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Thank you for staying at our guesthouse! All proceeds of your stay will go to support the community programs of the Rafiki Memorial Wildlife Conservation Initiative ([www.rafikiwildlife.org](http://www.rafikiwildlife.org)) to educate, empower and conserve.

## HOUSEKEEPING RULES

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you need any help, please contact these people in this order (NOTE: these are phone and WhatsApp numbers):

- **Mushamba** Moses at +256 788300909
- Tumwiine **Cyril** at +256 773676448

If you have an emergency and cannot immediately reach the people above, contact:

- Ruhondeza Lodge (walk across the bridge and ask them for help)
- Guesthouse guard and host: Atuheire **Isaac** at +256 779592078

### MEALS



Normal mealtimes are:

- Breakfast: 7:00 am
- Lunch: 12:30
- Dinner: 6:30 pm

If you would like to have your meal at a different time, or have certain dietary restrictions or allergies, please let us know in advance. If you do not plan to have a meal at the guesthouse (for example, lunch), please let us know that morning so we don't waste food. If you would like to have at to-go lunch for the trail, please let us know the evening before. *See separate page for examples of dishes.*

### WIFI & ELECTRICITY

- Wi-fi Name: Airtel 4G MIFI\_C9E52E
- Password: 28704235
- Electricity is 240V 50Hz with a type G outlet. Note that while we do our best to provide electricity, power outages are frequent in this area.
- If your home voltage is 110V 60Hz (USA, Canada) please check the compatibility of your device or bring a voltage converter. In general, laptops and cell phone chargers are compatible ("dual voltage").



## LAUNDRY

- Laundry: if you have any clothing that you would like washed, please put them in the laundry basket that is in your room and place the basket just outside your bedroom door in the morning.
- Please note that as we don't have a dryer, items will be air-dried, which may take longer depending on the weather.

## SECURITY

Security is paramount at the guest house as the guest house has a security guard 24/7. Any valuable items such as electronics, passports, money, etc will be secure in your respective rooms.

**NOTE:** for any inquiries concerning security please feel free to contact one of the people listed above:

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## EXPLORING PROPERTY AROUND THE GUESTHOUSE

- Do not venture into the adjacent park, as this is illegal without a permit.
- Ask one of your Guesthouse hosts where you can find trails to explore.
- Be careful when walking, as there are many water channels, slippery rocks and slopes.

## GORILLA VISITOR RULES *(adapted from Uganda Wildlife Authority rules)*

If you see a gorilla around the guesthouse, here are some do's and don'ts to keep them safe:

- Do not go towards them unless accompanied by a UWA ranger
- Always maintain at least a 7m (21ft) distance from the gorilla
- Wear a face mask. If you must sneeze or cough, cover your face, turn away from the gorillas and then sanitize your hands, as they can catch coughs and colds from humans
- Do not eat or drink when in proximity of a gorilla. Do not try to feed them.
- Do not make direct eye contact, especially if they have come close to you.
- Do not use flash photography.

*Image by Robert Tweheyo*



## OTHER ACTIVITIES TO DO WHILE VISITING BWINDI

Because we collaborate closely with a number of local partner organizations we will be happy to help arrange your community walks, and visits to many of our partners including Batwa communities, local artists (baskets, woodcarvings, paintings), bird-watching, and other local community programs. You can easily spend a week at Bwindi without getting bored! Do not hesitate to ask us for any advice.

### Here are a few recommended examples:

- **Batwa experience** – We can arrange for you to meet with a Batwa community and learn about their culture. If you prefer not to hike any further, we can bring them to the guesthouse to meet outside. There are 2 options: a 4-hour forest walk and hike for the price of \$70 per person, or a 2-hour walk for \$30 per person.
- **Bird-watching and forest tour** by Robert Tweheyo (Whatsapp: +256 781 712121). This guided walk can be half a day or a full day, depending on your interest. The cost is \$100 per person: \$30 for the bird watching guide; \$40 park entrance fee and \$30 activity fee goes to Ugandan Wildlife Authority. This hike through the forest does not only involve watching birds, but also includes observing or hearing mammals (several monkey species such as baboons, L'Hoest and red-tailed monkeys; on lucky days gorilllas). Besides the wildlife, there is also the amazing, lush scenery of the rain forest with many waterfalls.
- **Visit local artisans and/or take a workshop** – You can visit local artists who make beautiful paintings, baskets, woodcarvings, necklaces and other items. Visits to these programs are free, but we can arrange for someone to guide you. If you would like to take a class in any of these arts, prices start at \$20 for a 2-hour necklace beading class, and start at \$40 for a half-day class in painting, basket-weaving or woodcarving class. Please check out their webpages to see some of the artwork or contact us for more details.  
<http://rafikiwildlife.org/art/>
- Visit the **Bwindi Buhoma United Reformed Poachers Initiative**, meet with the members about the history of their members, learn about their income-generating activities (including mushroom farming, honey), watch a demonstration and enjoy a full meal, including delicious mushroom soup made from their own mushroom farm. This costs \$40 per person and is approximately 3 hours (including the meal).