

# PARK RULES

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

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



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

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CHYULLU HILLS NATIONAL PARK

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# PARK FEES

	Citizen	Residents	Non-Residents
	KSH	KSH	USD\$
Adult	250	250	20
Child/Student	100	100	10

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



## SPECIAL SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

Security/Guided tour per guide:

- Ksh. 1,720 – up to 4 hours
- Ksh. 3,015 – Over 4 hours

## VEHICLE CHARGES PER DAY



Less than 6 Seats  
300/=



6-12 Seats  
1,030/=



13-24 Seats  
2,585/=



25-44 Seats  
4,050/=



45 Seats and above  
5,000/=

## WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

Personal effects, drinking water, food, camping equipment if the visitor intends to stay overnight in the camp. Also important are; Camera, binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, first aid kit, sunglasses, appropriate hiking gear and reserve car fuel if intending to be in the park longer.



## HOW TO GET THERE

**By road:** From Nairobi, turn right at Kibwezi (Manyanga town) off Mombasa Road onto a sign posted road that leads to Kithasyo Gate after 9km and Park headquarters. From Mombasa, the Park is also accessible from Tsavo West N. Park.



**By Rail:** The Standard Gauge Railway from both Nairobi and Mombasa terminus to Kibwezi for visitors looking for the rail experience.

**By Air:** The Park has two airstrips (Mukururo and Kithasyo).



# CHYULLU HILLS NATIONAL PARK

Green Hills of Africa



# INTRODUCTION

Verdant rolling hills of endless green bush, great blue skies and spectacular landscape views are what the Chyullu Hills provide nature lovers with.

The park comprises of the Eastern flanks of Chyullu Hills including half the forest area. A magical land of black frozen lava studded with blazing red-hot poker trees. The hills hold no permanent surface water but rainfall percolating through the porous rock, feeds many permanent fresh water sources in the surrounding plains notably Mzima springs, Umanyi, Kibwezi, Makindu and the Tsavo river which feeds the Galana river.

# KEY ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

The park boasts of spectacular cave systems and spots the longest lava tubes in Africa but the third longest in the world (Kisula cave 11.5km long). The Leviathan. The porous nature of lava rocks has helped keep the surrounding areas abundant with fresh water thus providing the perfect sanctuary for the region's ample wildlife.

Home to rare forest birds, bird watching is a great activity for bird lovers in the dense montane forest of the western sector of the park. Some of the bird species include: Hartlaus Turacos, sunbird, speckled moosebird and white eared barbet. Trumpet Hornbill, Rare Basra reed warbler, Sun bird, Yellow-billed Greenbul and Blue eared sparrow.

The Chyullu ecosystem plays a vital role as a water catchment area for Kenya's coastal towns as it is the source of Tsavo West's Mzima springs. The forest ridges create their own rainfall in that the porous rocks absorb the water like sponge and in turn the water percolates down into fast-flowing subterranean rivers.

The park has three public campsites and their vantage locations offer spectacular views of the hills and mountains for nature lovers.

The flora and fauna menu is rich as it is breathtaking. Rough grassland and thickets give way to an arena of montane forest along the spine of the hills. A variety of large mammals include: Elephant, buffalo, giraffe, Zebra, eland, leopard, bushbuck, mountain, reedbuck, steenbok and bush pig, Black rhino.

Pockets of savannah grassland and mountain forest (Kinyosi hills, Army satellite, Kibarani and Mukau). The park is a habitat for unique plants that have cosmetic and medicinal values (Olea Africana, Sandal wood and acocanthera). It is also home to endemic butterfly-Pentila tropicalis Chyullu.

The gently undulating grasslands interspersed with dense areas of primeval forest and breathtaking views makes this Park great for hiking safaris, picnicking and game viewing.

# ACCOMMODATION

*Stay in the Wild, explore, create memories*

The park doesn't offer KWS self-catering accommodation but visitors keen on having a wild bush experience have the option of camping.

## CAMPING: PUBLIC CAMPSITES

- Kithasyo
- Kisula
- Satellite

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

*\* Prevailing camping rates apply per person per day for both special and public campsites including other park charges.*

