

NYERERE NATIONAL PARK SEASONALITY AND WILDLIFE VIEWING

Camp: Roho ya Selous

❄ Minimum average temperature ☀ Maximum average temperature ☁ Average rainfall
■ High season ■ Low season ■ Camp closed



JANUARY

The year is off to a hot and humid start but thanks to December's rain the trees are in flower and many of the birds begin to show breeding plumage. The animals continue to be quite widely dispersed.

❄ 22°C / 72°F ☀ 30°C / 86°F ☁ 200mm / 7.9in

FEBRUARY

Another hot month with the odd chance of a short shower — these showers are short and rather dramatic, and the stormy skies are ideal for photographers. The game is still more widely dispersed than other times of year so expect to work a little harder for sightings in Feb. Binoculars are essential.

❄ 22°C / 72°F ☀ 30°C / 86°F ☁ 191mm / 7.5in

MARCH

A fantastic month for birding. Temperatures can be a little cooler and the humidity recedes as the long rainy season draws closer. The bush could still be rather thick making the game slightly harder to spot — the fun lies in the challenge.

❄ 22°C / 72°F ☀ 29°C / 84°F ☁ 263mm / 9.3in

APRIL - MAY

Long rains — camp closed

A ❄ 22°C / 72°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 224mm / 8.7in

M ❄ 20°C / 68°F ☀ 28°C / 82°F ☁ 72mm / 2.8in

JUNE

The dry season is beginning, and rain showers are becoming more infrequent. Daytime and nighttime temperatures are comfortable (well by Nyerere standards) and this time of year is visually striking — the landscape is lush and green, and many flowers are in bloom.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 27°C / 81°F ☁ 12mm / 0.5in

JULY

As the dry season continues the game becomes easier to spot, the vegetation becomes thinner and the herbivores begin to gather around the permanent water sources. The water levels in the Rufiji River drop, exposing sandbanks which is perfect conditions for spotting those huge crocs and hippos on a boat safari.

❄ 17°C / 63°F ☀ 26°C / 79°F ☁ 5mm / 0.2in

AUGUST

The daytime temperature in August can be very comfortable, making walking and fly camping ideal. All-day game drives are also an option. This is Africa's largest game reserve and much ground may need to be covered to spot the wild dog which call this park home.

❄ 18°C / 64°F ☀ 27°C / 81°F ☁ 7mm / 0.3in

SEPTEMBER

As the year moves further into the dry season, predator sightings increase — the receding water makes for vulnerable herbivores. Elephant sightings are traditionally frequent in September, especially around the dry riverbeds where they can be seen digging waterholes.

❄ 19°C / 66°F ☀ 29°C / 84°F ☁ 11mm / 0.4in

OCTOBER

The humidity is starting to creep up and short, isolated showers are not out of the question, but the game viewing is still fantastic, especially as visitor numbers begin to drop a little. The first migratory birds arrive towards the end of the month.

❄ 21°C / 70°F ☀ 30°C / 86°F ☁ 26mm / 1in

NOVEMBER

It is now rather hot during the day and the chance of rain showers are high — but until the showers come the game viewing is excellent. And for those interested in birds many more migratory species will have arrived.

❄ 22°C / 72°F ☀ 31°C / 88°F ☁ 69mm / 2.7in

DECEMBER

The heat and the humidity continue and as the rains fall the trees grow back their leaves and the vegetation thickens. It looks incredibly lush, but game is more dispersed as there are more water sources and food resources.

❄ 22°C / 72°F ☀ 30°C / 86°F ☁ 145mm / 5.7in

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