ACCOMMODATION

Stay in the Wild, explore, create memories

Set in the quietude of nature, KWS offers a modest and wide range of self-catering accommodation options targeting the budget traveler. Whether you are looking to get away from the exhausting grind of life, a break away from the hustle and bustle of the city right into the serenity of bush, or you just long to soak in your senses and reconnect with nature, KWS bandas and guesthouses offer the perfect ambience.

Kakamega Forest N. Reserve offers the following:

UDO GUEST HOUSE

Accommodation
4 units; 2 pax per unit - Each unit has a master bedroom with one double bed.

Amenities
Fully-equipped kitchen and dining area, refrigerator and gas cooker. Lighting is by electricity. Beddings, mosquito nets, towels and toiletries. TV with access to local channels. A house caretaker is available to help.

Rates
Citizens & Residents: Ksh. 3,000
Non-Residents: US$ 40

ISURUTI GUEST HOUSE

Accommodation
4 units; 2 pax per unit - Consists of one double bed and one single bed.

Amenities
Fully-equipped kitchen and dining area, refrigerator and gas cooker. Lighting is by electricity. Also provided are beddings, mosquito nets, towels and toiletries. TV with access to local channels. A house caretaker is available to help.

Rates
Citizens & Residents: Ksh. 4,000
Non-Residents: US$ 50

CAMPING: PUBLIC CAMPSITES

- UDO CAMPSITE
- BIOTA CAMPSITE

For this category standard amenities are provided; water, toilet/bathroom and kitchen area.
Public campsites do not require prior booking.

- Reservation of bandas/guesthouses is done through the park warden or through KWS headquarters reservations desk; reservations@kws.go.ke
- Prevailing camping rates apply per person per day for both special and public campsites including other park charges.
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- Personal effects,
- Drinking water,
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- Camera,
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- Sunscreen,
- Insect repellant,
- First aid kit,
- Sunglasses,
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- Raincoat,
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**How to Get There**

**By Road:**

The shortest route from Nairobi (418 km) is via Nakuru and Kapsabet. Take the A104 road as far as Timboroa and continue for another 4 km. Turn left on the C36 road to Kapsabet. From there, take the C39 road until it joins the Kisumu – Kakamega road. From Eldoret, the shortest route is via the C39 road to Kapsabet. From Kapsabet, the shortest route is via the C39 road to Kakamega.

**By Air:**

There are scheduled flights to Kakamega and visitors can also fly to Kisumu or Eldoret and travel by road to Kakamega.

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