

NATIONAL PARK · TANZANIA · RIFT VALLEY

Lake Manyara

at a glance

A soda lake full of pelicans and flamingos, above it the 600-metre wall of the Rift Valley, and in between a groundwater forest and acacias where lions rest in the branches: the small park on the road from Arusha to the Serengeti.

648.7 km² 127,750 38,325 102,200

AREA

of which 262.7 km² lake

ENTRY

TZS per 24 hours, incl. 18% tax

CHILDREN 5 TO 15

TZS

VEHICLE

TZS up to 2 t, registered abroad

BEFORE YOU GO

**Size and management**

The park was established in 1960 and is managed by Tanzania National Parks.

**Biosphere reserve since 1981**

UNESCO lists the park as the core of the Lake Manyara Biosphere Reserve, recognised in 1981.

**By car**

From Arusha to Mto wa Mbu it is 115 km (71 mi) or two hours on the Makuyuni–Ngorongoro–Serengeti road, according to the authority.

**Dry seasons**

According to the park brochure, it is dry from late June to October and in January and February.

**Permit and gates**

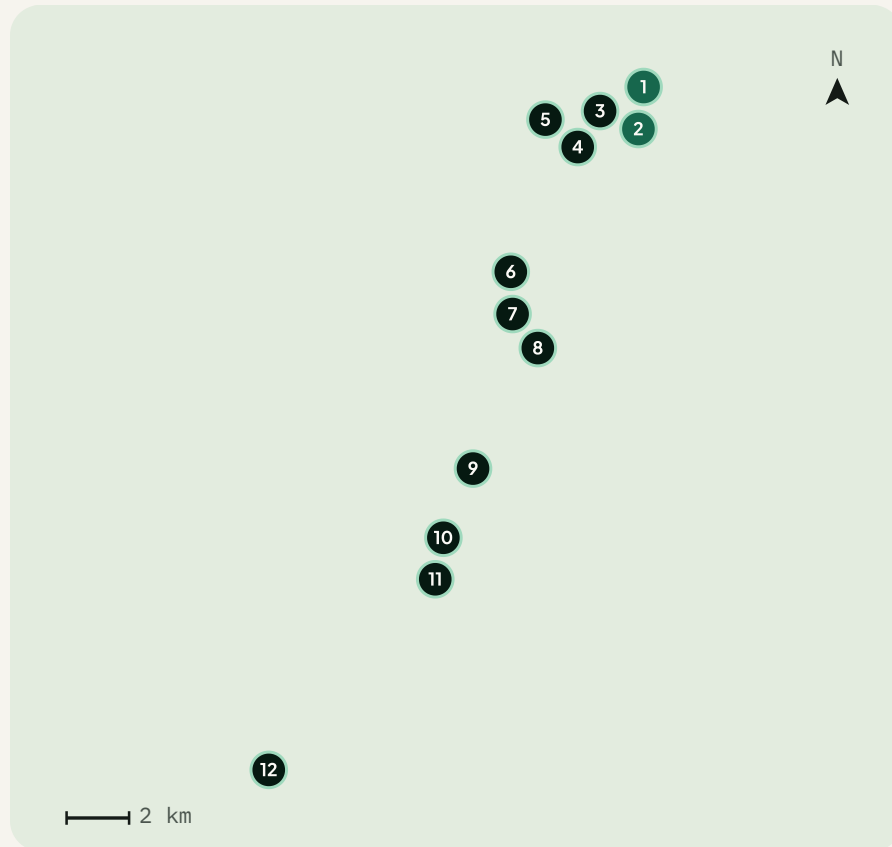
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**Speed limit 50**

No more than 50 km/h (31 mph). Do not block other visitors or their view of animals.

**Fees and opening hours, up to date**

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date: nationalparksatlas.com/en/tanzania/lake-manyara



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| 6 Mchanga River | 12 Endabash Public Campsite |

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GROUNDWATER FOREST AND TREETOP WALKWAY



LAKESHORE AND GRASSLAND IN THE NORTH



ACACIA WOODLAND AND TREE-CLIMBING LIONS

THINGS TO DO

Game drives

The tracks follow the foot of the Rift Valley wall from north to south.

Walking safari

A ranger who knows the area leads you through places with plenty of wildlife and changing habitats.

Canoeing

From the water you see the forested escarpment and get close to water birds such as lesser flamingos.

Lions in the trees

In the narrow belt of acacias, lions often rest in the branches.

Treetop walkway

A path of suspension bridges up to 18 m (59 ft) above the groundwater forest, 470 m long according to the ...

Night game drive

The authority calls the park the best place to experience nocturnal animals and birds.

Birdwatching

More than 400 bird species have been recorded; according to the authority you see about a hundred in a day.

Groundwater forest

Below the escarpment, perennial springs feed an evergreen forest, which UNESCO describes as having Trichilia ...

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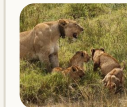
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