

North Mara Operators Forum Game Driving Etiquette

- 1) **Only 5 vehicles should be around a sighting at any one time, and that they should stay for a maximum of 10 minutes.** They should then make way for others who remain a mandatory minimum of 200 m away. A sighting found on ones own could be observed for longer, and this is down to the guide's discretion.
- 2) **Proximity to sightings** –In accordance with KPSGA and KWS stipulations, **20m distance should be observed from all sightings**
- 3) **Litter** -clean up after yourselves, and, if you see litter stop and pick it up. Giving water to small children herding livestock is to be discouraged, as water bottles have been left everywhere.
- 4) **Behaviour at a sighting**- Cars should be switched off and sightings should be observed in relative silence. Guests should remain in cars whilst at a sighting. No standing on the roof. Picnics, bush breakfasts etc. should be down away from sightings
- 5) **Flushing animals out of bushes, and harassment of wildlife** – This is strictly forbidden. Similarly, shouting and throwing things to attract an animal's attention will not be tolerated.
- 6) **Speed** – A speed limit of 40kmph is imposed. Public Access Roads are an exception.
- 7) **Night Drives** – In accordance with the recent KATO/Koiyaki/Operators meeting in Nairobi, night drives will be stopped altogether. Vehicles returning back to camp may use spotlights but strictly on nocturnal species. Spotlights used, however must be red. Vehicles must return to camp by **8:30** pm
- 8) **Injured Wildlife** – This should be reported immediately, and followed up on by both the guides and management. There is a KWS vet permanently stationed in the area. **Dominic: 0721 887 663.**

I.have read and understand the game drive etiquette, and will hereby resolve to adhere to the above guidelines in a sensible and ethical manner.

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