

Lake Mbuoro National Park

Lake Mbuoro National Park is located in Kiruhura District in western Uganda. The park is situated about 30 kilometers (19 mi), by road, east of Mbarara the largest city in the sub-region. This location is approximately 240 kilometers (150 mi), by road, west of Kampala, Uganda's capital and largest city.

At 260 square kilometers (100 sq. mi), the park is the smallest of Uganda's Savannah national parks.

The Lake Mbuoro National Park is named after the lake which falls in this territory.

Its sculptured landscape, with rolling hills and idyllic lake shores has a varied mosaic of habitats; forest galleries, seasonal and permanent swamps, and rich acacia-woodland, and grassy valleys which all support a wealth of wildlife.

Being near the equator, the rainfall pattern is bimodal, with the long rains occurring from February to June, and the short rains from September to December.

This little park hosts a variety of animals, that is to say 68 mammal species, including a large number of Impalas (the antelope from which "Kampala" is named after), plains zebras, Uganda kobs, duikers, bushbucks, topis, buffaloes, leopards, spotted hyenas, Defassa waterbucks, warthogs, oribi. There are 315 bird species. The vegetation is mainly open savannah of acacia trees, olea and boscia. Lake Mbuoro NP is a natural haven for fauna and flora. The bank teems with animals and birds. Crocodiles and hippopotami are permanent residents, and buffaloes come to drink during the dry season. The wide variety of resident birds includes finfoots, malachite kingfishers, pied kingfishers, African fish eagles, Rüppell's long-tailed starlings, blue-headed coucals, tambourine doves, hammerkops, pelicans, herons, cormorants, red-faced barbets, grey crowned cranes, papyrus yellow warblers and even rare shoebills.

Access to the park is by Masaka-Mbarara Road from Kampala.

Driving time to Lake Mbuoro National Park is around \pm 4 hours.



One of the gates of Lake Mburo NP.



Part of Lake Mbuo National Park consists of savannah.



Another area is overgrown with acacias and shrubs.



Lake Mbuho is one of the five lakes within the park. In the foreground warthogs are foraging.



Between the lakes are vast marshlands.



Young vervet monkeys playing.