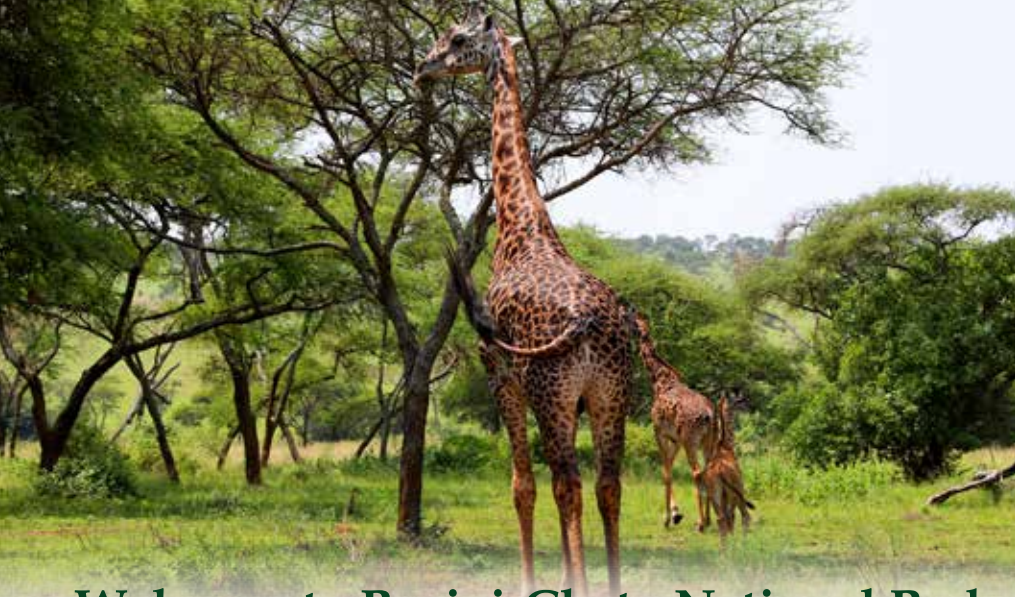




# BURIGI-CHATO NATIONAL PARK

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## Welcome to Burigi-Chato National Park

**T**hank you for choosing Burigi-Chato as your travel destination. We have self-motivated and experienced staff who can provide better services for your comfortable stay. During your time in the park, you will see several attractions, a magnificent view of five lakes including the famous Lake Victoria making life of birds and a variety of wildlife ranging from carnivores, herbivores more promising. By being close to nature, a chance to see a typical grassland area of truly African Savannah is maximized.

We promise that your visit in this park will make your mind get refreshed and become in touch with nature, we recommend that you choose this wonderful and tranquil place to view wildlife in their natural environment.







## Brief History of the Park

Established on 9th July 2019, the Park covers an area of 4,707 sq. km and traces its origin back to 1970 where it acquired the status of a National Game Reserve covering Kimisi, Biharamulo and Burigi itself. It lies in two regions of Kagera and Geita in the districts of Ngara, Karagwe, Biharamulo, Muleba and Chato respectively.

## Getting there

The park can be reached by both air and road. By air is through Chato International Airport located in Chato district before connecting to the park through road transport to the nearby Kijuu gate at Katete just 40km off the airport. Upon proper arrangement by tour operators prior to visit, the scheduled flights and private charters can bring you into the park through Nkonje airstrip which is located at Nkonje tourist circuit. Other nearby airports/ airstrips include; Biharamulo airstrip and Bukoba airport. The park is also connected to the neighboring countries of Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda through the Rusumo, Manyovu and Mutukula borders respectively. Visitors from DRC, Rwanda and

Burundi are advised to use the Nyungwe entry gate whereas for those who come from Uganda can use the Ruhita and Kijuu gates. Visitors from within the country but far from Kagera region can use Nyungwe and Kijuu gates where as those coming from Kagera region can use any of the three gates depending on the districts they come from.

## Climate

Two rainfall seasons, short rains which begin in November to December and long rains from March to April. The dry weather starts from June to September and are characterized with average temperatures cool nights and warm days. The best time to visit the park is June-October and January to March.

## Attractions

One of the world's largest antelope, the statuesque cape eland (*Taurotragus Oryx*) is found in this Park. The park also encompasses a number of different bird species including migratory (palearctic and afro tropical migrants) and birds native to the area i.e. the local migrants and few individuals of the rare bizarre shoebill stork without forgetting the most notably African fish eagles.







Other animals include the Elephants, Lions, Buffaloes, Roan antelopes, Impala, Leopards, Zebra, Giraffes, Spotted hyaena, Sitatunga, Oribi, Topi, Reedbuck, Bushbucks, Dikdik and Waterbucks.

The park environment is beautified by open grassland vegetation, with mixed forests, some bushlands, acacia woodland vegetation forming habitat for giraffes, the evergreen Miombo woodland where most monkey species, leopards and other animals spend their time. One can also feel the scenic beauty of five lakes, round topped hills and at some points the wetlands which serve as refuge for all wildlife during dry season.





The Kagera River at the far west adds up to park beauty and form the boundary with the neighboring country of Rwanda.

The animals in this park together with the scenic beauty of the surrounding makes the park more exciting.

## Tourism Activities

- **Game Drive**

The most spectacular activity that makes you close to nature







- **Walking safari**

Both short and long walks up round hills enable you to see animals at the closer distance and make wildlife photographs of your choice.

- **Bird watching**

With an aid of qualified guides one can conduct a birding safari and enjoy a variety of bird species present in the park.

- **Filming**

For commercial purposes

- **Camping**

Provides you with an opportunity to spend you night listening to beautiful bird songs coupled with sounds from nocturnal.

- **Star gazing**

Done in an open sky and provide a new wilderness experience.

- **Canoeing**

Provides an opportunity to enjoy the undisturbed shores of Lake Burigi where you can view wildlife, water birds including Shoe Bill and Wattled Cranes and spectacular view of beautiful landscapes that make the park more attracting.

# Available tourism facilities

- Both Public and Special campsites – provide camping grounds for campers. Visitors are advised to come in with camping gears.
- Visitors can be accommodated in the low cost/low budget hotels and lodges in the nearby towns of Biharamulo, Chato, Ngara, Karagwe, Muleba, Geita and Bukoba.

## Visit and support

*Visit the park and experience the real side of an African 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!*





# TARIFFS

FROM 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021 TO JUNE 2022

	<i>East Africa TShs.</i>	<i>Non EA Citizen US\$</i>	<i>Expatriates / Residents US\$</i>
<b>A. Conservation fees per person</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	5,000	30	15
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,000	10	5
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>B. Camping Fee - Public Campsite</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	5,000	30	30
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	5	5
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>C. Camping Fee - Special Campsite</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	50	50
ii. Age between 5 and 15	5,000	10	10
iii. Age below 5 years	Free	Free	Free
<b>D. Sport Fishing</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	25	25
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	10	10
<b>E. Walking Safaris</b>			
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
iii. Long walks (above 4 hours) for adults	10,000	25	25
iv. Long walks for children of or above 12 years	5,000	15	15
<b>F. Guide/Ranger per group</b>	5,000	20	20
<b>G. Filming Fees</b>			

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

**US \$ 250**

<b>H. Crew Fee (Tanzanians)</b> this includes				
Conservation fee (Tshs 1,000) and				
Camping fee (Tshs 2,000)				Tshs 3,000
<b>I. Video shooting per group of 2-20 pax</b>				
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
<b>J. Bushmeal</b>		5,000	5	5
<b>K. Boating safari fee</b>		10,000	20	20
<b>L. Motor Vehicle Fees</b>		<b>Tanzanian Register TShs.</b>	<b>Foreign Register US\$.</b>	
i. Tare weight up to 2000 kgs		20,000	40	
ii. Tare weight 2,001 to 3,000kgs		50,000	150	
iii. Tare weight 3001 to 7,000kgs		75,000	200	
iv. Tare weight 7001 to 10000kgs		100,000	300	
v. Tare weight above 10 tons				
(prior permission from		500,000	500	
vi. Fuel tank which should not				
exceed 10 tones		125,000	125	
<b>M. Over Speeding</b> (All type of vehicles)			Tshs.	50,000
<b>N. Fine for vehicles causing accident</b>			TShs.	200,000
<b>O. Annual Directors' Pass Fee</b>			US \$ 100	
<i>Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner</i>				
<b>P. Fee for Tanzanian registered (non commercial vehicle/ trailer/boats and air crafts stationed in the park per year)</b>				
i. Tare weight up to 2000kgs		50,000		
ii. Tare weight 2,001 hadi 3,000kgs		100,000		
iii. Tare weight 7001 - 10,000 kgs		200,000		
iv. Tractor, trailer and boats		50,000		
v. Aircraft		200,000		



Q. 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	35,000
d) Over 20 seaters	NA	NA	50,000	60,000

## R. Students Fee for Orgniazed Groups or Individuals

- 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

## S. 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.

- i. Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation fee US\$ 1,000
- ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee:
  - a) Seasonal campsites US\$ 100
  - b) Permanent Tented Camps US\$ 1,000
  - c) Lodges US\$ 5,000

## NOTE:

- Conservation and Vehicle fees are for multiple entry
- Fee once paid is non- refundable
- Proof of identification is mandatory at entry gate
- All tariffs are VAT (18%) exclusive
- Expatriates/residents and their dependents living in Tanzania must have either of the following documents: residents permit Class A,B or C; exemption certificate; temporary pass attached with
- 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
- EAC private vehicles are strictly prohibited to conduct any tourism business in the park
- For video shooting consult Park Management for guidance







## Park Rules and Regulations

### **Please remember to:**

- Leave the Park Undisturbed by not leaving, introducing or removing anything, animate or inanimate.
- Use only designated roads/routes/trails.
- Trash in and Trash out.
- Be considerate to fellow visitors - do not disturb them or the animals they are watching.
- Obtain an entry permit from the Park. The permit is valid for 24 hours (single entry) and fees once paid cannot be refunded
- Deal with properly registered tour companies that have a current/valid TALA Licence.

### **Please do not:**

- Exceed the speed limit of 50 k.p.h. the recommended speed for game viewing is 25 k.p.h.
- Light or cause a wildfire.
- Disturb the wild animals in any way.
- Take any pets or fire arms into the park.
- Uproot, pick, cut, damage any plant or be in possession of any part of a plant from the park.
- Make noise, blow your horn and use radios during game viewing.
- Feed wild animals
- Drive off Road

**NOTE:** The park opens at 06:00 am and closes at 7:00 pm



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