

# 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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**OLDONYO SABUK 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

These range from **Ksh. 300** to **Ksh. 5,000** depending on vehicle seat capacity normally from less than 6 seats to 45 seats and above.

## PRIVATELY OWNED ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

Visitors looking for accommodation in close proximity to the Park can put up at:

- Oldonyo Sapuk Resort located about 1Km drive from the Park. Book through +254 724 176 518
- Beketa Holiday Home located about 200mts from the park booked through +254 722 383 076
- There are other affordable accommodation options in Thika town.

## 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 gear and reserve car fuel if intending to be in the park longer.



## HOW TO GET THERE

**By Road:** From Nairobi, travel approximately 85 Km North-East of Nairobi to Thika town. Proceed 22Km along the main Garissa road to Makutano junction. At Makutano, follow the KWS sign and turn right. Proceed 4km on an all-weather murram road to Donyo town. At Donyo, turn right and proceed a further 2 km to the main gate.

It is recommended that visitors approach the park via the spectacular Fourteen Falls on the Chania River.



# OLDONYO SABUK NATIONAL PARK



*Ultimate Panoramic Experience*



# INTRODUCTION

Prominently lying above the Athi plains, Oldonyo Sabuk is referred by the local Kamba community as *'The mountain of the buffalo'* and to the Maasai community as *'The big mountain.'* The Park can be indistinctly viewed from Nairobi and it particularly attracts day trippers, hikers or groups of friends and families yearning for some bit of adventure out of their normal routine and confinement.

The National Park was once an expansive farm and home to William Macmillan, a game hunter from America, who visited and decided to settle in Kenya in 1901. On different occasions, he hosted explorer and former American President Theodore Roosevelt and British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. The renowned world leaders were on game hunting trips to Kenya. Another interesting fact is that the late Tom Mboya, a popular politician in the President Jomo Kenyatta era was born at Ol Donyo Sabuk where his father worked as a casual laborer at Macmillan's sisal farm.

The vegetation here is essentially comprised of the giant plants commonly associated with the Afro-alpine zone of Mt. Kenya and Mt. Elgon called giant lobelia.



# KEY ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

The 9km drive or hike up the summit from the main gate is majorly one of the activities visitors can enjoy in the great outdoors. The hike up in the company of an armed KWS ranger will take you approximately 3 hours.

At 7kms towards the summit lies an *'unusual burial site.'* The grave of Sir William Northrup McMillan a wealthy African farmer whose initial wish was to be buried at the summit though this vision didn't come into fruition. The site also holds the grave of McMillan's wife, their maid and the family dog.



Game viewing is a must do here while buffalos are the dominant wildlife in the ecosystem. Other wildlife species include bushbucks, leopards, olive baboons, aardvarks, porcupines, rock hyrax, pythons and monitor lizard. Additionally, the park is a bird watchers paradise with 45 species of birds and rare butterflies. The mountain's summit also offers visitors beautiful scenic views of Mount Kenya and Mt. Kilimanjaro.

The Park offers great camping, picnicking and team building grounds for visitors looking for a more adventure and fun activities in the wild.

Other attractions within the ecosystem include the famous fourteen falls which boasts of a 27 meter deep scenery where activities such as boating and fishing can be done.



# ACCOMMODATION

*Stay in the Wild, explore, create memories*

There's no self-catering accommodation provided in the Park but visitors intending to stay overnight can opt to camp.

## CAMPING: PUBLIC CAMPSITE

### • TURACCO

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

## SPECIAL CAMPSITE

### • SUMMIT LOOKOUT

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 personal effects, drinking water, source of fire and kitchen utensils. Most special campsites are located near rivers in the park unless otherwise indicated.

- Reservation of special campsites should be done through the park warden or through KWS headquarters reservations desk; [reservations@kws.go.ke](mailto:reservations@kws.go.ke)
- Prevailing camping rates apply per person per day for both special and public campsites including other park charges.
- Request the Park for security services while camping