

Geographical Location and Historical Background

The Wajir Museum was officially open on 19th April, 2011.

The main objective of this museum is to give you a glimpse of the rich cultural, historical and natural heritage of Northern Kenya and its interaction with the world.

The Wajir Museum houses an exhibition that reflects traditions and the customs of communities living in this Northern part of Kenya. The theme of the exhibition is "A Window to Northern Kenya".

It is a part of initiatives to open up Northern Kenya to the tourism industry forming a part of the tourist attractions that will offer distinctive products in the region.

History of Wajir

Wajir was occupied in 1912, to prevent the Boranas from being driven away from the Wells which originally belonged to them by other tribes. British Officers arrived at Wajir in 1913.

In 1921 the military took over the administration of the district until September 1925, when it reverted to civil administration. In 1928, the boundary was shifted North of Modo Gashe to the line of Uaso Nyiro and Lake Dera. Until 1917, Bulsesa was a sub-district of Wajir but in 1918, Wajir became a district of its own.

The headquarters of Wajir was evacuated in 1940 during the Italian invasion. Since that period, Wajir has remained a full district since 1918.

Communities of Northern Kenya

The following nine communities form the northern part of Kenya: Borana, Rendile, Turkana, Elmololo, Pokot, Samburu, Somali, Dasanach and Gabbra.

They live a nomadic way of life in a semi arid environment which supports camel, cattle, sheep, goats and donkeys. The Elmololo are fishermen while the Dasanach practice agro-pastoralism.

Accessibility: Road, Air.

Attractions

Wajir town is a host to several other Sites and Monuments among them the Wagalla Massacre Site, Yahut dam, Shaletey wells, monumental buildings, the British bunkers and Orpahey wells.

Historical Sites:

- Old homes built by Italian Prisoners
- Old court house
- British/ Italian War Bunkers
- Orpahey wells

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