ACCOMMODATION

Stay in the Wild, explore, create memories

**Kapkurio Bandas**

Accommodation
4 units, 3 pax per unit - Consists of one bedroom with one single and one double bed.

Amenities
Kitchenette with a gas cooker, hot showers, beddings, towels and toiletries. Lighting is by electricity. A house caretaker is available.

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

**Koitoboss Guest House**

Accommodation
1 unit, 6 pax - Consists of three bedrooms each with two single beds.

Amenities
Fully furnished sitting/dining area, equipped kitchen with a barbecue area outside. Beddings, towels, toiletries and two bathrooms. Lighting is by electricity. A house caretaker is available.

Rates
Citizens & Residents: Ksh. 6,000
Non-Residents: US$ 100

**Mt. Elgon National Park**

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.

**Karakuri Bandas**

For this category, only camping grounds are provided. The visitor has to reserve the campsite well in advance for exclusive use. Visitors are required to bring with them a source of fire and kitchen utensils.

Most of the special campsites are located near rivers in the park unless otherwise indicated.

**Public Campsites**

- **Ogurum**, **Rongai**, **Nyati**, **Mutumayo**

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.

**Special Campsite: Salt Lick**

Pay for your entry to any of our Parks or Reserves via:

- Security/Guided tour per guide:
  - Ksh. 1,720 – up to 4 hours
  - Ksh. 3,015 – Over 4 hours

- Community guided tours:
  - a) Lower circuit Ksh. 1,500/guide
  - b) Upper circuit Ksh. 3,000/guide

**Special Services/activities**

- Community guided tours:
  - a) Lower circuit Ksh. 1,500/guide
  - b) Upper circuit Ksh. 3,000/guide

**SPECIAL Vehicle Hire**

- KSh.15,000
- Ksh.12,000
- KSh. 12,000
- KSh. 10,000

**Kwale Reserves**

- Security/Guided tour per guide:
  - Ksh. 1,720 – up to 4 hours
  - Ksh. 3,015 – Over 4 hours

- Community guided tours:
  - a) Lower circuit Ksh. 1,500/guide
  - b) Upper circuit Ksh. 3,000/guide

**Pay for your entry to any of our Parks or Reserves via:**

- Security/Guided tour per guide:
  - Ksh. 1,720 – up to 4 hours
  - Ksh. 3,015 – Over 4 hours

- Community guided tours:
  - a) Lower circuit Ksh. 1,500/guide
  - b) Upper circuit Ksh. 3,000/guide

**SPECIAL Vehicle Hire**

- KSh.15,000
- Ksh.12,000
- KSh. 12,000
- KSh. 10,000

**Kwale Reserves**

- Security/Guided tour per guide:
  - Ksh. 1,720 – up to 4 hours
  - Ksh. 3,015 – Over 4 hours

- Community guided tours:
  - a) Lower circuit Ksh. 1,500/guide
  - b) Upper circuit Ksh. 3,000/guide

**SPECIAL Vehicle Hire**

- KSh.15,000
- Ksh.12,000
- KSh. 12,000
- KSh. 10,000
Towering about 4222Meters high, covered in mist and drizzle Mt. Elgon is a soaring volcanic giant. It’s a sight to behold! The lush montane forest is thick and evergreen on the floor, but as you hike up, the foliage changes and the best place to see the lush montane forest is on the Chelulus circuit of the park. Mixed bamboo and Podocapus is the next forest zone that is a common feature on the mountain.

The heath zone is characterized by dense scrub and wildflowers. The alpine moorland zone boasts of the highest number of endemic plants species on the mountain while the open moorland grassland is dotted with clusters of giant groundsel and lobelia plants that are unique to East Africa.

The salt-mining elephants of Kitum Cave are definitely a spectacle. Tonnes of elephants, dubbed ‘the troglodyte tuskers’ stream down the cave to dig out salt elements from the ground. The park boasts of caves formed from ancient lava tubes namely Kitum, Making’eny, Chepnyalil, Ngwarisha and Kiptoro. Cave exploration and excursions in the bat infested caves are common with outdoor junkies that love the thrill of being in the wilderness.

Making’eny cave, located about 1.5km from the Kitum caves has a spectacular waterfall over its mouth. A hike up is refreshing and the views breathtaking.

The park has two internationally recognized designations; Important Bird Area (IBA) and UNESCO Man and Biosphere (MAB) sites.

Mt. Elgon offers great opportunities for hiking to Endebess Bluff and Koitoboss peak, Picnicking and Cave exploration, Primate and Bird watching, Cross border tourism, Horse riding, Botanical diversity, Spectacular waterfalls and beautiful picnic sites, Photography and Self-guided walking tours at nature trails and Hot springs at the border of Kenya and Uganda.

Advisory to Park entry and exit times. Unless you are an overnight visitor always end the park before dusk.

Park gates open at 6:00 am and close at 6:00 pm.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

Whether camping or just visiting for a day trip, visitors are advised to carry with them the following: personal effects, drinking water, food, camping equipment if the visitor intends to stay overnight. Also important are; Camera, binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, first aid kit, sunglasses, appropriate hiking/mountaineering gear and reserve car fuel if intending to be in the park longer.

PARK RULES

1. General rules of the road apply. Car hooting and driving under the influence of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

2. Move slowly and quietly but remember all animals are wild and can react dangerously if startled.

3. Adhere to Park entry and exit times. Unless you are an overnight visitor, always end the park before dusk. Park gates open at 6:00 am and close at 6:00 pm.

By Road: From Nairobi, drive to Kitale town and from here is a well signposted murram (dirt) Endebess road to Mt. Elgon Lodge and Chepnyalil gate. Chorlim gate is the main gate which also leads to the park headquarters.

By Air: Visitors can fly to Eldoret airport (70 KM away). Kitale airstrip, located 10km outside Kitale town on the main Kitale-Bungoma road, is 30 km from the park.

INTRODUCTION

The animals they are wild & unpredictable; beware of speed limit 40. Don’t crowd animals or make sudden noises or movements. Don’t litter or throw cigarette butts. Don’t feed the animals, it upsets their diet.

KEY ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

The anti-mining elephants of Kitum Cave are definitely a spectacle. Tones of elephants, dubbed ‘the troglodyte tuskers’ stream down the cave to dig out salt elements from the ground. The park consists of caves formed from ancient lava tubes namely Kitum, Making’eny, Chepnyalil, Ngwarisha and Kitum Cave exploration and excursions in the bat infested caves are common with outdoor junkies that love the thrill of being in the wilderness.

Making’eny cave, located about 1.5km from the Kitum caves has a spectacular waterfall over its mouth. A hike up is refreshing and the views breathtaking.

The park has two internationally recognized designations; Important Bird Area (IBA) and UNESCO Man and Biosphere (MAB) sites.

Mt. Elgon offers great opportunities for hiking to Endebess Bluff and Koitoboss peak, Picnicking and Cave exploration, Primate and Bird watching, Cross border tourism, Horse riding, Botanical diversity, Spectacular waterfalls and beautiful picnic sites, Photography and Self-guided walking tours at nature trails and Hot springs at the border of Kenya and Uganda.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

Whether camping or just visiting for a day trip, visitors are advised to carry with them the following: personal effects, drinking water, food, camping equipment if the visitor intends to stay overnight. Also important are; Camera, binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, first aid kit, sunglasses, appropriate hiking/mountaineering gear and reserve car fuel if intending to be in the park longer.

PARK RULES

1. General rules of the road apply. Car hooting and driving under the influence of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

2. Move slowly and quietly but remember all animals are wild and can react dangerously if startled.

3. Adhere to Park entry and exit times. Unless you are an overnight visitor, always end the park before dusk. Park gates open at 6:00 am and close at 6:00 pm.

By Road: From Nairobi, drive to Kitale town and from here is a well signposted murram (dirt) Endebess road to Mt. Elgon Lodge and Chepnyalil gate. Chorlim gate is the main gate which also leads to the park headquarters.

By Air: Visitors can fly to Eldoret airport (70 KM away). Kitale airstrip, located 10km outside Kitale town on the main Kitale-Bungoma road, is 30 km from the park.