



CONSERVATION FEES 2025 GUIDELINES

1. **African Citizen** means a national of other African Countries other than East Africa;
2. **Child** means a person from five (5) years but below 18 years;
3. **Corporate Pass** means access rights issued to eligible utility providers having installations within national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries;
4. **Daily Fee** means the fee payable for a single access to a national park, national reserve or sanctuary and which shall be valid for a period not exceeding twenty-four hours;
5. **Disability** has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2025; No. 4 of 2025.
6. **East African Citizen** means a citizen of the Community established under the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community Act; Cap. 4C.
7. **Excursion Boat** means vessels such as glass-bottom boats, dhows, and catamarans with a carrying capacity of not more than two crew members and forty passengers, used for guided expeditions within Marine Protected Areas, including snorkeling, diving, bird watching, sunset cruises, and mangrove visits.
8. A **dhow excursion**, in particular, refers to a guided trip using a traditional sailing vessel, common along Kenya's coastline, to explore Sundowner experience and picnic at Mida creek at Watamu Protected Marine Park.
9. **Non-excursion Boat** means commercial and sport fishing boats;

10.Non-resident means a national of any country other than an East African citizen or African citizen;

11.Resident means a person, other than a Kenyan citizen or an East African citizen, residing in Kenya with valid resident permit;

12.Student means an individual of not older than twenty-three years from a recognized secondary school, college or university who is visiting a national park, national reserve, marine park, marine reserve or sanctuary for educational purposes under a documented and organized arrangement with that educational institution;

13.Water Sport means jet skiing, windsurfing, wakeboarding, sailing, canoeing or kayaking, paddle boarding, water skiing, parasailing, banana boat rides, powerboating and jet boat rides;

14.The following persons shall be exempt from paying conservation fees specified in regulation 5— Exemptions.

- (a) a Kenyan citizen aged seventy years and older
- (b) a person with disability;
- (c) a child aged five years and younger;
- (d) a tour driver, a guide, boat crew and a porter who is registered by the Tourism Regulatory Authority and is a member of a registered Association. Prove of registration will be through physical original license. QR code will be scanned to confirm its authenticity. Boat operator's license will be required for boat crew
- (e) Beach Management Units fishing boats shall be exempt from paying boat anchoring fees

15.Tourism Experiences fees does not include entry fee;

16.Security fee for one section of rangers is applicable for event sites after 6:30pm;

17.Under water sport activities

- **A Large Business Enterprises** means a business with valid certificate of incorporation/ registration and licensed by Tourism Regulatory Authority with a turnover of over Kshs. 5M and above
- **Micro & Small Business Enterprises** Micro & Small Business Enterprises with a valid certificate of incorporation/registration, registered under the Micro and Small Enterprise Act, Cap. 499C and licensed by the Tourism Regulatory Authority with a turnover of 5 million and below.

18. Guidelines for packages

- a. The package tickets apply only to visitor entry fees.
- b. The ticket is valid only if payment for all selected parks is made at once.
- c. The package ticket is applicable for a continuous stay only.
- d. In case a trip to any of the packaged parks is cancelled, package rates cease to apply.
- e. Ticket is specific to the selected dates and parks.
- f. No refund shall be issued in case of cancellation for any park.
- g. The package ticket is issued to a specific visitor and is not transferable.
- h. A partially used package ticket is non-refundable and cannot be rescheduled.
- i. The package ticket must be physically presented at park gates during entry.

19. Parks categorisation

For purposes of these guidelines, national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries shall be categorized into the following—

- (a) Mountain parks;
 - (b) Premium parks;
 - (c) Scenic parks;
 - (d) Special interest parks
 - (e) Urban parks;
 - (f) Wilderness parks;
 - (g) Marine Protected Areas
 - (i) Sanctuaries.
- i. **Mountain parks** - means parks within mountain regions that preserve pristine alpine meadows, forests, lakes and peaks.
 - ii. **Premium parks** - means parks that offer exceptional ecological value, superior amenities, and exclusive tourism experiences, which command higher fees and limited visitor numbers to maintain ecological integrity and an exceptional visitors experience.
 - iii. **Scenic parks** - means a park preserved and maintained primarily for its spectacular scenery, visual appeal, and ecological value offering picturesque landscapes and recreational opportunities in a peaceful environment for visitors to enjoy without compromising the landscape;

- iv. **Special interest park** - means a park designated to primarily protect and manage specific natural, cultural, historical, scientific, recreational features or attractions, including unique flora and fauna;
- v. **Urban park** - means parks located within the Capital city that offer green spaces, recreational attraction and conservation experience in densely populated areas, promoting relaxation, physical activities and social attraction.
- vi. **Wilderness parks** - means expansive parks primarily designated for the conservation and preservation of pristine, unspoiled natural landscape and ecosystems so as to allow visitors experience raw and unaltered natural world with minimal human disruption.
- vii. **Marine parks and reserves** - means marine protected areas established to conserve coral reefs, marine biodiversity, and coastal ecosystems, where activities such as fishing, construction, or other disturbances are prohibited unless with written permission from the Director General; in marine reserves, regulated subsistence fishing may be permitted.
- viii. **Sanctuaries** - means areas of land or water set aside and maintained by government, communities, individuals, or private entities for the conservation and protection of one or more specific species of wildlife.

All Kenya Wildlife Service parks, reserves and sanctuaries are **SINGLE USE PLASTIC FREE ZONES**