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recommmend using Gorilla Forest Camp as this is the best of the camps and close to the park entrance. Other camp options are Volcano Bwindi camp and Lake Kitandara Bwindi Camp.

Uganda

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Lying in the south west of the country, 250 miles from Kampala, on the border with The Congo, the park covers an area of over 200 sq miles. As the name dictates - this park is real African jungle area, with dense undergrowth, vines and a wide variety of flowers and aphrodisiac plants. Most visitors come to the park to catch a glimpse of the Mountain Gorillas, but the park is home to over 120 species of mammals, including chimpanzees, black & white colobus, blue monkey, bushpig, duiker, leopard, jackal and elephants in the south east of the park. There are also over 350 species of birds, 202 species of butterflies and over 200 species of trees found within the park. SPECIAL NOTE: Gorilla tracking is limited to small groups and it's advisable to book well in advance of your intended visit. The number of visitors to Bwindi is restricted, and Permits are required for gorilla tracking. There is a high demand for permits and currently the wait list is over 1 year out. Currently permits are \$400 per person per day and a 2 day minimum visit is required. It is anticipated that this fee will increase in 2009. The permit fee is non refundable and must be paid at time of booking.

LODGING OPTIONS: Camping facilities and a deluxe tended camp is available at Buhoma. If you have camping equipment, camping is permitted in designated areas in the park. There are also accommodation available in Kabale at the Victoria Inn and Visitor's Rest House. We



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Kibale National Park

Located in south central Uganda the park is home to the largest concentration of primates to be found in Africa, 14 different species including chimpanzee and colobus monkeys. Kibale has a well-established Chimpanzee-tracking program with a high success rate. Other primates that may be found on these guided walks include Guereza Colobus, Olive Baboon, Grey-cheeked Mangabey, L'Hoest's Gentle (Blue) and Red-tailed Monkeys is more likely to be found in open areas adjacent to the forest. You may find evidence of Elephant, Bush Pig and Buffalo along the trails, whilst Bushbuck, Blue, Harvey's and Peter's Duickers are other shy inhabitants of the forest interior. The guided night walks are also rewarding: Potto, Spectacled Demidoff's and Thomas's Galagos, Lord Derby's Anomalure, African Civet and Common Genet are all possible.

Other interesting mammals from the list of over 60 species include Ichneumon, Banded and Marsh Mon-gooses, Alexander's Cusimanse, Swamp Otter, Ratel, and African Palm Civet. Although Golden Cat, Serval, Lion, Leopard, Warthog, Giant Hog and Hippopotamus are recorded from the park, they are unlikely to be encountered in the Kanyanchu area. Sitatungas are known from Bigodi Swamp but are infrequently seen. The spectacular and beautiful Rhinoceros Viper is fairly common here but is, unfortunately, less often found alive than as a road-kill.

LODGING OPTIONS: The best place to spend the night is in Primate Lodge Kibale. The lodge is located in the middle of the forest, exactly where you start the chimp tracking from. A charming restaurant, bar and fire place will make sure you will spend the evenings pleasantly. Mantana Luxury Tented Camp located in the middle of the forest. Bush type accommodation and quite comfortable.



Other Uganda Parks

There are several other parks in Uganda which might be of interest, particularly Rwenzori Mountains, Murchison Falls and others. Call for additional details.