



# SAANANE ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

*English*

*“Majestic isle in Mwanza city”*





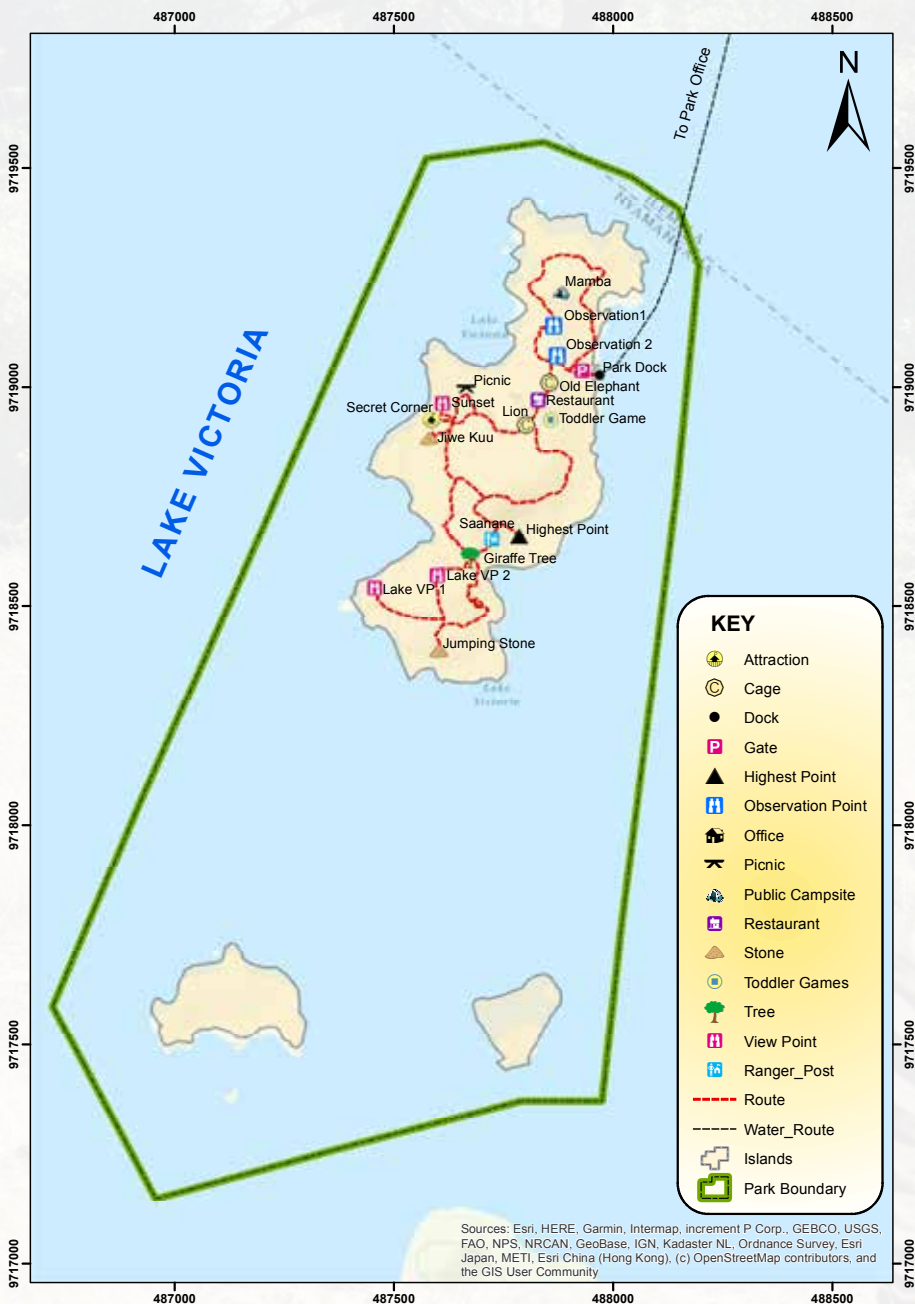
## *Welcome to Saaanane Island National Park!*

**W**elcome to Saanane, a Park that is located on an island in the Lake Victoria. It's the only National Park within the city limits. The wildlife here includes Impala, Zebra, Wildebeest, Klipspringer, Rock Hyrax, Vervet Monkeys, Dikdik, Otters, Crocodiles and a mixture of indigenous and introduced species. The habitat is of granite boulders, grassy areas, thorny thicket and woodland. There are several reed beds and large trees around the island's shores.

There is also an enclosed lion's den with huge boulders and trees where a lion and lioness live in love! Peacocks are living in another enclosure on the island.

The main feature of the Park is a set of pathways and trails, well constructed with rustic granite stones and trimmed verges that wind a path to all corners of the island. There are look out points with wonderful views of the lake and islands, as well as rest points, a camp site, picnic bandas, a canteen, and quiet hidden corners.

We are honored to have you with us always and your presence is our motivation to do better. Enjoy your stay



## Brief history of the park

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 square kilometers.



## Getting there

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

**Road and Rail:** Mwanza is connected by road and rail to all corners of Tanzania.

**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**.

## 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





- **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

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

Park HQ have fishing rods for hire.

- **Camping on the island**

The Park HQ have small tents for hire. Park offer public campsite with great view

- **Special events can be arranged on the island**

Other events to enjoy at your comfort is picnic, bush lunch, photographing and filming, sunset viewing, Lake excursion, wedding, team building, family day and birthday event can also be done in the National Park

## **Available tourism facilities**

Tourists can camp inside the park but can as well obtain budget hotels and lodges from Mwanza.





- **Jumping Stone**

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

- **Water Birds**

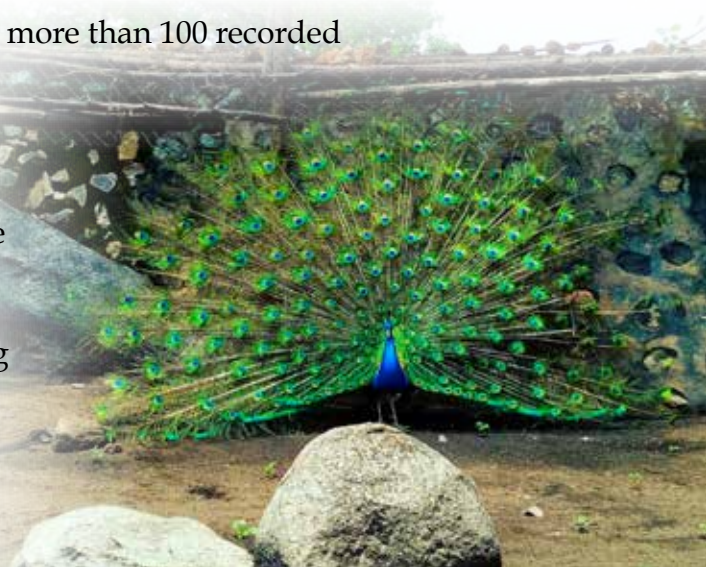
These are birds live in and around water some are migratory and some are resident while at Saanane one can see different species of birds such as yellow billed Egrat, Cattle Egret etc

## Tourism 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.





## Park Attractions

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

- **Animals**

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

- **Sun-Downing and Sun-Rising**

Four sites exist for sun rise/set watching: two for sun-rising and the remaining for sun-downing. This phenomenon creates fascinating object silhouettes across water to look at.





# TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
<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
iv. Boat hiring charges	35,000	35	35
<b>B. Boat hiring charges (01-15 passengers)</b>			
i. A lake excursion trip: 1 hour	200,000	100	100
ii. A lake excursion trip: half an hour	100,000	50	50
<b>C. Boat Parking at the National Park dock per day</b>			
i. A boat capacity less than 15 passengers	10,000	5	5
ii. A boat capacity less than 15-25 passengers	20,000	10	10
iii. A boat capacity less than 25 passengers	50,000	25	25
<b>D. Camping Fee</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
vi. Two people capacity Tent hiring per day	20,000	10	10
v. A go and return boat trip	35,000	35	35
<b>E. Sport Fishing</b>			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	20	20
ii. Age between 5 and 15	5,000	10	10
iii. Hiring fishing gear 2 hours	10,000	20	20
iv. Hiring of fishing boat for 2 hours	100,000	50	50
<b>F. 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>G. Lawn hiring in Saanane Island (10:00-20:00) hrs</b>	1,000,000	500	500
<b>H. Bushmeal</b>	5,000	5	5
<b>I. A go and return boat trip</b>	35,000	35	35



### **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

## **Visit and support the park**

*Visit the park and experience the real side of an Africa culture where locals can share their traditions, cultural values and 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.
- 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
- Stay only within the designated accommodation facilities.

### **N.B:**

The park gate opens at 06:00 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m.



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