

Historical Background

Located along Magadi road, an hour's drive and 70kms away from Nairobi, Olorgesailie pre-historic site is world renowned as the "factory of stone tools" and the only place in the world with the largest number.

The prominence and accumulation of human tools represents actual camping places of early men and evidence that human species had a tropical origin. The site is in a lake basin that existed about 100,000 to 200,000 years ago.

Researchers, Dr. and Mrs. Leakey, started investigations on the site in 1942 where they found important evidence that concerns the habits and activities of early prehistoric peoples of the Acheulean or "Hand axe" culture.

Olorgesailie has excellently preserved biological and cultural evidence about the evolution of man. This was made possible by heavy falls of alkaline volcanic ash from the nearby Mt. Suswa and Mt. Longonot, which might have contributed much to the accumulated ash in the lake basin. There is evidence of humid climate during part of the middle Pleistocene that is given by temporary lakes and swamps that exist in the area today. The sediments left by the lake cover an area of 80 km².

Things to do/ Attractions

- Museum and site- the museum interprets the pre-historic site. One can then take a walk to see the actual site and the discoveries made here
- Bird watching- the site is a bird watcher's paradise citing the highest number of migratory bird species in Kenya.
- Mountain climbing- Mt. Olorgesailie was named after a renowned Maasai elder who used to meditate and hold meetings with village elders up the mountain. On average it takes 3 hours to ascend and the same to descend best climbed from 5:00 am.
- Camp site- affordable camping facilities available.
- Picnic site
- Baboon camp- congregation of baboons in the evening 1 km from the campsite.

CAMPING RATES

Citizen

Adult: Ksh.300

Child (below 16 years): Ksh.200

Residents & EA

Adult: Ksh. 400
Child (below 16 years): Ksh.250

Non-Resident
Adult: Ksh. 600
Child (below 16 years): Ksh. 300

BANDAS

Deluxe Bandas

Citizen
Single: Ksh. 1,200
Double: Ksh. 1,500

Residents and EA
Single: Ksh. 1,500
Double: Ksh. 1,800

Non-Resident
Single: Ksh. 1,800
Double: Ksh.2,000

Standard Bandas

Citizen
Single: Ksh 1,000
Double: Ksh. 1,200

Residents and EA
Single: Ksh. 1,200
Double: Ksh. 1,500

Non-Resident
Single: Ksh. 1,500
Double: Ksh. 1,800

Other Charges

Mountain Guide fees: Maximum 5pax per guide: Ksh.5,000

Baboon Camp Guide fee: Ksh. 500 per person

Picnic fees per person: Adult Ksh. 200, Child (below 16 years):Ksh. 100

Museum open Daily at 8:00am- 6:00pm.