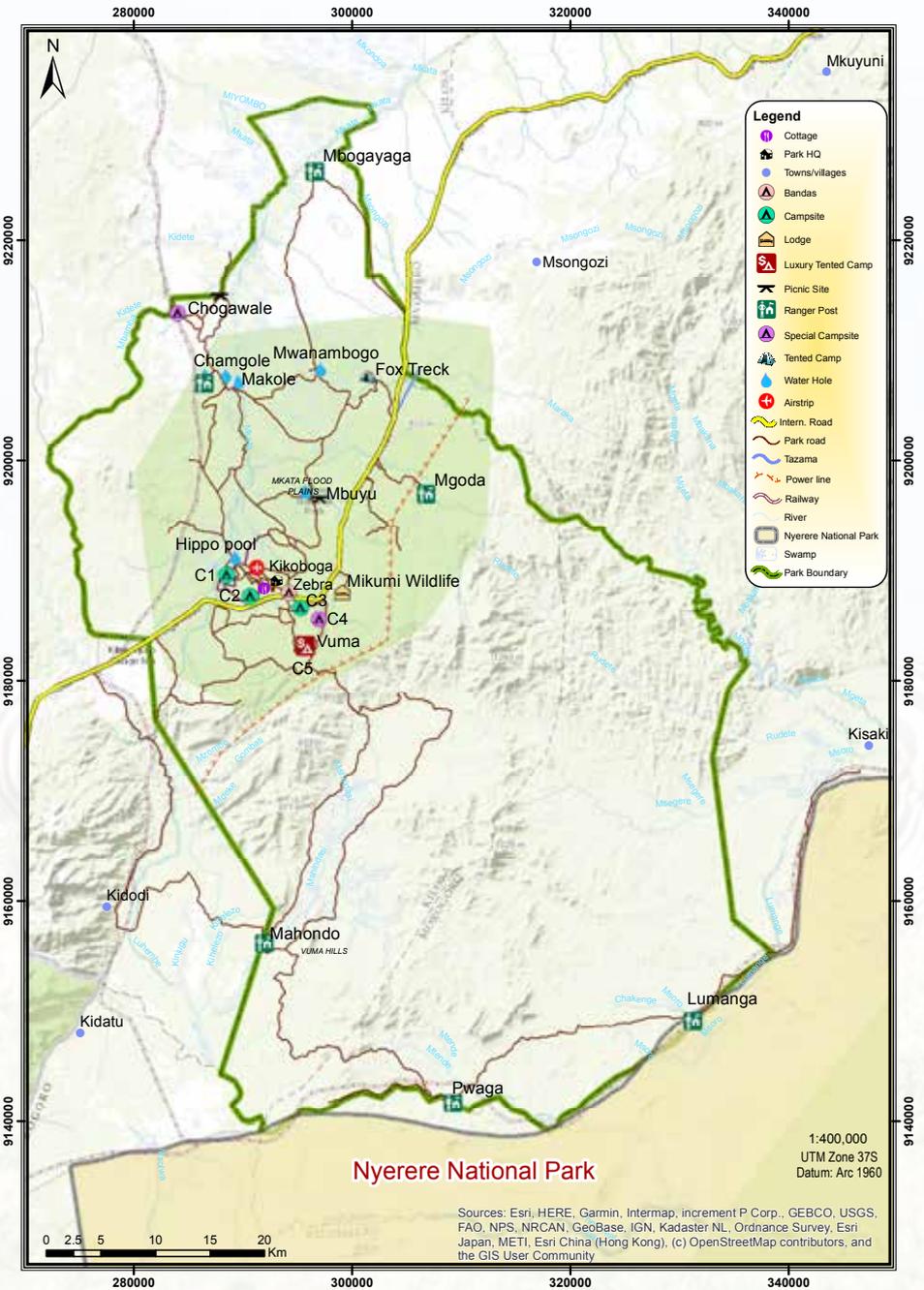
As accessible as it is, Mikumi is the most appealing Park to a safari. This Park will give a true taste of an African safari while preserving your precious time.

The Park has a variety of wildlife that can be easily seen. Its closeness to Dar es salaam makes it an ideal place for weekend visitors who don't have to spend a long time on an extended safari itinerary. The vegetation of this area is savanna dotted with acacia, baobab, tamarinds and some palm trees.

Mikumi is one most reliable places in Tanzania for animal sightings especially during the dry season. This is the time when wildlife is easier to spot because vegetation is thinner and animals gather around water sources such as Mkata river, hippo pools, Mwanambogo pool and other waterholes. These waterholes are constantly visited by big herds of buffaloes, elephants as well as other wild animals. We are honored that you have chosen to visit and stay with us and look forward to providing you with unforgettable experience.

Brief History of the Park

Mikumi National Park is lying just to the Nyerere National Park, gazetted in 1964 with 1,070 km², later on by 1975 annexed to



cover an area of 3,230 km², the park is the ninth largest National Park in Tanzania. It is in one ecosystem with Nyerere National Park making the animals (Elephants, Buffalos, wild dog and Zebras) migrate to and from the northern part of the Nyerere N. Park into Mikumi N. Park.



The park shares the name 'Mikumi' with the village just beyond its western border of the Dar es Salaam to Iringa highway, which traverses the park for 50km. The small town in turn takes the name from the (*Borassus* spp) palm, which once grew there in profusion but no stem is visible in the village. The park lies in a horseshoe of towering mountains enclosed by low hills, which almost enclose the flood plain of the Mkata river. To the east rise the 2,743 meters massif of the Uluguru ranges while to the southwest are the craggy peaks of the Vidunda mountains.

Getting there

Mikumi National Park is located 288km (about 173miles) west of Dar es Salaam via Morogoro town about 107km (67miles) by the highway (which traverses the park for 50 km) from Dar es Salaam to Iringa and Highland southern to Southern highlands.

Climate

The park has a bi-modal rain season, characterized by short rain in October to early November, followed by long rain lasting for five/six months and annual average rainfall is 700mm, although the rainfall pattern is very unpredictable. However, there is always a definite dry period between January and February. The wet months are associated with a hot humid weather, where temperatures reach up to 30

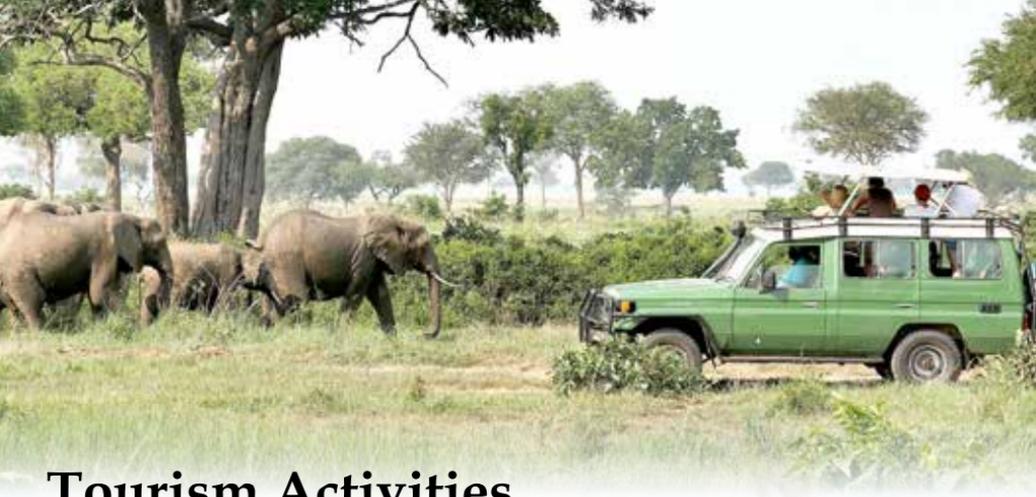


degrees centigrade. Dry months are always cooler with temperature between 20 and 25 degree centigrade. Annual average temperature is 25.5 degree centigrade

The best period to visit the park is during the dry season, however the northern part of the park is accessible throughout the year.

Attractions

- The spectacular concentration of variety of animals in Mkata flood plain including four of the big five, Elephant, Buffalos, Lion and Leopard.
- The ever changing skies and light producing glorious sunrise and sunset.
- The world's largest Antelope (Eland, Greater Kudu, Sable Antelope, Defassa Waterbuck and African hunting wild dogs.
- Mikumi also offers an outstanding diversity of bird life, from the striking turkey-sized group hornbill to the tiny sunbirds more than 400 spp are found. Bateleur eagles are often seen soaring in the intense blue skies, and the lilac-breasted rollers add brilliance to their background.
- Mikumi has a variety of vegetation types ranging from seasonally flooded grassland to woodland and riverine forest. The afro-montane forest found on the summit of Malundwe Mountains is of forest type that is renowned for its unique flora and fauna.



Tourism Activities

- **Day Game drive:** This is a main activity in the park for visitors enjoyment that will allow to view in tourist areas and circuits within the park.
- **Night Game drive:** The bush is completely a different world at night. This is what makes a night game drive special. For those wishing to encounter nocturnal animals such as porcupines, civet, cats and aardvarks a night game drive is a fantastic option. Spot wildlife that cannot usually be seen by day. Observe the different behaviors of wild animals such as leopards and hippos displayed at night where is the time for hunting and grazing (feeding).
- **Hippo:** Hippos are generally nocturnal animals, they live in areas with abundant water as they spend most of their time submerged to keep their skin cool and moist during the hot days. Hippos are awake all night because this is the time



they forage as they trek miles to nibble on tasty vegetation. Therefore, a night game drive will give you chance to see hippos feeding.

Leopards are solitary creatures that only spend time with others when they are mating or raising young. They are nocturnal and spend their nights hunting instead of sleeping. Its ability to climb with kills marks the true strength of a leopard. Plan your visit to come and see this amazing display of strength.

- **Walking Safari:** This activity done for 3-4 hours, it conducted in the designated walking trails, where visitors enjoy a feeling of wildness. This activities is conducted only in the dry season and for adult from 16 and above age, but children's under 12 to 15 years only.
- **Birding:** The Mkata plains are also a great place for birding Mikumi boasts with a respectful 400 species of birds with the most common ones being the black bellied bustards, guinea fowls, marabou storks, bateleur eagles, ox peckers, colorful lilac breasted rollers and yellow throated long claw.

- **Cultural tourism:** This is activity that will allow you to share an experience from the villages near the park such as cooking food, dancing and sharing artist productions

- **Conference tourism:** The park have a conference rooms for different events such as official meeting, workshops and seminars. There are two conferences which are VIP conference with 25 people capacity and open hall with 200 people capacity.





Available Tourism Facilities

Inside the park: Including parks tourist houses (Bandas/ Cottages, Rest house, three private tented camps and campsites (both public and special). Where public campsites have basic facilities as water and bathroom. Special campsites are just natural sites where water and bathrooms facilities are not provided.

Outside the park: In Mikumi township there are accommodations services including Motels, Hotels, Lodges, Camps, Guesthouses which all of them are at affordable rates.



TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
A. Conservation fees per person			
i. Of or above the age of 16 years	5,000	30	15
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,000	10	5
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
B. Camping Fee - Public Campsite			
i. Of or above the age of 16 years	5,000	30	30
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,000	5	5
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
C. Camping Fee - Special Campsite (Prior booking required)			
i. Of or above the age of 16 years	10,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5,000	10	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
D. Fly Camping (Prior booking required)			
i. Of or above the age of 16 years	5,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,500	10	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
E. Guide/Ranger per group			
Guide fee	5,000	20	20
F. Park Accommodation facilities (rates payable per head per night) prior booking required			
Tourist cottages (Standard Bandas & Rest House B&B)			
i. Single	30,000	50	50
ii. Double	40,000	75	75
iii. Triple	50,000	90	90
Tourist cottages (Executive Bandas B&B)			
i. Single	50,000	75	75
ii. Double	75,000	100	100
iii. Triple	90,000	120	120
iv. Presidential suit (VIP)	100,000	100	100

Guest Rooms B&B

i. Single	20,000	30	30
ii. Double	30,000	45	45

Conference venues (Tshs.)

i. Large open hall (200 pax)	300,000		
ii. VIP hall (20 pax)	150,000		
iii. Main hall (100)	250,000		
iv. Secretariat room	60,000		

G. Night Game Drive

i. Adults	10,000	50	50
ii. Children	5,000	25	25

H. Walking Safaris

i. Short walks (1 to 4 hours) for adults	5,000	20	20
ii. Short walks for children of or above 12 years	2,500	10	10

I. Landing Fees

	Foreign Aircrafts (US \$)		Local Aircrafts (TShs)	
	Private	Commercial	Private	Commercial
a) Up to 4 seaters	50	120	10,000	15,000
b) 5 - 12 seaters	120	170	15,000	20,000
c) 13 - 20 seaters	170	320	20,000	25,000
d) Over 20 seaters	NA	NA	50,000	60,000

J. Filming Fees

The following filming fees are applicable to each person per day and covers entrance, camping and filming. This applies to all Nationalities

US \$ 250

K. Video shooting per group of 2-20 pax

This is for recording own art (music or movies)

i. Inside the Park (payable on top of conservation fees per day)	100,000	100	100
ii. HQ and Park office ground	100,000	50	50

L. Bushmeal/Dinner per person 5,000 5 5

M. Crew Fee (Tanzanians) .

This includes conservation fees (TZS 1000) and camping fee TZS 2000) only for seasonal

TShs. 3,000

N. Hotel Concession Fees

i. Of or above age of 16 years	20,000	30	30
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5,000	10	10

O. Students Fee for Orgnized Groups or Individual

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| i. | Conservation fee for Primary, Secondary and High School students | TShs 2,000 |
| ii. | Conservation fee for Colleges and Universities Students | TShs 5,000 |
| iii. | Camping fees for Primary, Secondary and High school students | TShs 2,000 |
| iv. | Camping fee for College and University students | TShs 3,000 |
| v. | Huts and hostel for the students | TShs 5,000 |

P. Motor Vehicle Fees

	Tanzanian Register TShs.	Foreign Register US\$.
i.	Tare weight up to 2000 kgs	20,000 40
ii.	Tare weight 2,001 to 3,000kgs	35,000 150
iii.	Tare weight 3001 to 7,000kgs	60,000 200
iv.	Tare weight 7001 to 10000kgs	150,000 300
v.	Tare weight above 10 tons (prior permission from Conservation Commissioner is required)	300,000 500
vi.	Open vehicles will be charged 50% extra of the normal vehicle fee.	

Q. Penalties/Fines (Tshs.)

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| i. | Accident fee (all types of vehicles) | 200,000 |
| ii. | Over speeding (all types of vehicles) | 50,000 |
| iii. | Off road drive | 50,000 |
| iv. | Littering | 50,000 |
| v. | Off the vehicle | 50,000 |
| vi. | Enter without permit Entry fee + 50% | |

R. Annual Directors' Pass Fee

US \$ 100

*Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner***S. On transit conservation fee**

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| i. | Citizen passengers on public transport | 2,500 |
| ii. | Citizen passengers on private vehicles | 5,000 |

T. Fee for Tanzanian registered (non commercial vehicle/trailer/boats and air crafts station per year)

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| i. | Tare weight up to 2000kgs | 50,000 |
| ii. | Tare weight 2001 - 7,000kgs | 100,000 |
| iii. | Tare weight 3001 - 7,000 kgs | 200,000 |
| iv. | Tractor, trailer and boats | 50,000 |
| v. | Aircraft | 200,000 |

U. Multiple entry in the park

There shall be two multiple entries in the Park where entry fees shall apply

- i. Day-trip permit, which is valid for twelve daylight hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.
- ii. A sleep-over permit which is valid for twenty-four hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.

V. Tourism Investment Site Allocation Fee and Annual Land Base Rent Fee

Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation and Annual Land Base Rent fees for new investors in National Parks.

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| i. Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation fee | US\$ 5,000 |
| ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee: | |
| a) Seasonal campsites | US\$ 2,000 |
| b) Permanent Tented Camps | US\$ 20,000 |
| c) Lodges | US\$ 50,000 |

NOTE:

- Conservation and Vehicle fees are for multiple entry
- Fee once paid is non- refundable
- Proof of identification is needed
- All tariffs are VAT (18%) exclusive
- Expatriates/residents Tanzania and they have either of the following A, B, D or C; exemption certificate
- Government receipt plus acknowledgement letter; and Diplomatic passport or ID
- EAC citizen refers to the nationals of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan
- Nationals of other EAC member states must produce their passport at entry gate
- For video shooting consult Park Management for guidance



Visit and support

*Visit the park and experience the real side of an Africa culture where locals can share their traditions and cultural values where you can contribute by improving their livelihood in this ever changing world!
Thank you!*

Park Rules and Regulations

Please do not:

- Enter the park without a valid permit.
- 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
- Feed animals
- Light or cause any wildfire.
- Litter

N.B:

The park gate opens at 06:00 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. Stay only within the designated accommodation facilities.



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