

FACT SHEET



MT.ELGON NATIONAL PARK

'Untamed wilderness, secluded splendour'

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The Warden: Mt. Elgon National Park
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ACCESS:

By Road

Mt. Elgon is located 420 kms from Nairobi. Access is via tarmac road to Kitale, branch to murram road then to the Chorlim Gate

By Air

- There is one airstrip in the park.

PARK GATES: Four gates namely

- Chorlim (main gate)
- Kassawai
- Kiptogot
- Kimothon

SIZE / LOCATION

- 169km².
- On the western border of Kenya with Uganda, in Trans-nzoia District of Rift Valley Province.

CLIMATE:

- The climate is moist to moderate dry.
Annual rainfall is over 1,270mm

SMARTCARD REQUIRED?

Entry is by cash only. Tickets may be purchased from Mt. Elgon National Park main gate or KWS Hqs cash office Nairobi. Proof of identification will be required.

- Citizens – Valid Passport or National ID
- Residents – Valid Passport & re entry pass

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

- Caves
- Salt Mining Elephants of Kitum Cave
- Spectacular Waterfall
- Game Viewing around the Mountain
- Birdwatching
- Viewing the mountain

WILDLIFE:

- Elephant, leopard, giant forest hog, bushbuck, buffalo, duiker, black and white colobus, blue monkeys and golden cat, among others.
- More than 240 bird species in the area, including the African crowned eagle, Ross' turaco, and red-fronted parrot.

WHERE TO STAY:

In - Park Accommodation

- No lodges or tented campsites in the park at the moment

KWS Self – Catering Accommodation:

- Koitoboss Guesthouse. Sleeps 6 pax
- Kapkuro Bandas. 4 units each sleeps 3 pax

Camping Facilities

Public Campsites

There are three public campsites namely Nyati, Chorlim and Rongai Campsites.

Special Campsites

- Saltlick Special Campsite.

ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- Mountain Climbing.
- Horse Riding
- Picnicking.
- Camping.
- Birdwatching

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

- Drinking water, picnic items and camping equipment if you intend to camp overnight. Also useful are: binoculars, camera, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and guidebooks

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