

FACT SHEET



MWEA NATIONAL RESERVE

'An undiscovered oasis of tranquility'

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ACCESS:

By Road: From Nairobi, via Thika-Matuu-Masinga Dam(160 km).this route is surfaced until Masinga Dam Bridge-a further 10 km of dirt road lies between here and Makima Gate. Access is also possible via Embu-Machanga.

By Air: Masinga airstrip near Masinga lodge.By Air: Masinga Airstrip near Masinga Lodge.

SIZE / LOCATION:

- 42 km².
- Mbeere District, Eastern Province.

CLIMATE:

- Semi-arid with an annual rainfall of 510-760 mm pa.

SAFARI CARD REQUIRED?

At present the park does not operate the Safari Card system. Entry is by cash only.

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.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS:

- Game Viewing
- Boat rides at Kamburu dam
- Hippo Point
- Realm of Rare birds
- Walking circuit

WILDLIFE:

- Elephant ,lesser kudu, Nile crocodile, hippo, giraffe, Burchell's zebra, buffalo, leopard, grey duiker, black-backed jackal, bushbuck, waterbuck, olive baboon, sykes' monkey, serval cat, spotted hyena, warthog, rock hyrax, bush pig, impala and hartebeest. Rare animals like; Stripped ground squirrel, Genet cat, Black backed jackal yellow baboons, are also found in Mwea

BIRDS:

- Over 200 species of birds, Mwea is renowned for its water birds and waders. The only protected area in which the globally threatened and Kenya-endemic Hinde's babbler is known to occur, the Reserve also shelters two other rare species; Pel's fishing owl and the white-backed night heron

WHERE TO STAY:

In - Park Accommodation

- There are no lodges, tented camps or self-catering accommodation options in Mwea Reserve. Masinga Lodge is located at Masinga Dam outside the Reserve.

Camping Facilities

- Mbogo, Silvester, Mavuria, Kyangosi, HippoPoint, Kanyonga , Githechu

ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

- Game viewing.
- Bird Watching

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