

LESSON NOTES

Advanced Audio Blog S2 #1 Top 10 Kenyan Interesting Places to Visit: The Aberdare National Park

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SWAHILI

1. Mbuga La Wanyama La Aberdare.
2. Mlima wa aberdare uko katika nambari ya tatu kati ya milima ambayo ni mikubwa sana nchini kenya na unapatikana katika Kenya ya kati.Mlima huu una vilele viwili ambavyo urefu wake ni mita 4300 juu ya usawa wa bahari .Vilele hivi hufanya mabonde yenye umbo inayofanana na herufi “V” na kuna mito ambayo inapitia juu ya mabonde haya. Hii hufanya mlima huu uwe mahali bora kwa wapenzi wa mazingira. Kwenye eneo la juu ya mlima huu ni mbuga maarufu la Aberdare ambalo ni miongoni mwa maeneo makubwa ya kivutio cha utalii nchini. Hifadhi hii imechukua eneo kubwa ya mlima huu ikichukua takribani 767 mita kupiga mraba kati ya hekta 103,300 kwa ujumla. Makundi ya tembo na nyati ni miongoni mwa wanyama wengi ambao utapata katika harakati zao wakipita kwa kimya ndani ya msitu huu. Wanyama ambao hupatikana kwa urahisi katika mbuga hili ni pamoja na vifaruu weusi, chui, nyani weusi na weupe, kima punju na tumbili wa aina ya ‘syke’. Upande wa juu wa msitu ni ukanda wa msitu wa mianzi ambao unakupa fursa ya kuona bongo, aina nadra ya swala anayeishi katika misitu ya mianzi. Msitu huu pia una zaidi ya aina mia mbili hamsini za ndege na utapata nafasi nzuri ya kuwatazama.Kuna makumpuni ya utalii ambayo yatakutembeza ndani ya mbuga hili kwa magari yao yakifahari ama pia unaweza zunguka kwa miguu. Kama mnazuru mbuga hili katika kikundi,mnaweza chukua nafasi hii kupiga kambi katika maeneo mazuri ya kambi na kukaa hapa kwa muda mtakaopendelea. Shughuli nyingine ambazo unaweza kushiriki ni pamoja na kukwea mlima au uvuvi katika mito inayopatikana katika eneo ya mlima huu. Mlima huu pia una vyumba kadhaa vya malazi ambamo wanaouzuru wanaweza pata mahali pazuri pa kupumzika.

ENGLISH

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1. The Aberdare Ranges is the third highest mountain in Kenya and are in situated in central Kenya. The mountain has two peaks which soar to about 4300 meters above sea level giving way to deep v shaped valleys with streams intersecting. This makes the mountain an ideal place for landscape lovers. On the higher area of this mountain lies the famous Aberdare National which is among the major tourist attractions in the country. This park covers the better area of the mountain occupying roughly 767 square meters of the total 103,300 hectares. Herds of forest elephants and buffaloes are among the many animals that pass silently through the thick undergrowth of the forest. Animals that can be observed quite easily in the park include the black rhino, leopards, baboons, black and white colobus monkeys and the syke monkey. On the higher side of the forest is a belt of bamboo forest which gives you an opportunity to see the bongo, a rare species of antelope that lives in the bamboo forest. Bird viewing is rewarding, with around 250 bird species. To explore the park there are many companies on the ground which offer safari jeeps to take you round or you can go on foot if you like. If you are visiting the park as a group, you can take advantage of the beautiful camping sites and stay in the mountain for two or three days. Other activities that you can engage in include hiking or fishing in the rivers found on the mountain. The mountain has several lodges with suitable facilities if you are wondering where to spend the night when visiting this park.

VOCABULARY

Swahili	English	Class
uhuru	independence	noun
kilele	climax, peak	noun
Kundi la Mifugo	herd	phrase
Mashujaa wa uhuru	freedom fighters	phrase
kuchukua	to occupy	verb
pango	cave	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>Nchi ya Kenya ilipata uhuru mnamo wa mwaka 1963.</p> <p>"Kenya gained independence in 1963."</p>	<p>Ghana ilikuwa nchi ya kwanza kujinyakulia uhuru barani afrika.</p> <p>"Ghana was the first country in Africa to gain independence."</p>
<p>Nchi ya Marekani ilipata uhuru wake kutoka serikali ya Uingereza baada ya vita vikali.</p> <p>"The United States of America got their independence from the British government after a fierce war."</p>	<p>Kwa sababu ya urefu wake, ni watu wachache tu ambao hukwea mlima Kilimanjaro ambao hufaulu kufika kilele chake.</p> <p>"Due to its height, only a few people who climb mount Kilimanjaro manage to reach its peak ."</p>
<p>Kilele cha uzinduzi wa Rais mjini Washington ulikuwa hotuba ya Rais kwa watu wa Marekani.</p> <p>"The climax of the presidential inauguration in Washington was the presidential speech to the people of America."</p>	<p>Wafugaji wa ng'ombe huhama na mifugo yao kutoka sehemu moja hadi nyingine kwa minajili ya kutafuta malisho.</p> <p>"The nomadic pastoralists move with their herds from place to place in search of greener pastures."</p>
<p>Mashujaa wa uhuru nchini Kenya wamesahaulika licha ya uchungu waliopitia kupigania uhuru.</p> <p>"The freedom fighters in Kenya have been forgotten despite their struggle for independence."</p>	<p>Nyika ya Sahara imechukuwa eneo kubwa sana katika Afrika kaskazini.</p> <p>"The Sahara desert occupies a very big area in North Africa."</p>

Kisa cha mwanaume mmoja mjini kibera aliyeishi kwa pango kwa sababu hagewezakumudu kodi ya nyumba inadhibitisha kulemewa kwa serikali katika kutekeleza wajibu wao.

"The story of a man in Kibera who lived in a cave because he could not afford to pay rent shows failure of the government in its responsibilities."

Pango hili ni pana sana.

"This cave is very wide."

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Did you Know?

There is a rich history associated with the Aberdares. It is said to be among the hide outs used by Mau Mau fighters in the struggle for independence. The famous freedom fighter Dedan Kimanathi used this forest as his post office and there is a giant tree where the freedom fighters would live messages for Kimanathi's attention in cases of emergency though it is hard to understand how the messages were left because the people then did not know how to read and write. There are also queen caves where the fighters used to preserve their meat. This is also a place where the kikuyus believed to be one of the habitats of Ngai (God).

Mlima wa aberdare una historia yenye utajiri mkubwa. Inasemekana ni kati ya maficho yaliyotumiwa na kundi la mau mau walipokuwa wakipigania uhuru wa taifa hili. Shujaa maarufu Dedan kimanathi alitumia msitu huu kama posta yake na inasemekana kulikuwa na mti mrefu ambapo mashujaa wengine walimuachia kimanathi ujumbe ingawaje ni vigumu kuelewa jinsi walivyo acha hizo jumbe maanake wengi wao hawakujua jinsi ya kusoma na kuandika. Kuna pia mapango ambayo yalitumika na mashujaa hawa kuhifadhia nyama walizotumia kama chakula. Msitu huu pia ni mojawapo ya maeneo ambayo kabila la wakikuyu waliamini ni makazi ya Ngai (Mungu)