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#### **1. Citation**

These Regulations may be cited as the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations 2023.

#### **2. Application**

These Regulations shall apply to the accessing and conservation of national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries.

#### **3. Interpretation**

In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

"African citizen" means a national of any other African country other than an East African citizen;

"child" means a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years;

"commercial vehicle" has the same meaning as assigned to it under section 2 of the Traffic Act ([Cap. 403](#));

"corporate pass" means to access rights issued to eligible utility providers having installations within national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries;

"daily fee" means the fee paid for a single continuous entry to a national park, national reserve or sanctuary and which shall be valid for a period not exceeding twenty-four hours;

"disability" has the same meaning as assigned to it under section 2 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003;

"East African citizen" means a national of any of the partner states in the East African Community established under Article 2 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community;

"high season" means the period between the 1st July of one year and the 31st March of the following year:

Provided that for activities undertaken Mt. Kenya national park, national reserve or sanctuary, "high season" means the period between—

(a) the 1st July in one year and the 30th September of the same year; and

(b) the 1st December of one year and the 29th February of the following year;

"low season" means the period between the 1st April of one year and the 30th June of the following year:

Provided that for the Mt. Kenya national park, national reserve or sanctuary, "high season" means the period between—

(a) the 1st October in one year and the 30th November of the same year; and

(b) the 1st March of one year and the 30th June of the same year;

"marine park" means a park in aquatic environments dedicated in conserving and managing marine ecosystem including coral reefs, seagrass beds and underwater canyons;

"mountain parks" means a park within mountain regions which preserve pristine alpine meadows, forests, lakes and peaks;

"micro enterprise" has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Micro and Small Enterprises Act;

"non-resident" means a national of any country other than an East African citizen or African citizen;

"premium parks" means a park that offer exceptional quality, superior amenities, exclusive tourism experience, which command higher fees and limited crowd size to maintain ecological integrity and an exceptional visitors experience;

"resident" means a person, other than a Kenyan citizen or an East African citizen, residing in Kenya;

"scenic park" means a park known for their exceptional beauty and breathtaking landscapes which emphasize the preservation of stunning natural scene such as mountain ranges, waterfalls and dramatic viewpoints;

"senior citizen" means a Kenyan citizen who is of or above the age of seventy years; and

"special interest park" means a park that offer adventure and thrilled based recreational facilities within a controlled and safe environment;

"student" refers to an individual from a recognized secondary, government or private college or university who is not older than twenty-three years visiting a national park, national reserve or sanctuary for educational purposes under a documented and organised arrangement with that educational institution but excludes students on personally-arranged visits;

"urban park" means a parks located within the cities and urban areas which offer green spaces and recreational attraction in densely populated areas hence promoting relaxation, physical activities and social attraction; and

"wilderness parks" means a park 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 while minimising human disruption.

#### **4. Identification of users**

Any person seeking to enter into, access or undertake activities in a national park, national reserve and sanctuary shall provide the following identification documents—

- (a) a Kenyan citizen shall provide a valid identification document;
- (b) an East Africa citizen shall provide a valid passport;
- (c) an African citizen shall provide a valid passport;
- (d) a resident shall provide appropriate documentation from the Kenyan government evidencing their residency;
- (e) a non-resident shall provide a valid passport;
- (f) a person with disability shall provide valid documentation from the National Council for Persons with Disabilities; and
- (g) a student shall provide a valid student identity card.

## **5. Categorisation of parks, reserves and sanctuaries**

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

- (a) marine parks;
- (b) mountain parks;
- (c) premium parks;
- (d) scenic parks;
- (e) special interest parks;
- (f) urban safari;
- (g) wilderness parks; and
- (h) sanctuaries.

## **6. Conservation fees**

- (1) The fees payable to the Kenya Wildlife Service for entry into, access and conservation of national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries shall be as set out in the Schedule.
- (2) The fees payable under paragraph (1) in respect of a student or a child above the age of five years but below eighteen years shall be as set out in the Schedule.

## **7. Special activity fees**

- (1) The fees payable to the Kenya Wildlife Service for special activities in national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries shall be as set out in the Schedule.
- (2) The special activity fee payable under paragraph (1) shall not include fees payable for entry into a national park, national reserve or sanctuary.

## **8. Security fee**

- (1) The fees payable to the Kenya Wildlife Service for safety and security provided to a visitor in national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries shall be as set out in the Schedule.
- (2) The security fee payable under paragraph (1) shall be in respect of one section of ranger and applicable to any event site after 6:30 p.m.

## **9. Annual pass**

The annual fees payable to the Kenya Wildlife Service for access to national parks, national reserves and sanctuaries shall be at the rate specified in the Schedule.

## **10. Corporate pass**

The fees payable to the Kenya Wildlife Service for a corporate pass in respect of a national park, national reserve and sanctuaries shall be as set out in the Schedule.

## **11. Exemption from fees**

A senior citizen, a person with disability or a child below age of five years shall be exempted from paying fees in respect of access or entry into a national park, a national reserve or sanctuary:

Provided the senior citizen, person with disability or child provides the relevant identification document required under regulation 4.

## **12. Revocation of L.N. 150/2023**

The Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations 2023 are revoked.

## SCHEDULE

### FEES

(r.6' r.7; r.8; r.9. r.10)

#### 1. ENTRY FEES FOR PERSONS AGED 18 YEARS AND ABOVE

Park Category	High Season (July to March)			Low Season (April to June)		
	East African citizen (KSh.)	Non resident (USD)	Resident or African citizen (USD)	East African Citizen (KSh.)	Non resident (USD)	Resident or African citizen (USD)
<b>PREMIUM PARKS</b>						
Amboseli National Park	2,000	100	50	1,500	50	35
Lake Nakuru National Park						
<b>URBAN PARK</b>						
Nairobi National Park	2,000	100	50	1,500	100	25
Nairobi Package (Nairobi Park, Nairobi Orphanage and Nairobi Safari Walk)	2,300	125	65	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nairobi Sanctuary Package (Nairobi Orphanage and Nairobi Safari Walk)	500	40	25	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>WILDERNESS PARKS</b>						
Tsavo East National Park	2,000	100	50	1,500	50	35
Tsavo West National Park						
Meru National Park	500	60	30	300	35	18
Kora National Park						
Aberdare National Park						
<b>MOUNTAIN PARK</b>						
Mountain climbing at Mt. Kenya National Park						
Mt. Kenya Day Trip	500	60	30	300	30	15
Mt. Kenya 2 Days Package including camping	1,200	140	70	700	50	40
Mt. Kenya 3 Days Package including camping	1,900	220	110	1150	130	65



<i>Park Category</i>	<i>High Season (July to March)</i>			<i>Low Season (April to June)</i>		
	<i>East African citizen (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>	<i>Resident or African citizen (USD)</i>	<i>East African Citizen (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>	<i>Resident or African citizen (USD)</i>
Mt. Kenya 4 Days Package including camping	2,600	300	150	1600	180	90
Mt. Kenya 5 Days Package including camping	3,100	360	180	1850	310	105
Mt. Kenya 6 Days Package including camping	3,300	400	220	2300	240	105
<b>SCENIC PARKS</b>						
Hells Gate	500	30	20	300	30	130
Mt. Longonot						
Mt. Elgon						
Oi Donyo Sabuk						
<b>SPECIAL INTEREST PARKS</b>						
Marsabit, Mwea, Ruma, Saiwa Swamp, South Turkana, Sibiloi, Central Island, South Island, Kakamega, Shimba Hills, Ndere Island, Malka Mari, Tana River Primates, Chyullu Hills, Nasalot and Lake Elementaita Sanctuary	300	25	20	250	20	15
<b>SANCTUARIES</b>						
Nairobi Orphanage, Nairobi Safari Walk and Kisumu Impala	300	25	15	200	20	15
<b>MARINE PROTECTED AREAS</b>						
(Kisite Mpunguti, Watamu, Mombasa, Malindi, Kiunga and Diani Chale	500	25	15	300	20	15

## 2. ENTRY FEES FOR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN AGED 5 YEARS AND ABOVE BUT BELOW 18 YEARS

The student or institution shall obtain one (1) week prior approval from Kenya Wildlife Service before their visit

<i>Park Category</i>	<i>High Season (July to March)</i>			<i>Low Season (April to June)</i>		
	<i>East African citizen (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>	<i>Resident or African citizen (USD)</i>	<i>East African citizen (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>	<i>Resident or African citizen (USD)</i>
<b>PREMIUM PARKS</b>						
Amboseli National Park	500	25	20	250	20	10
Lake Nakuru National Park						
<b>URBAN PARK</b>						
Nairobi National Park	500	25	20	250	20	10
Nairobi Package (Nairobi Park, Nairobi Orphanage and Nairobi Safari Walk)	700	50	30	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nairobi Sanctuary Package (Nairobi Orphanage and Nairobi Safari Walk)	300	25	15	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>WILDERNESS PARKS</b>						
Tsavo East National Park	500	25	20	250	20	10
Tsavo West National Park						
Meru National Park	250	25	20	250	20	10
Kora National Park						
Aberdare National Park						
<b>MOUNTAIN PARK</b>						
Mountain climbing at Mt. Kenya National Park						
Mt. Kenya Day Trip	250	20	20	250	20	10
Mt. Kenya 2 Days Package including camping	650	55	48	650	55	28
Mt. Kenya 3 Days Package including camping	1050	90	76	1050	90	46
Mt. Kenya 4 Days Package including camping	1450	125	104	1450	125	64

<i>Park Category</i>	<i>High Season (July to March)</i>			<i>Low Season (April to June)</i>		
	<i>East African citizen (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>	<i>Resident or African citizen (USD)</i>	<i>East African citizen (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>	<i>Resident or African citizen (USD)</i>
Mt. Kenya 5 Days Package including camping	1700	145	124	1700	145	74
Mt. Kenya 6 Days Package including camping	2100	180	152	2100	180	92
SCENIC PARKS						
Hells Gate	250	20	15	200	15	10
Mt. Longonot						
Mt. Elgon						
Ol Donyo Sabuk						
SPECIAL INTEREST PARKS						
Marsabit, Mwea, Ruma, Saiwa Swamp, South Turkana, Sibiloi, Central Island, South Island, Kakamega, Shimba Hills, Ndere Island, Malka Mari, Tana River Primates, Chyullu Hills, Nasalot and Lake Elementaita Sanctuary	250	15	15	200	15	10
SANCTUARIES						
Nairobi Orphanage, Nairobi Safari Walk and Kisumu Impala	200	15	10	150	15	10
MARINE PROTECTED AREAS						
Kisite Mpunguti, Watamu, Mombasa, Malindi, Kiunga and Diani Chale	200	10	8	150	10	5

### 3. FEES FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

#### (a) Camping

CAMPING FEES						
	<i>East African citizen (KSh.)</i>		<i>Resident or African citizen (USD)</i>		<i>Non resident (USD)</i>	
	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Child/ Student</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Child/ Student</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Child/ Student</i>
SPECIAL CAMPSITES						
Premium Parks (Amboseli and Lake Nakuru)	500	250	25	15	50	25
All other Parks	250	200	20	10	35	20
Reservation Fees for special campsite per week in KSh. (non-refundable)	7,500					
Cancellation Fees for special campsite per week in KSh.	7,500					
PUBLIC CAMPSITES						
Premium parks (Amboseli and Lake Nakuru)	250	200	15	13	30	25
All Other Parks	200	150	10	8	20	15

#### (b) water sports activities

WATER SPORTS ACTIVITY	<i>Amount of fees (KSh.)</i>
Annual Licensing fee inclusive of crew and guests	240,000 for small enterprises businesses with a valid certificate of registration from the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority and a valid licence from the Tourism Regulatory Authority
	120,000 for micro enterprise businesses with a valid certificate of registration from the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority and a valid licence from the Tourism Regulatory Authority.
Annual transit fee for Marine sport fishing	230,000 for commercial boats
	10,000 for private boats
Independent watersport participants (walk ins), both citizen and non-residents	500 daily
	2,500 weekly
	5,000 monthly
	10,000 annually

(c) Other charges

<i>Motor vehicle charges per day</i>	<i>Amount of fees (KSh.)</i>
Less than 6 seats	1,000
6-12 seats	1,500
13-24 seats	3,000
25-44 seats	4,500
45 seats and above	5,000
<b>Motor cycle charges</b>	
Motorcycles up to 250cc only to (Hells Gate, Mt. Kenya, Longonot, Elgon, Ol Donyo, Sibiloi, Chyulu and Kakamega)	500
<b>Aircrafts charges (Per Landing)</b>	
Less than 3 seats	500
3-6 seats	1,000
7-14 seats	1,500
15-20 seats	2,500
21 seats and above	3,500
Helicopter landing in Mt. Kenya, Central and South National Park in USD \$	300
<b>Trucks and delivery charges per day</b>	
1-3 tons	1,000
4-7 tons	2,250
More than 7 tons	3,250
<b>Boats</b>	
Fees per day	300
Annual pass for private non-commercial boat	5,200
Monthly Mooring Fee/Per Boat	10,000
Annual Mooring Fee/Per Boat	120,000
Annual pass for commercial vessel stationed or operating in the park/reserve	15,200
<b>Annual fees for tourist service vehicles (TSV) and commercial vehicles</b>	
TSV's less than 6 seats and commercial vehicle less than 2 tons	10,000
TSV's 6-12 seats and commercial vehicle 2-5 tons	15,000

<i>Motor vehicle charges per day</i>	<i>Amount of fees (KSh.)</i>
TSV's 6-13 seats and commercial tour vehicles not stationed in the park	60,000
TSV's more than 13 seats and commercial vehicles more than 5 tons, not stationed in the part	100,000

#### 4. FEES FOR ANNUAL CARDS

<i>Annual cards</i>	<i>Amount of fees (KSh.)</i>
Adult annual pass	45,000
Child annual pass	10,400
Couple's annual pass (Any two adults)	80,000
Family annual pass (Any two adults and up to 5 children under the age of 18 years)	130,000
Corporate annual pass	120,000
Tour driver personalized annual pass	6,000
Marine Park annual pass	10,500

#### 5. FEES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

<i>Special services</i>	<i>Amount of fees (KSh.)</i>
Vehicle recovery inside the park	7,500
Boat recovery inside Marine Protected Area	10,500

#### 6. FEES FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES

This rate shall apply to park entry fees for East African citizens, African citizens and non-residents

<i>Group rates for conferences, event or meeting held in the parks or reserves</i>	<i>Amount of fees (KSh.)</i>
100 participants and above	25% of the applicable park entry fees
50-99 participants	20% the applicable park entry fees
30-49 participants	10% the applicable park entry fees
10-29 participants	5% the applicable park entry fees



## 7. FEES FOR TOURISM EXPERIENCE

The fees payable for tourism experience shall be exclusive of conservation fees

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Kenyan citizens/ East African Citizens and residents (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>
Sundowner, bush breakfast, bush dinner for park visitors not residing within the Park or Reserve (per person in an organised group)	500	10
Animal tracking in selected parks on prior arrangement (per person)	2,000	20
Warden's lecture (where available) with prior arrangement (per group)	3,000	30
Event sites Premium and Urban Parks (Terms and conditions apply)		
10-30 pax	10,000	100
31-50 pax	30,000	300
51-100 pax	50,000	500
Above 100 pax	80,000	800
All other parks (For every 100 pax)	20,000	200
<i>NB:</i>		
Guided nature walks and birdwatching (per person per day)	300	15
Drone charges (KCAA licences required)(per drone per day per park)	15,000	350
Commercial photography and videography for feature films adverts, dramas, music videos and short features (per day per park) (relevant licence required)	10,000	100
Photo Sessions (weddings, graduations, personal events) per group exclusive of park fees	3,000	30
Ecological restoration fees for approved off-road conservation activities such as commercial filming and photography among others	30% of the total cost of the activity	30% of the total cost of the activity
Picnic charges within KWS premises outside National Parks excluding vehicles (per person)	100	10

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Kenyan citizens/ East African Citizens and residents (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>
Vehicle parking charges per day KWS HQ, Malindi, Mombasa, Shimoni, Longonot, Hell's Gate and Lake Nakuru) Not applicable to park visitors with paid tickets	200	10
Night Nature Walk at Nairobi Safari Walk, Animal Orphanage, Saiwa Swamp and Kakamega National Reserve	500	10
Children boot camp (minimum 10 pax) prior booking required (per person per day)	1,000	10
Adult boot camp (minimum 10 pax) prior booking required (per person per day)	2,000	20
Participation in wildlife translocation and veterinary activities (per person per day)	10,000	150
Payment for private translocation operations (per translocations)	30% of total translocation costs	30% of total translocation costs
Virtual Tours at KWS parks and reserves (per session)	50% of the applicable conservation fees	50% of the applicable conservation fees
KWS Guided Cave exploration (Chyulu, Mt. Kenya, Aberdare, Tsavo West and Mt. Kenya), per person/day	500	20
Helicopter-Tourism (per person) up to 2hrs (per Park/Reserve)	5,000	100
Event Security per section of Rangers per day	87,000	1,000
Night game driver (per person per trip) exclusive of conservation fees in selected Parks and Reserves	3,000	30
Lake boating (per person per hour)	1,500	15
Security escort per group/per ranger (minimum two rangers) (up to 4 hours)	1,800	20
Security escort per group/per ranger (minimum two rangers) (up to 4 hours)	3,150	35
River rafting (per person)	2,000	20
Horse riding private horses (excluding rider per day)	1,500	15



<i>Activity</i>	<i>Kenyan citizens/ East African Citizens and residents (KSh.)</i>	<i>Non resident (USD)</i>
Bicycle hire (per day)	500	10
Sport fishing in Parks/reserves per line (excluding marine protected areas)	1,500	50
Cycling (per day) excluding conservation fees	200	10
Walking Safaris (per person per day)	1,500	15
Hire of Service Band (per day)	120,000	1,500