



Forest of Hope Guest House and Camp Site

In December 2020, Forest of Hope opened its new Guest House and Camp Site at the Gishwati Research Station at Gishwati-Mukura National Park. Gishwati is an example of ecotourism at its best, with the proceeds of every visit contributing to the reforestation, protection and conservation of both the park's diverse flora and fauna and the upliftment of its surrounding communities.

Facilities:

The Forest of Hope Guest House offers 2 en-suite rooms with 2 twin beds including mosquito nets; no triple rooms are available. There is hot water, electricity and WIFI available. The Guest House will cater for 3 meals a day – breakfast, lunch and dinner, with the latter two from a set menu prepared by the Gishwati chef. Included in the rate are certain drinks like tea, coffee, water and juice. A small selection of other drinks are available at additional charge.

The Forest of Hope Camp Site is un-serviced and only suitable for self-catering guests. Toilet and shower facilities, a small fireplace, a barbeque stand and water for cleaning and cooking are available.

Guided activities in the park and in the surrounding communities are included, with the community activities paid separately to the community cooperatives. Laundry available on request at an additional fee.

Note: There are no vehicles on site at the Forest of Hope Guest House and Camp Site, thus guests need to travel with their own vehicle, or book a vehicle via their tour operator. For the 1 km access road a 4x4 vehicle is recommended.

Check-in and Check-out Times:

- Check-in time is from 14:00 pm
- Check out time is before 10:00 am

Note: To visit Gishwati Forest it is required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken within 24 hours of the visit.

Children:

Children of 15 years or older are welcome to stay at the Guest House and Camp Site and join the forest experience. Children up to 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Highlights:

- A stunning waterfall hike, excellent birding, nature walks.
- Visits to surrounding community projects.
- An onsite indigenous tree nursery.
- Learning about the medicinal and cultural uses of the trees and plants in the area.
- Meeting local weavers, potters, sculptors and craftsmen, and admiring their handiwork.

Hiking:

Gishwati Forest has beautiful hills, a cool climate and is situated in an area with high rainfall. We recommend guests bring good walking/hiking shoes, rain gear and some warm layers to make the most of the experience.

Payment Facilities:

- Payment for accommodation must be made by bank transfer.
- Additional charges for drinks, souvenirs, laundry or other extras can be settled by MOMO or cash.

Please note, the park fee is included in the accommodation fee. It is not possible to book accommodation and park fee separately.

CATEGORY	Per person per night sharing (USD)	Single supplement (USD)	Gishwati permit per person (includes daily access to the forest)	Total (per person per night sharing)
Guest house (serviced, includes three meals per day and soft drinks)	USD 200 (international)	USD 75	USD 50	USD 275
	USD 125 (foreign residents and Rwandans)	USD 50	RWF 20.000 (foreign residents)	USD 125 + RWF 20.000
			RWF 10.000 (Rwandans)	USD 125 + RWF 10.000
Camp Site (un-serviced, includes access to rainwater collection, & SGRS communal ablutions)	USD 20 (1 person 1 tent)	0	USD 50 Foreigners	USD 20/30 + USD 50
	USD 30 (2 person 1 tent)		RWF 20.000 Foreign residents	USD 20/30 + RWF 20.000
			RWF 10.000 Rwandan Citizens	USD 20/30 + RWF 10.000

No walk-in guests can be accommodated. All bookings to be made in advance by email to farwanda2012@gmail.com.

Guest House Rates Include:

Accommodation, 3 meals a day, beverages like coffee/tea/water/juice, guided activities in the park, guided visits to the community.

Guest House Rates Exclude:

Transport to and from the accommodation, laundry, souvenirs, alcoholic and soda beverages.

Terms and Conditions

- 100% payment is required at least 1 month before travel.
- In the case of a last-minute booking, 100% payment is required at least 1 week before travel.
- In the case of cancellation, no refund is offered; however, if communicated a week before travel date, a new booking date can be made.

Location and Route Description – Forest of Hope Guest House and Camp Site

Rutsiro District, Western Province, Rwanda. GPS co-ordinates -1.83221, 29.35438

From Kigali or Rubavu on the NR4 take the turn at Pfunda Tea Estate on to the NR11. Follow the NR11 for roughly 25 km. You will pass first the Gishwati Forest sign, and after passing the Kinyihira village sign turn left at the signpost for Forest of Hope Guest House and Camp Site. Continue for 1 km along this access road (4x4 is recommended). Keep left and follow the small signage until you reach the Forest of Hope Guest House and Camp Site.



A Visit to Gishwati Forest

Note: To visit Gishwati Forest it is required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours of the visit.

- A full briefing on safety regulations and visitors' protocols will be conducted by the guide before visiting the park.
- All visitors are required to be free of any flu-like symptoms, fever or high temperature at the time of the walk; your temperature is screened before entering the forest.
- Wear clean clothing, a face mask and sanitise your boots and hands before entering the forest (sanitiser is provided).
- Take drinking water and a rain jacket with you.
- Do not eat close to any primates, and do not leave any food behind in the forest.
- Never feed any of the wildlife.
- Spitting and smoking in the forest is strictly prohibited.
- Do not litter in the forest; take only your memories with you and leave only your footprints behind.
- No music is allowed and phone should be on silent.
- Minimum age for the park visit is 15 years.
- We recommend to go in to the park with a porter to assist you to carry your luggage, and also to assist you in some areas that might be muddy, steep or have slippery terrain. A porter is arranged from the community co-operative via the Forest of Hope at an additional costs of \$5.



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