The Oui House
Located only 1km from the main park entrance, the facility offers a visitor a serene and quiet environment to unwind after a game drive. Meals and drinks are also available at reasonable prices. Hire of the grounds can be done for social and corporate functions with a capacity of 350 persons.

Rangers' Restaurants:
this one of its kind traditionally built and nestled between Nairobi safari walk. The restaurant overlooks the national park and gives you the feeling of being in the bush away from the hustle and bustle of the city centre.

SEBASTIAN CAFE: A self service cafe named after the famous Sebastian chimpanzee, this fabulously shaded restaurant lets you enjoy a meal at a reasonable price against the backdrop of Nairobi safari walk.

MEGA GIFT SHOP: A shop providing various services including a mail cafe a major gift with various items.

WHERE TO STAY
Twiga campsite:
Located just 500meters off Mombasa Road is the parks Twiga campsite. A camper will find a serene environment with modern facilities including hot water showers and electricity. A modern kitchen area is also provided.

Located within the forest area is a special campsite that is fully equipped.

ACCOMMODATION IN THE CITY
Nairobi city offers an abundance of accommodation options. For further information please consult your travel agent.

WHEN TO GO
The park is accessible all year round.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU
Drinking water and picnic items. Also useful are: Camera, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent and guidebooks.

HOW TO GET THERE
Open:
Daily 6.00am-7.00pm including public holidays.
Note: no entry is allowed on foot and visitors will not be allowed entry after 6.00pm.

Current entry charges:
Obtainable via KWS HQ Tel: (+254 (0) 20) 6000800, 6002345.
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NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK

THE WORLD'S ONLY WILDLIFE CAPITAL

Nairobi National Park is Kenya's oldest National Park and the first to be established in East Africa. It is the crown jewel of Kenya's conservation drive, and is very unique in its offering. No other city in the world can boast of a natural wilderness, teeming with wildlife and home to over 400 species of birds, just ten kilometers from the city center.

With an oasis of lion-gold plains, acacia-fringed rivers, leopard-stalked cliffs, plunging gorges and murky hippo pools, this versatile park hosts its own wildebeest migration and is the only place on earth where you can find black and white rhinos grazing against the silhouettes of office blocks and skyscrapers.

Lion-gold plains, dappled shade and cool valleys

With long, sloping plains of black cotton soil scoured by deep river valleys and gorges, Nairobi National Park is full of unexpected beauty and diverse habitats which include rolling grassy plains, riverine woodland, dense thickets, rocky gorges, dry upland forest and man-made dams & pools.

The wildlife watching experience

On the Western end of the park right near the main entrance is where most of the woodland is concentrated making it a good location to spot giraffes and (at dawn) leopards. The various man-made dams and ponds draw concentrations of animals especially during the dry season ranging from Zebra, Maasai giraffe, buffalo, antelope etc. The Nairobi National Park’s thriving prides of lions prefer the open country while the Cheetah families can be spotted sunbathing on top of the directional signs. The cheetah can be spotted in the plains with the elusive leopard spotted occasionally at dawn.

A thriving rhino sanctuary

The Park is one of Kenya's most successful rhino sanctuaries and has received wide acclaim all over the world. The park has the highest density of black rhino in the country and is also a home for the white rhino.

An ornithological paradise

The park's exceptional birdlife records a remarkable 400 species; their numbers swell up in March-May when a host of European migrants make the park their home. Look out for the marabou storks, vultures and hawk eagles perched high in the acacia trees and on the grasslands for secretary birds, bustard, ostrich and the gorgeous Jackson’s widowbird.

PICK OF THE PICNIC & EVENT SITES

An ideal day trip venue or green escape from the city, this versatile park offers the following selection of picnic and event sites.

- IMPALA OBSERVATION POINT: High on a hill just minutes from the main gate this site offers a stone-built rondavel with panoramic views and a picnic area (with latrines).

- THE IVORY BURNING SITE: Famous as the place where 12 tonnes of ivory were burnt by former President Moin in 1989 to show Kenya’s commitment to the conservation of elephants and our emphasis on zero trade in ivory, the site offers a spacious and convenient venue for picnics and bush functions.

- KINGFISHER PICNIC SITE: A green shaded area with picnic tables, ideal for early morning bush breakfasts.

- MOKOYET PICNIC SITE: An open cliff top site with shaded tables, latrines and extensive parking. Close by is Leopard cliff observation point, looking down into the Mbagathi river gorge below.

- HIPPO POOLS AND NATURE TRAILS: A short self-guided nature trail (Patrolled by KWS rangers) leads out of a shaded picnic area (latrines and running water available) along the Athi River and offers the opportunity of viewing hippo, crocodile, monkey, terrapin and a large variety of birds.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS OUTSIDE THE PARK

Nairobi Safari Walk

The Safari Walk (just before and to the right of the main gate) offers the rare chance of viewing different animals behaving as they would in their natural habitat. Traversed by panoramic raised timbered boardwalks it also makes for an informative walk and an enjoyable family outing.

The Animal Orphanage:

This small enclosure shelters a shifting population of orphaned, abandoned or wounded animals, most of whom are regaining their strength before being released back into the wild.

Dinning and shopping facilities

Shop for essential items before your game drive or unwind after you experience a drive in the national parks in these cool facilities. Whether you need a souvenir, snack or meal in the breeze, the choice is yours. Take a break in the shops and two restaurants conveniently located within the KWS headquarters. Your visit to Nairobi National Park will not be complete without a visit to these facilities.

Kifarushop:

The shop holds a variety of souvenir items such as maps, postcard, diaries, wildlife DVDs and reference books as well as providing visitors items required during a game drive.

FACT FILE

Altitude: 1,540-1,780 meters above sea level.
Area: 117 sq. km.
Location: Nairobi province Distance from Nairobi: 10 km from the city center.
Gazetted: December 1946 (Kenya's first National park)
Climate: January-March is hot and dry, April-June is hot and wet, and July-October is very warm and wet.
Vegetation: The Park has three main zones: dry highland forest at the western end, riverine-forested areas to the south and rolling grasslands which cover 99% of the park.
Wildlife: Over 80 recorded species to include rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, crocodile and hippo (there are no elephants)
Birds: more than 400 recorded species.
Roads: The over 250 km road network is well maintained and signedpost, and can be used by 4WD vehicles all year round. Some sections may require 4WD during the rainy seasons.