

SIWANDU MONTHLY GUIDE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
Booking Season	LOW		CLOSED			LOW	HIGH			LOW				
Ave Daytime temp (°C)	31	30	Camp is closed due to heavy rains			29	32 (max of 42 may occur)			31	31			
Ave Nighttime temp (°C)	21	21				18	24			22	22			
Rainfall	Most days will be dry but afternoon or early morning showers may occur towards the end of this period.					No rain should occur, until the last few days of October.			Afternoon thundershowers can start anytime from Nov onwards and then will occur every 2 or 3 days on average.					
Weather description	Days get warm early in the mornings and temperature soon rise into the 30's. Humidity may climb with overcast conditions.					Cool (not cold) mornings with pleasant to warm tempartures by day.			Mornings are pleasant but temperatures start rising early. Mid-afternoon temperatures of high 30's can be expected towards the end of October. Mostly dry-heat.		Last few weeks of October is very hot and very dry and this continues until the first rains fall.			
Vegetation	Green vegetation - the absence of tall grass in the Siwandu area means visibility remains good. Area around the lakes get thick.					Green vegetation - the absence of tall grass in the Siwandu area means visibility remains good.			Bush dries out quickly and turns a dull brown colour. Lakes shrink. Towards the end of September some Cassia's start flowering. Fruiting palm-trees in June / July attract elephants to the lakes.		Very dry, very hot. Limited grazing & browsing and lakes are the sole sources of water.	A few weeks after the first rains the bush is transformed to green once again. Roads may become muddy and some impassable. Big rains may open the channels to the Rufiji River.		
Game viewing experience	Moderate					Moderate			Good to excellent		Excellent	Good to excellent		
Bird watching	Excellent, peak for birds as migrants are all back and birds are in breeding plumag. Northern Carmine bee-eaters follow the game-viewers, looking for disturbed insects.					The eco-system next to the lakes attract a different set of birds to those encountered in the dry savanna's of Nyerere, only 500m away from the lakes. Birding is interesting all throughout the year with Palm-Nut vultures, Bohm's bee-eaters and Africa skimmers something to look forward to.								
Insects	Big rains bring our flying termites - they only normally stay for a nighth or two but can be irritating during dinner times.					Mosquitoes after the long rains are around but not in large numbers.			Big rains bring our flying termites - they only normally stay for a nighth or two but can be irritating during dinner times.					