

**EXCURSION 1: AROUND WUNDANYI SUB-COUNTY**

**FULL DAY TREKKING TOUR TO WESU ROCK WITH PICNIC LUNCH**

Time	Activity
8:00- 10:00 a.m.	Leave for Wesu hill
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon	Site seeing, photograph taking and health rest
12 noon - 2:00 p.m.	Picnic lunch.
2:00 p.m.	Descend from Wesu Hill



**EXCURSION 2: TOUR TO NGANGAO FOREST. VISIT KITUKUNYI CULTURAL CENTRE WITH LUNCH AND A VISIT TO KENYATTA CAVES.**

Time	Activity
5:30-6:30 a.m.	Leave for Ngangao forest
6:30-10:30 a.m.	At Ngangao forest. bird watching, butterfly watching and bird monitoring
10:30- 11:30a.m.	Leave for NjamaMizango cultural group
11:30- 2:30 p.m.	At NjamaMizango cultural center with lunch.
2:30- 3:30 p.m.	Leave for Kenyatta caves
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Heros caves. Site seeing and photography taking
5:00 p.m.	Departure



**CNGANGAO FOREST**

Ngangao forest is a closed canopy cloud forest which is reminiscent of the rich tropical rainforest of central Africa. It is easy to traverse due to the gentle topography of the area and well beaten paths. The forest consists of a variety of endemics for both flora and fauna. It is an important bird area with species that are only found in Taita-Taveta County, the *Taita white eye*, *Taita apalis* and *Taita trush*

**Jomo Kenyatta caves**

Caves are locally known as the Kino caves or Jomo Kenyatta caves. These caves were used by some of

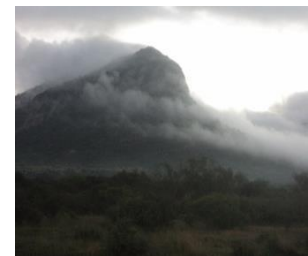
the freedom fighters of Kenya and East Africa. They were used for hiding from the colonial rulers, the British in Kenya and the Germans in Tanzania. There are three caves; the first one is where Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and Dr. Kwame Nkruma used to meet with fellow, Kenyans to discuss mainly the Kenyan business. The second one he used to meet the late President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania. The 3rd cave was a kitchen where Mr. Nyambu's wife used to prepare meals for Kenyatta and his guests.

Wesu hill is found in Wundanyi sub-county, Taita-Taveta County in Kenya. The site is famous for nature walking, photograph taking, holding event such as camping, bonfire and picnics.

Njama Mizango cultural Centre is situated in Wundanyi sub-county in Kitukuni. The cultural Centre is open every Thursday, the activities that can be undertaken here are cultural food cooking i.e. Kimanga, drum playing, showing and viewing of other local Artifacts of the Taita community and Taita dance performance and singing.

**EXCURSION 3: TOUR TO VURIA HILLS. MOUNTAIN CLIMBING WITH A VISIT TO MWAWONGE CULTURAL CENTRE**

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Leave for Vuria hills
8:00- 1:00 p.m.	Arrive at Vuria Landscape photography, site seeing and mountain climbing with picnic lunch.
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Leave for Mwawonge cultural Centre
2:00- 4:30	At Mwawonge cultural Centre, photograph taking and learn the history of Taita culture etc.
4:30 p.m.	Departure



**Vuria Hill**

Vuria hill is located at Njawuli Sub location in Mwanda. Vuria hill is known to be the highest peak of the Coast province, it is said to be 2208m above sea level. The biggest cave/rock shelter in Taita used as a hiding place by Mwangeka and his fighters against the British soldiers is found in this hill.

**EXCURSION 4: A VISIT TO NJORO SPRINGS AND LAKE CHALA WITH LUNCH AT CHALA.**

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00- 9:30 a.m.	Leave for Njoro springs
9:30- 12:30 p.m.	A tour at Njoro springs Site seeing and photograph taking
12:30 -1:30 p.m.	Lunch at Chala and health rest.



<b>1:30-2:30 p.m.</b>	Leave for Lake Chala
<b>2:30-4:30 p.m.</b>	Tour at lake Chala
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Departure

### **Lake Chala**

Lake Chala is found at the Kenya – Tanzania boarder. The border bisects the lake into almost two equal halves. It was formed like a gigantic bowl characterized by a steep depression whose source is thought to be Mt. Kilimanjaro. According to Taveta myth Lake Chala was once a village. One evening an old woman visited the village seeking for assistance in form of food and shelter. Many of the inhabitants would not assist her; some even chastised and humiliated her. However, one lady empathized and helped the stranger. That night the stranger told her host that the village would experience a powerful tremor; further she advised the host to hold fast onto central mast of her house. Indeed the tremor came to pass and the lady obeyed the old woman's instructions. Everybody else in the village perished during the tremor except the host and her family.

**EXCURSION 5: FULL DAY TOUR AT KITOBO FOREST. VISIT TO NJORO SPRINGS WITH LUNCH AT LUWORO CULTURAL CENTRE IN NJORO.**

TIME	Activity
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Leave for Kitobo forest
9:00- 11:00 a.m.	At Kitobo forest nature walk
11:00- 12:00 noon	Leave for Luworo cultural Centre
12:00- 3:00 p.m.	Lunch at Luworo cultural Centre in Njoro, Taveta cultural history.
3:00- 3:30 p.m.	Leave for Njoro springs
3:30- 5:00 p.m.	A tour at Njoro springs.
5:00 p.m.	Departure



### Njoro springs

This Canal was built by Colonel Grogan in the 1950's purposely to irrigate his farms and supply the WWII soldiers with fresh farm products. He started by planting rice and vegetables but shortly thereafter, abandoned the project at the dawn of Kenya's independence; he settled in South Africa. Prehistoric materials were also found around the site. The underground water springs occupy an area about one acre. It is the source of water for the entire Taveta area.

**EXCURSION 6: TOUR AT TAVETA BATTLE FIELDS WITH LUNCH IN TAVETA TOWN.**

Time	Activity
8:00- 9:00	Drive to Taveta battlefields
9:00-12:30	At Taveta battle fields, learn the cultural history of the Taveta community, photography taking visit to Salaita hill.
12:30-1:30	Lunch at Taveta
1:30-3:30	Visit Taveta town and go for shopping.
3:30p.m.	Departure



### Salaita hill

At Salaita Hill, there is a hollowed Baobab tree with an interesting myth of a German woman who became stranded during the build up to the war when she was visiting her boyfriend, a young officer stationed at Salaita Hill. Allegedly, the woman was sheltering inside the Baobab tree which she occasionally used as a tree cave to hide with her boyfriend. The woman carried a sporting rifle and she successfully sniped at the British troops from her hideout on the baobab tree. The Germany fortress, built of volcanic stones was used during WW1 by the German Army. It is located strategically on a high

ground which enabled the Germany Army to point out the Enemy easier.

Time	Activity
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Drive to Mbololo forest
9:00-12:30 p.m.	At Mbololo forest. Start with mountain climbing, do site seeing and photograph taking.
12:30- 1:30 p.m.	Picnic lunch and health rest.
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Depart to Mbololo cultural Centre.
2:30- 5:00 p.m.	At Mbololo cultural Centre, take part in the cultural dancing, viewing the artifacts and photograph taking.
5:00 p.m.	Departure



**EXCURSION 7: TOUR AT MBOLOLO FOREST AND MOUNTAIN CLIMBING WITH LUNCH AT MBOLOLO CULTURAL CENTRE**

**Mbololo forest**

There are at least nine plant species found in Mbololo forest that do not exist any other place in the world except here. They include the African violet – *Saintpauliateitensis*, *Memecyclon teitensis*, *Milletiaobrata*, and *Psychotriapetitae*

**EXCURSION 8: TOUR AT SAGALLA FOREST WITH CULTURAL EXPERIENCE WITH LUNCH AT MLILO NGOMA AND A VISIT TO RAY MUSEUM.**

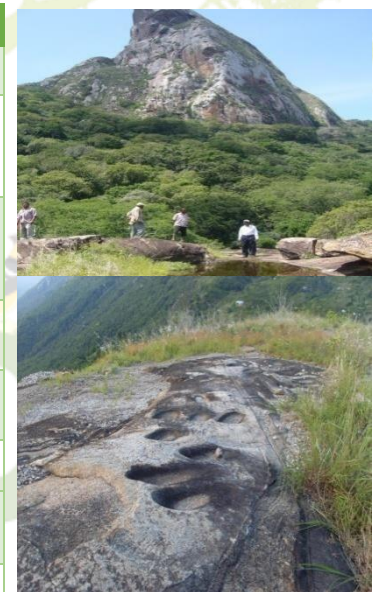
Time	Activity
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Leave for Sagalla forest
8:00-12:30 p.m.	At Sagalla forest for site seeing, nature walk, bird watching and photograph taking
12:30- 3:30p.m.	Take lunch at Mlilongoma And have cultural experience.
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Leave for Ray museum
4:30-5:30 p.m.	At ray museum
5:30 p.m.	Departure



The Old St. Mark Church measuring 60x40 ft is a unique structure that was built mainly of iron sheets and wood. One is able to see the original church furniture and prayer objects. A forest patch on a slope with very unique beauty and very sacred to the Saghala people. The forest locally known as Fighi or a protective sacred grove.

**EXCURSION 9: TOUR OF SAGALLA WITH A VISIT TO GOE HILL, RAY MUSEUM AND VISIT MLILO NGOMA FOR CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AND TAKE LUNCH THERE.**

Time	Activity
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Drive to Sagalla
8:00-9:30 a.m.	At Sagalla, do site seeing and photograph taking
9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Visit Goe hill for mountain climbing, site seeing and photograph taking.
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch and health rest at Mlilongoma.
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Cultural experience at Mlilongoma
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Drive to Ray museum.
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Visit ray museum for site seeing and photograph taking
5:30 p.m.	Departure.



**Goe rock**

Goe Rock in Saghala is a very beautiful Scene with various Heritage Sites. It is a huge rock, flat at the top and with a cave/rock shelter on its lower side. Anglican Church was built in 1883 by Mr. Wray with a unique architecture now a community museum. The Kettles on Goe rock are Neolithic and could be more than 8,000 years old. Inside the cave, you can be able to notice the sticks used to divide the “rooms”.



**EXCURSION 10: TOUR OF SAGALLA, MWANAKAVIRI NATURE TRAIL WITH LUNCH AT CATTLE BOMA.**

Time	Activity
<b>6:00-7:30 a.m.</b>	Drive to Mwanakaviri
<b>7:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.</b>	Arrive at Mwanakaviri to undertake a nature trail. At Mwanakaviri do site seeing and take photos
<b>12:30-1:30 p.m.</b>	Drive cattle boma
<b>1:30-3:30 p.m.</b>	At cattle boma have lunch and learn the history of Sagalla community.
<b>3:30-4:00 p.m.</b>	Drive back to Mwanakaviri
<b>4:00- 5:30 p.m.</b>	At Sagalla. Visit the Mwanakaviri caves
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Departure



**Charges; Each of 2 – 165 Dollars, Each of 3 – 125 Dollars, Each of 4 – 105 Dollars, Each of 5 – 95 Dollars, Each of 6 – 90 Dollars, Each of 7 – 85 Dollars**

**Mwanakaviri**

The Mwanakaviri caves were used as a hideout for Sagalla people during the Second World War in 1945. The caves were divided in three chambers, one as a house. The young men would stay on top of the caves as guards to protect the women, children and the old men. Mwanakaviri picnic site, is ideal for your lunch. Landscape viewing and nature walk at the forest can be done at this site while viewing different types of birds and flora.

**EXCURSION 11: TOUR OF KASIGHAU BATTLE FIELDS. MOUNTAIN CLIMBING WITH LUNCH AT KASIGHAU CULTURAL CENTRE.**

Time	Activity
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Drive to Kasighau
8:30-11:30 p.m.	Mountain climbing at Kasighau.
11:30- 12:30 p.m.	Visit Kasighau battlefields
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Drive to Kasighau cultural Centre
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Arrive at Kasighau culture Centre, take lunch and have a cultural experience while taking photos as well.
5:00 p.m.	Departure.



***British Gun Escarpments***

**Kasighau Battlefield.**

British Gun Escarpments can still be seen on the Kasighau hill. This was a very strategic point for the British army during the war. One can also interact with the culture, enjoy a local meal and also be able to see the women basket weaver's products.

**EXCURSION 12: TOUR OF MARAMUNYI CULTURAL CENTRE.**



Time	Activity
<b>8:30-11:30 p.m.</b>	Drive to Maramunyi
<b>11:30- 12:30 p.m.</b>	Briefing by an Abyssian elder
<b>12:30-1:00 p.m.</b>	Lunch at Kirombo camp and have a cultural experience
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Departure.

A big area about 200 Acres of eroded land with gullies as deep as 5ft at some places. Very little vegetation on the surface and with traces of iron ore in the soils.

This is a burnt village. This is where Wambisha -Habesha clan (descendants of Queen Sheba), who coexisted with the Taitas, lived 800 years ago. In present times the 8<sup>th</sup> generation of Wambisha resides there.