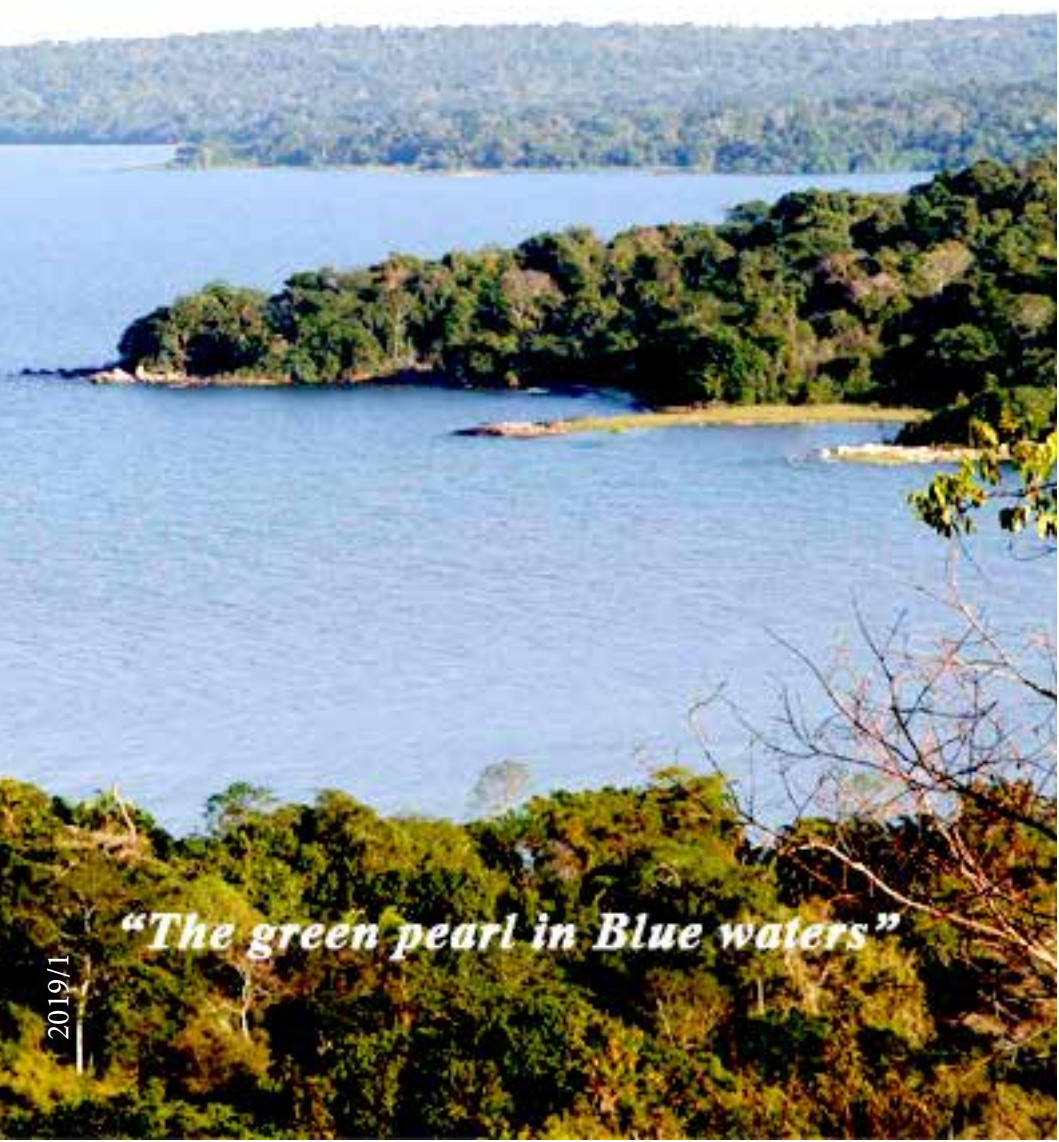




RUBONDO ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

English



“The green pearl in Blue waters”

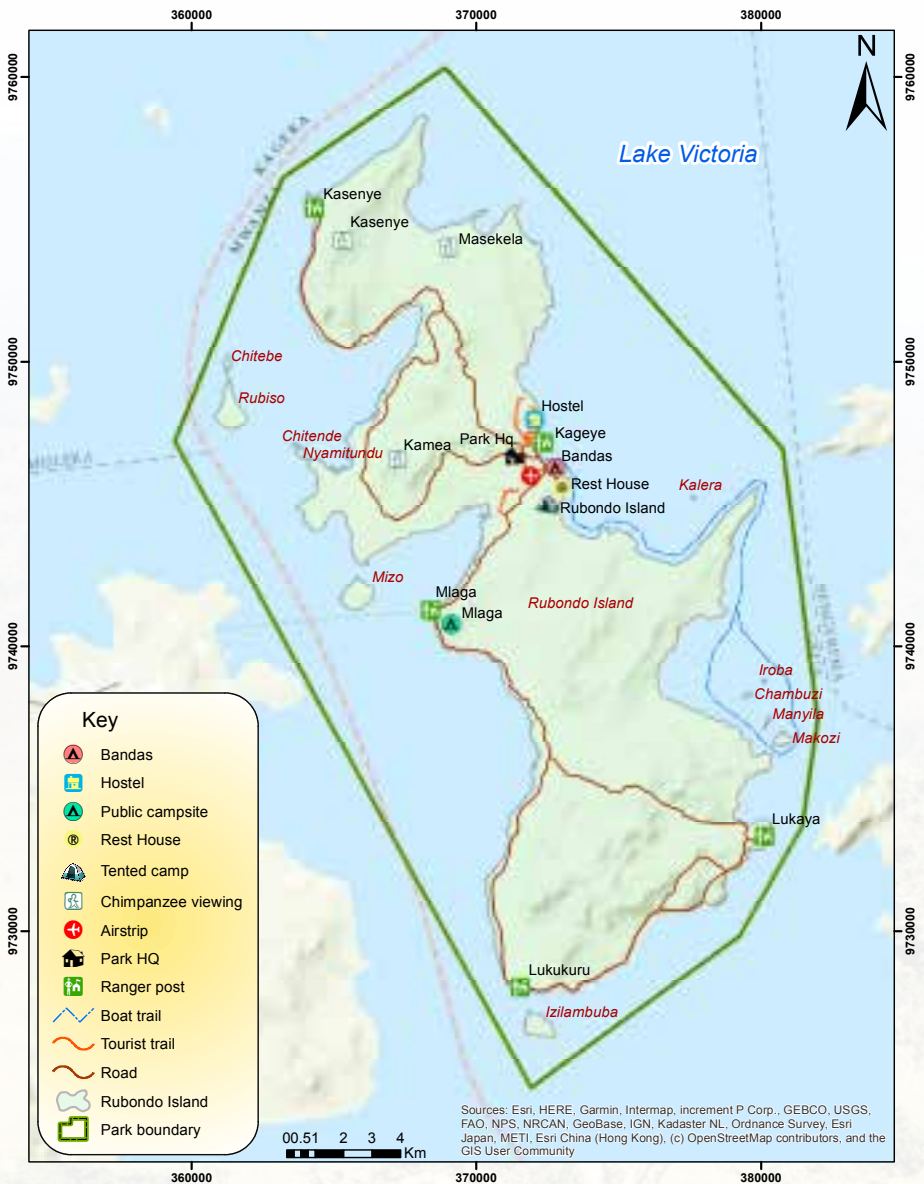


Welcome to Rubondo Island National Park!

The largest island national park in Africa, Rubondo that lies in the Southern part of Lake Victoria - the world's second largest lake after the superior welcomes you to see the surprising number of mammals including the famous Sitatunga, nocturnal Civet and Genet as well as a number of other antelope species that are found in the dense forest. On the shores of the island and smaller bodies of water there are serrated hinged terrapins which lay eggs between March and April.

Walking through the dense forest, the park offers you a chance to see a lot of butterflies, orchids that grow on the island and bird species. The park also has variety of habitats inhabited with wildlife including Velvet monkeys, Genet cats, Spotted necked Otters, Hippos, Crocodiles, Chimpanzees, Elephants and Giraffes.

The park has a great variety of tourism products to choose ranging from walking safari, game drive, bird watching



canoeing to sport fishing. Our friendly, knowledgeable, customer service oriented staff are committed to providing you with the best possible service.

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

Rubondo Island became a game reserve in 1965 which its main function was to provide a sanctuary for wild animals. It is latter gazetted as a national park in 1977 and covers an area of 456.8km².

Getting there

By Boat: By using own boat from Mwanza to Kageye Park Headquarters.

By Road: From Mwanza to Muganza 270km.

By Air: Scheduled and chartered flights from Arusha, Bukoba, Kilimanjaro, Dar-es-salaam Mwanza and other major cities.

Climate

There is a bimodal rainfall with short rains from October to December and long rains from March to May. The average temperature is 22°C all year around (25-32°C daytime, 15-20°C night time).



A photograph showing two people walking on a dirt path through dense, overgrown brush and trees. On the left, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a light green short-sleeved dress and a watch, is walking towards the camera. On the right, a man wearing a blue shirt, light-colored shorts, and a backpack is walking away from the camera. The path is narrow and surrounded by thick vegetation.

Attractions

- **Wildlife**

Known as the jewel of Victoria, Rubondo Island National Park boasts a unique diversity of flora and fauna including the endemic Sitatunga. Other animals you are likely to spot in the Park include Hippos, Otters, Bushbucks, Mongoose, Elephants, Suni antelope and a variety of primates that even been known to include the parks' resident chimpanzee population.

- **Birdlife**

The park housed a variety of water birds, Eurasian migrants, introduced African Grey Parrots and high density of African Fish Eagles which are distinctly seen.

- **Lake Victoria**

The lake forms a spectacular sight for visitors with its deepest point (irumo gulf) being the part of the Park

- **The remnants of Congolese dense forest**

The representatives of evergreen dense primary lowland forest with a unique habitat mosaic in the midst of high biodiversity value provides a magnificent view of one of the last raining Congolese forest in Western Tanzania.

- **Beautiful beaches**

Beautiful and attractive beaches such as Fly catcher, Mchangani and Michicoco provides a unique look of this fresh water lake

- **The deepest part of the lake – Irumo gulf**

Irumo is the deepest part of Lake Victoria. This gulf provides a good and clear sighting of both sunrise and sunset making the sky beautiful

- **Altare and Solo Cultural Sites**

“Ntungamirwe” or “Maji Matakatiifu” or “ALTARE” and SOLO are cultural sites found inside the park which explain the life of natives who once stayed in the park.

Tourism Activities

- **Game drive**

The park offers an exceptional game viewing experience while inside the dense forest dotted with open woodlands. During the game drive encountering a number of the indigenous species such as Hippos, Bushbuck, Velvet Monkey, Sitatunga, Crocodiles, Elephants, Chimpanzee, Giraffe, Black and white colobus monkeys, Suni Antelope, Grey parrot, Buffalos, Bush pig, Hyrax, Warthog and large spotted Genet cat makes your visit memorable.





- **Spot Fishing**

Rubondo Island is equipped with a variety of fishing techniques including trolling, spinning live, dead bait and fly fishing. Anglers from around the world travel to this island for the opportunity to reel in a Nile perch, one of Africa's biggest and most sought-after water fish. The spot fishing practice is catch and release policy. Don't ever miss out this chance by planning your trip to Rubondo.

- **Bird Watching**

The island has an abundance of herons, storks, ibises, egrets, cormorants, kingfishers and birds of prey. You will be amazed by the high density of fish eagles that not found anywhere else. Please plan trip to come and visit this precious Park.

- **Boating and Canoeing Safari**

Guided canoe trips offer a different perspective of the island and across the quite unlets as well as covers places that can't be reached on foot. Paddle yourself or be paddled by a guide as you trace the coast-spotted wildlife both aquatic and terrestrial. However, explore the different channels of the second largest lake in Africa.



- **Chimpanzee trekking**

Chimp trekking in the dense forests is a magical experience where you can walk and experience nature with all your senses. Sharing of more than 98% of our genes Chimpanzees are as individually unique as humans.

- **Filming** - For commercial purposes
- **Camping** - Provides you with an opportunity to spend you night listening to beautiful bird songs coupled with sounds from nocturnal.

Available tourism facilities

The Park has a variety of accommodation facilities including tented lodge, cottages, public and special campsites.



TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
A. Conservation fees per person			
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. Camping Fee - Public Campsite			
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
C. Camping Fee - Special Campsite			
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
D. Sport Fishing			
i. Age 16 and above	10,000	25	25
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,500	10	10
E. 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
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
F. Guide/Ranger per group			
Guide fee	5,000	20	20
G. 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
H. Crew Fee (Tanzanians)			
This includes Conservation fee (Tshs 1000) and Camping fee (Tshs 2000) -			Tshs 3,000

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I. 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
J. Bushmeal	5,000	5	5
K. Boating safari fee	10,000	20	20

L. Boat Tariffs

Boat hiring

1. To and from the Park			
i. Kasenda gate	100,000	100	100
ii. Nkome gate	340,000	190	190
2. Boat entrance to the Park			
i. 1-12 pax	15,000		
ii. 13 and above	50,000		
3. Boat hiring for Lake excursion/ Sport fishing (Maximum four hours)		100	100
4. Car hiring for game drive (Maximum four hours)	100,000	100	100
5. Accommodation (Cottages/ Rest house) per person per night			
i. 16 years and above	25,000	35	35
ii. 5-15 years	15,000	15	15
6. Chimps habituation experience Up to four people	200,000	280	280

M. Ferry Tariffs

1. Entry Fee

i. Age 16 and above	5,000	10	10
ii. Age between 5 and 15	2,000	5	5

2. Motor Vehicle Fee

	Tanzanian Register TShs.	Foreign Register US\$.
i. Tare weight up to 2000 kgs	50,000	50
ii. Tare weight 3000 to 7,000kgs	100,000	100
iii. Tare weight 7000 and above	200,000	200
iv. Ferry hiring out of schedule including four vehiclese	450,000	450
v. Ferry hiring for two hours	1,000,000	1,000
vi. Ferry hiring for four hours	2,000,000	1,500

	Tanzanian Register TShs.	Foreign Register US\$.
N. Motor Vehicle Fees		
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

O. Over Speeding (All type of vehicles) Tshs. 50,000

P. Fine for vehicles causing accident TShs. 200,000

Q. Annual Directors' Pass Fee US \$ 100

Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner

R. Fee for Tanzanian registered (non commercial vehicle/trailer/boats and air crafts stationed in the park per year)

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

S. 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

T. 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



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!

Park Rules and Regulations

Please remember to:

- Leave the Park Undisturbed by not leaving, introducing or removing anything, animate or in animate.
- 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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