



UGALLA RIVER NATIONAL PARK

English





Welcome to Ugalla River National Park!

This is one of the greatest and unexplored National Park in Tanzania with diverse flora and fauna species 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.

Park History

The Ugalla River National Park (URNP) was gazetted in 2019 by GN No 936 dated 29th November 2019. The gazettement combine an area, which formerly was Ugalla North Game Reserve (1,811 km²) and North Ugalla Forest Reserve (2,054 km²) covering 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 air: Using chartered 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)



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.

Climate

The park experiences a seasonal tropical climate with rain season from November to the 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.





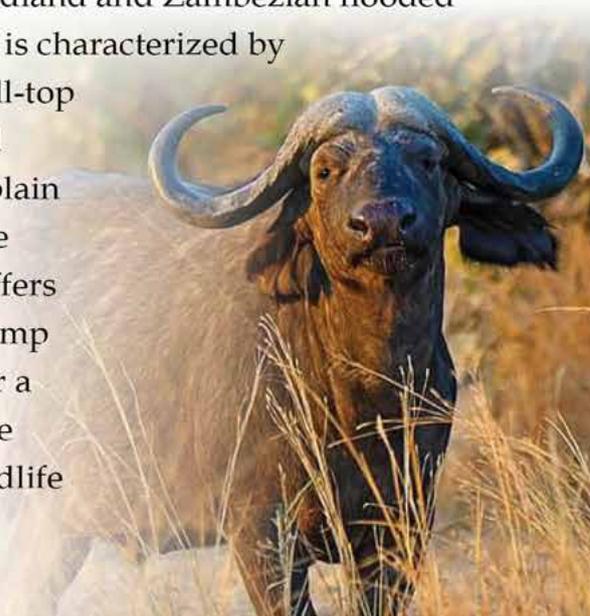
Attractions

- **Wildlife**

The park is rich in animal species such as Elephants, Sable antelopes, Lions, Topi, Roan, antelope, Wild dogs, Greater kudu, Lichtenstein's hartebeest, Leopards, Buffaloes, Crocodile, East African bush 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 Zambebian flooded grassland. The 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 and valleys provides a spectacular view that will make your day.

- **The 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 time animals are also active searching for their food

taking advantage of the cool temperature. This provides an opportunity to experience the real nature through walking and enjoying the beautiful sounds of nature comprised of bird songs, animal voices and insect sounds

- **Game Drive**

This can be done in the 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; etc





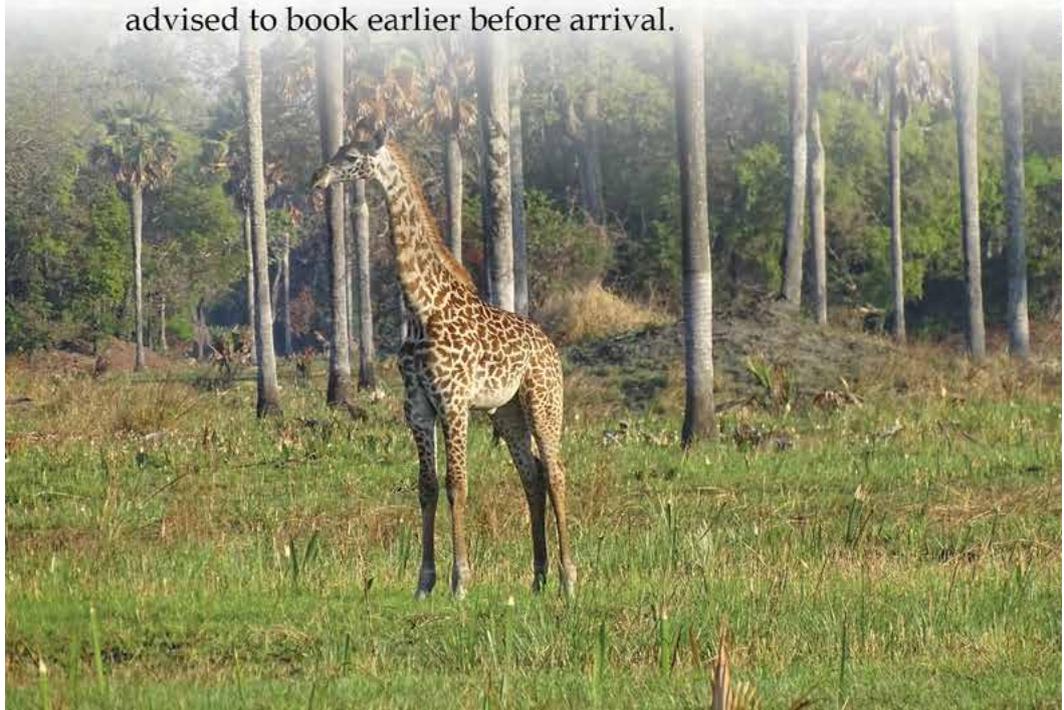
- **Photographing/ filming tourism**

The Park makes the best place for professional filming and photographing. This Provides an opportunity to film and photograph spectacular attractions.

Available tourism facilities

- **Camping**

There are professionally designated camping sites on the wilderness for which the visitor will need to come with his/ her camping gears including tents. However, the visitor is advised to book earlier before arrival.



PARK TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
A. Conservation fees per person			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	4,000	20	20
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,000	20	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
B. Camping Fee - Seasonal			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	15,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	7500	10	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
C. Special/Fly Campsites(Prior booking is required)			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	10,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5000	10	10
D. 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 Service Fees			
Per Group	30,000	40	40
G. 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
H. Motor Vehicle Fees			
	Tanzanian Register TShs.	Foreign Register US\$.	
i. Tare weight up to 2000 kgs	20,000	50	
ii. Tare weight 2,001 to 3,000kgs	50,000	150	
iii. Tare weight 3001 to 5,000kgs	75,000	200	
iv. Tare weight 5001 to 7,000kgs	100,000	300	
v. Tare weight 7001 to 10000kgs	500,000	500	
I. Fuel tanker which should not exceed 10 Tones			
	Tshs. 125,000	USD 125	

J. Accident Fee (all type of vehicles) Tshs. 200,000

K. Over Speeding (all type of vehicles) Tshs. 50,000

L. 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 2,001 hadi 7,000kgs | 100,000 |
| iii. Tare weight 3001 - 7,000 kgs | 200,000 |
| iv. Tractor, trailer and boats | 50,000 |
| v. Aircraft | 200,000 |

M. Filming Fees

- i. The following filming fees are applicable to each person per day and covers entrance, camping and filming. This applies to all Nationalities US \$ 200
- ii. Crew Fee (Tanzanians) includes conservation fee (Tshs.1,000)and Camping fee(Tshs 2000 (Identity card required) Tshs. 3,000

P. Students Fee for Orgnized Groups and Individuals

- i. Conservation fee for Primary, Secondary and High School students TShs 2,000
- ii. Conservation fee for Colleges and University 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. Hostel for the students TShs 5,000

Q. Annual Directors' Pass Fee US\$ 100

Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner

R. 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.

S. Landing Fees	Foreign Aircrafts (US \$)	Local Aircrafts (TShs)	
	Private	Scheduled	
a) Up to 4 seaters	100	50,000	40,000
b) 5 - 12 seaters	150	60,000	50,000
c) 13 seaters or more	300	80,000	70,000

T. Airstrip charge payable per person landing in the national park but accommodated outside the park

Category	Fee payable per person per landing
EA Citizen (TShs)	10000
Non-EA Citizen and Expatriates Living in Tanzania (US\$)	10

U. 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\$ 1,000 |
| ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee: Seasonal Camps | US\$ 100 |
| ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee: Tented Camps | US\$ 1,000 |
| ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee: 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
- Snorkels should have their own equipment

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 nor disturb animals they are watching.
- Exceed the speed limit of 50k.p.h
- Take pets, plant seeds nor fire arms into the park
- Uproot, pick, cut nor damage 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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