

# FACT SHEET



## Marsabit National Park 'The Misty Montane Paradise'

### MARSABIT NATIONAL PARK

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### FOR RESERVATIONS:

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### ACCESS:

- Distance: 560 km north of Nairobi. 263 km north of Isiolo.
- Gates: 2 Gates; Ahmed and Abdul.
- Roads: from Nairobi, the reserve is reached via Nanyuki and Isiolo a distance of 620 km. The road is paved up to Isiolo leaving a distance of 270 km of very bad road that is only motorable by 4 wheel-drive vehicles during the dry season.
- By Air: there is an airstrip at Marsabit, 4km from the Park's main gate.
- The Park can also be reached via Taveta –Voi road through Maktau, Ziwani and Jipe Gates.
- Airstrips: The reserve is 2 1/2 hrs by air from Nairobi and is adequately served by a tarmac airstrip located about one kilometer from Marsabit town centre.

### SIZE / LOCATION

- 1,554 Km<sup>2</sup>.
- Marsabit District, Eastern Province

### CLIMATE:

- Jan-Mar is hot and dry, April-June is hot and wet, July-Oct is very warm and dry, November and December are warm and wet.

### PERSONNEL ON CALL

- The Warden

### SAFARICARD REQUIRED?

At present the park does not operate the SmartCard system. Entry is by cash only ( Ksh or US \$)

### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

- Land of Gofs
- Magical Lake paradise
- A dynasty of giants
- Last refuge of the huge-tusked bull elephants
- Pristine Forest
- Diverse birdlife
- The greater Kudu
- Realm of raptors
- Bird life

### WILDLIFE:

- Elephants, buffalo, greater Kudu, hyena, Grevy's zebra, Kirk's dik-dik, reticulated giraffe, lion, leopard and baboon.

### WHERE TO STAY:

#### In- Park Accommodation

- Marsabit Lodge lies in an exquisite location and offers stunning views.

#### Camping

- 2 public campsites, Ahmed Campsite is located by the main Ahmed Gate some 3.2 km from Marsabit lodge. Abdul Campsite located by Absul gate and is close to Park HQ
- Special Paradise Campsite: a grassy clearing on the shores of Lake Paradise.

### ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- Game viewing.
- Ornithological (bird watching safaris)
- Camel safaris to neighboring plains (this activity can be conducted by the local people);
- Visiting to "singing wells" where local people engage in songs while drawing water from deep wells to water livestock.

### BEST TIME TO VISIT

- All year round

### 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

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