



LOISABA

CONSERVANCY - LAIKIPIA

LOISABA CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to maintain prime wildlife habitat and a pleasant experience for all, Loisaba reserves the right to grant access and may require anyone perceived to be causing a disturbance or damage to the environment to leave Loisaba.

GENERAL CONDUCT

- Walking is prohibited, unless guests/residents are guided by an authorised, armed guide with appropriate knowledge of walking with “dangerous game”. By walking without such an armed guide guests accept all such risks and personally accept all liability.
- Wildlife always has right of way.
- Do not light fires, except those controlled by lodge staff and/or management.
- Do not discard litter or cigarette butts anywhere other than in a designated bin.
- Be quiet and considerate when viewing wildlife, keep a sensible distance away and ask your driver to switch off the engine.
- Take care when visiting the ‘wildlife viewing blinds’ – there may well be wildlife very close by. An authorised guide must always be present during ‘blind’ visits.
- Spotlights can be disturbing to wildlife so use them sensitively and responsibly. Do not shine directly into eyes for any length of time. Red filters are compulsory, and white lights are strictly forbidden.
- Do not damage or remove any flora, fauna, stones, animal remains or artifacts of any kind.
- Use of mobile phones during game drives or when driving is discouraged.
- No firearms, spears, or bows and arrows of any kind are to be carried without the specific knowledge and authorization of the Loisaba Wildlife / Security Manager.
- Collection of firewood is prohibited without prior permission of the management.
- Report any concerns or contraventions of this code to any senior Loisaba staff, or to the Loisaba Control Room.

VEHICLES

- Observe the maximum speed limit of 40kph.
- Any game drives are to be conducted with/by authorised individuals only.
- Game drive vehicles carrying Loisaba paying guests have right of way and Management/resident vehicles shall be considerate in this respect.
- Game viewing vehicles should pull off to the side of the road/track while game viewing.
- Wildlife surrounded by vehicles is unpleasant and can cause distress to the animals. A strict maximum of two vehicles viewing an animal at any one time is to be maintained. Be considerate of other vehicles waiting to view wildlife, and avoid monopolisation.
- Unless game has approached the vehicle, the distance that a vehicle should keep from game is a minimum 20 meters.
- Only 4x4 vehicles, which are shades of green or brown in colour, are permitted. Saloon 4 x 4 vehicles and mini-buses are prohibited. Rare exceptions to this may occur during events authorized by Management.
- Never feed wildlife from your vehicle, in the wild or at your lodge / house. It will lead to unnecessary dependence and possibly result in eventual harm to the animal.



SAFETY

- Only walk away from your lodge / camp / house / vehicle in the company of a guide armed with a rifle of at least .762 / .308 calibre and who is authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or Wildlife / Security Manager and competent in handling “dangerous game”.
- Armed guides must have a valid firearms license for the appropriate weapon.
- Running for exercise is only permitted when accompanied by a vehicle and authorised armed guide/ranger.

CAMPING

- Camping is restricted to designate campsites, by authorised operators.
- Camp managers are to check in with Control Room on arrival and departure to have the camp site inspected by an authorized representative of Loisaba. A clearance certificate will be issued and filed in the Loisaba Control Room.
- Loisaba will provide a ranger at camp sites when in use by an operator.
- Campers must remove all non-biodegradable waste.
- Firewood may not be collected. It can be provided by Loisaba upon request.

PEOPLE AND CUSTOMS - VISITORS TO KOIJA/KIRIMON COMMUNITIES

- Through traffic must proceed directly along the public access roads to these communities.
- If you would like to photograph people, please ask their permission first.
- It is recommended that sweets or money are not given to children - it encourages begging and is demeaning.
- Ideally a Loisaba staff member or tourism partner accompanies each village visit to ensure best conduct and practices are used.

TRAVERSING

- Pedestrian traffic, not including guided tourists / visitors, will be kept to a minimum within Loisaba.
- No pedestrian movement within Loisaba will be allowed at night between 1800 and 0700 hrs.
- Motorcycles are not permitted (incl. boda boda taxis). Loisaba work requiring motorcycles may be used for fencing, and livestock management and other official management duties.

AVIATION

- No aircraft will be operated within the vicinity of tourist camps or lodges, unless under exceptional circumstances such as fire fighting or during security related incidents.
- No aircraft will operate below 1,500 ft. AGL overhead the Conservancy except during approach for landing, take off, for management purposes or under exceptional circumstances such as fire fighting or during security related incidents.
- Helicopters will take the shortest and quickest route into and out of pick up points within Loisaba, attaining a minimum altitude of 1,500ft AGL as soon as possible.

We appreciate your suggestions and comments. - If you see anything during your stay that you feel may be worth our attention, including any contravention of this Code, please contact the Loisaba Office.