

NATIONAL PARK · KENYA · TAITA-TAVETA

Tsavo East & West

at a glance

Two national parks, the two largest in Kenya: red elephants and the Yatta Plateau in the east, lava, springs and rhinos in the west, divided by the road to Mombasa.

about **13,747** km²

TSAVO EAST
since April 1948

about **9,065** km²

TSAVO WEST

40 km

SPEED LIMIT
/h

BEFORE YOU GO



Two parks, one authority

Tsavo East and Tsavo West are two separate national parks run by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS).



Tsavo East: the largest park in Kenya

Tsavo East was established in April 1948 and covers about 13,747 square kilometres (5,308 sq mi) according to KWS.



Tsavo East from the coast

According to the park page, it is 110 km (68 mi) from Mombasa to Bachuma Gate, 156 to Voi Gate and 191 to Manyani Gate, all on the highway ...



Driest months: June to September

According to NASA climate means for 2001 to 2020, only 12 to 21 millimetres of rain fall per month in both parks from June to September.



Speed limit 40 km/h

The speed limit is 40 km/h (25 mph). Speeding is penalised.



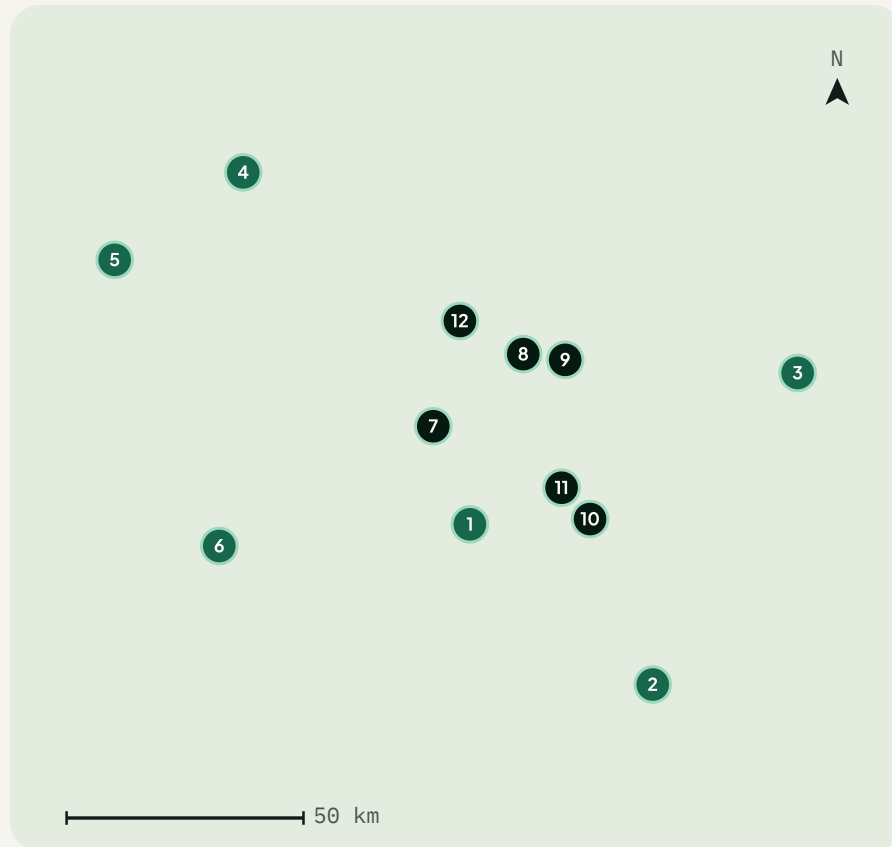
20 metres from animals

Watch wildlife from at least 20 metres (66 ft). Feeding is prohibited.



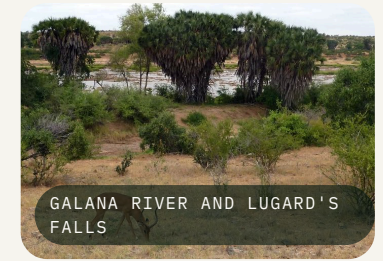
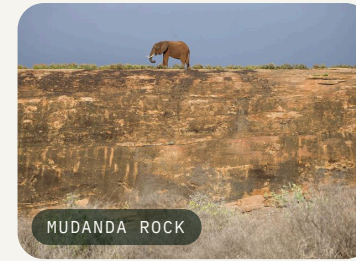
Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date: nationalparksatlas.com/en/kenya/tsavo



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| 1 Voi Gate | 7 Mudanda Rock |
| 2 Bachuma Gate | 8 Lugard's Falls |
| 3 Sala Gate | 9 Lugards Special Campsite |
| 4 Mtito Andei Gate | 10 Aruba Dam |
| 5 Chyulu Gate | 11 Aruba Airstrip |
| 6 Maktau Gate | 12 Yatta Plateau |

Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



THINGS TO DO

Game drive in your own or a safari vehicle

Most visitors experience Tsavo from a vehicle.

Mzima Springs on foot

At Mzima Springs in Tsavo West, water emerges from beneath the lava rock and forms clear pools where animals ...

Birdwatching

KWS lists over 500 bird species for Tsavo East and over 600 for Tsavo West.

Hirola

According to the park page, the critically endangered hirola antelope lives in Tsavo East.

[More on the park page](#)

Night game drive

Both park pages mention guided night safaris.

Stars over Tsavo

Both park pages highlight the dark sky: little light pollution and good conditions for stargazing.

Red elephants

KWS describes the elephants of Tsavo East as dust-red: they cover themselves with the red soil of the park.

Yatta Plateau and Galana

The Galana River runs through the bushland of Tsavo East; KWS calls the Yatta Plateau the longest lava flow ...

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Tsavo East in one day: pick-up in Mombasa, Mtwapa, Diani or Tiwi

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Tsavo East and Tsavo West in three days, with Mzima Springs

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