

# FACT SHEET



## ABEDARE NATIONAL PARK

*'Majestic Peaks, Moorlands and Falls'*

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### ACCESS:

#### Roads

The park is readily accessible on tarmac from Nyeri and Naro Moru on the eastern side (160 kms from Nairobi). A road crosses the park to connect with another from Naivasha and North Kinangop on the west.

The main towns from which the park can be approached are Nyeri (154 km from Nairobi) Nyahururu (188 km from Nairobi) and Naivasha (87 km from Nairobi).

#### Airstrips

Mweiga Airstrip, next to the park headquarters or Nyeri Airstrip which is 12 km from Mweiga headquarters.

### PARK GATES:

- Ark Gate,
- Treetops Gate,
- Ruhuruini Gate
- Kiandagoro Gate
- Mutubio, Wandaris, Shamata and Rhino

### SIZE / LOCATION:

- 767 sq km
- Central Highland

### CLIMATE:

- Mist and rain occur throughout much of the year, with precipitation varying from around 1000mm yearly on the north western slopes to as much as 3000mm in the south east. Heavy rainfall occurs through most of the year.

### SAFARI CARD REQUIRED?

- Entry is by SafariCard only. SafariCards may be loaded – but not obtained at The Mweiga Park HQ

### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS:

- Spectacular waterfalls, Lesatima peak, Kinangop peak, waterfalls, walks in the moorlands, Twin hills, Elephant hills and Table mountains, Second largest population of black rhinos in Salient and Northern Aberdare, Queen Elizabeth learned of her accession to the throne at Tree-tops Lodge, The Kimathi Hideout/Mau Mau caves,

### WILDLIFE:

- The park is home to most of the larger mammals, having a large population of black rhino. The park is home to most endangered species which include: the rare Bongo, Giant Forest Hog, Packs of the now very rare Wild Hunting Dogs and Endemic mole-rat and mole shrew.
- Other game include: Leopard, Serval cats, Endemic bird species, reptiles, insects.

### BIRDS:

- The prolific bird life features 250 recorded species.

### WHERE TO STAY:

#### In - Park Accommodation

#### Lodges

- a. The Ark managed by Fairmont Hotels
- b. The Aberdare Country Club
- c. Tree Tops – Managed by Aberdare Safari Hotels

#### KWS Self – Catering Accommodation:

- a. Fishing Lodge
- b. Tusk Camp
- c. Sapper Hut; KWS Hut at Treetops; KWS HQ bungalow.

#### Camping Facilities

- Public campsites: Reedbeck, Ruhuruini, Wandaris, Shamata.
- A selection of public campsites

### ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

- Game viewing.
- Camping.
- Trekking

### WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU:

- Drinking water, picnic items and camping equipment if you intend to stay overnight. Also useful are: binoculars, camera, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and guidebooks.

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