

TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS



WALKING SAFARI GUIDELINES



1.0 BACKGROUND

Walking safari is an environmentally friendly activity which enables visitors to be in close contact with nature and thus promotes visitors' experience and enjoyment of park resources.

This activity is conducted on designated walking trails under the escort of armed park rangers and professional guides.

These guidelines are developed in order to ensure proper operation of the activity.

2.0 WALKING SAFARI OPERATORS

Walking safari operator must:

- i. Have a valid business license (TTLB)
- ii. Have relevant experience with clean business record
- iii. Have well trained and professional Tanzanian guides.

NB: This activity may be conducted by a Tour operator who has an agreement with TANAPA.

TANAPA will terminate the agreement with the Tour Operator upon violation of the guidelines or any other park regulations and directives.

3.0 SAFETY, SECURITY AND HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

- i. Briefing and de-briefing will be mandatory to all groups conducting walking safari.
- ii. All walks will always be conducted in a single line.
- iii. Walking safaris are restricted to persons above the age of 12.
- iv. The tour operator must have reliable communication devices and first aid kit.
- v. High caliber rifle (.375 or .404 or .458 and above) with monolithic solid ammunitions shall be used for the walking safaris.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CONSIDERATION

The activity should be conducted in a manner that does not disturb other park users and cause negative impact to the environment.

NB. Code of conducts should be strictly adhered to

5.0 TYPES OF WALKING SAFARIS

5.1 Short walking Safari.

The maximum duration for this activity is four (4) hours.

5.2 Long walks

Any such activity above four (4) hours will be considered as a long walk.

6.0 BOOKING SYSTEM

Prior booking is mandatory.

7.0 TIMING AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VISITORS

- Walking safaris will be conducted between 06:30hrs and 18:30hrs.
- The group per walking trip should not exceed four (4) clients.

8.0 PAYMENT MODALITIES

- i. Clients or tour operators shall pay applicable fee using Government electronic payment gateway (GePG-MoF), online, bank and mobile or any other approved means of payments. Clients may reserve and make all the payment online through online TANAPA Portal available on website **www.tanzaniaparks.go.tz/onlineportal**.
- ii. Fees for the activity shall be in accordance to TANAPA tariffs as reviewed from time to time.
- iii. Payment may be made by Master/ Visa cards at the point of payment inside the park prior to the walk
- iv. Fees once paid are non refundable.

9.0 INDEMNITY FORMS

All visitors must fill in and sign Indemnity forms prior to conducting the activity.

10.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Regular monitoring shall be carried out by park management to see if the activity complies with the operating guidelines and TANAPA regulations. Park management shall also conduct annual evaluation to assess the impact of the activity and recommend effective mitigation measures.

Review of the guidelines shall be carried out regularly as may deem necessary.

**Conservation Commissioner
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