

FACT SHEET



KAKAMEGA NATIONAL RESERVE 'Canopy of Natural Beauty'

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ACCESS:

By Road: The reserve is 415km away from Nairobi via Nakuru and Kapsabet towns.

By Air

There are no scheduled flights to Kakamega and visitors have to fly to Kisumu or Eldoret and connect to Kakamega by road.

SIZE / LOCATION

- 44 Km².
- Western Province

CLIMATE:

- Temperature ranges from 20-30^oc and rainfall from 200mm – 700 mm.
- Two rain seasons: Long rains – March & April & short rains – Nov/ December.

SMARTCARD REQUIRED?

Entry is by Cash only. Cash Receipts can be bought at the Kakamega National Reserve main gate or KWS Hqs Nairobi Cash office. Proof of identification will be required.

- Citizens – Valid Passport or National ID
- Residents – Valid Passport & re entry pass

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

- Birdwatching: Over 300 bird species,
- butterfly watching: over 400 species of butterflies
- Massive Trees, Scenic Spots and Waterfalls: Over 350 species of trees, the forest holds mostly indigenous vegetation.
- Snakes: 27 species of snakes, ,
- Primates Watching: Home to Debrazza monkey and other primates.

WILDLIFE:

- Wildlife: Bush Pig, Duikers, Bushback, Clawless Otter, Mongoose, Giant Water Shrew, Squirrels, Tree Pangolin, Porcupine, Bats and Primates.
- Birds: 330 species of which some are found nowhere else in the country. The common one being the Blue Turacco.

WHERE TO STAY:

In - Park Accommodation

There is no lodge in the park at the moment.

KWS Self – Catering Accommodation:

- Udo Bandas can accommodate upto 14 pax
- Isukuti Guest House.

Camping Facilities

- Various Campsites located in the Park

ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- Forest Walking.
- Camping.
- Hiking.
- Primate Watching.
- Bird and Butterfly Watching
- Game watching,
- Self-Guided nature walks

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