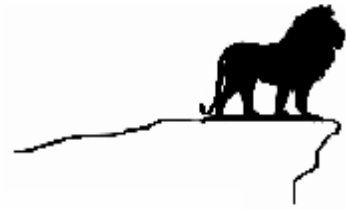


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In LUMO Sanctuary the dams remain full and the area a verdant green. More species of wild flowers have appeared and the trees, damaged by last year's drought and elephant, continue their remarkable recovery.

Bird life is vast and varied and twitchers report that Lumo is a birders' paradise. It has been suggested that we arrange special birding events. Please let us know if this would interest you.

The rains did much damage to the roads, but the community have improved the approach road to The Bluff and on the Voi to Taveta road, some of the potholes on the tarmac have now been filled in and the dirt road graded.

Safari-link start an afternoon schedule in July from Wilson to Voi. So, all those of you who live in Nairobi, get ready to 'pop down' to The Bluff for a Sun downer with a view.



The community sent thirteen LUMO rangers on a gruelling two month KWS training course. The trainers praised the rangers' skills and dedication as all thirteen passed with flying colours. With new confidence added to their bush lore, guided walks and day and night drives at Lions Bluff will be even more informative and fun, so make sure you allow yourself time to enjoy these.



Another large step forward is the appointment of Nyambu Mwandoe as Sanctuary Manager. Nyambu knows Lumo well and, working closely with Lions Bluff, we will ensure that the lot of the community improves through tourism.



The community consider illegal cattle grazing to be the priority in managing recovery of the land from years of overgrazing and bush fires. Only when the ban on illegal grazing is observed will the cattle belonging to community have sufficient grazing and water to prevent the need to encroach into the sanctuary.

Already nearly two thousand illegal Somali cattle have been evicted.

Lumo chairman Steven Ngure in the rebuilt land cruiser now used for sanctuary patrols.



Despite the longer grass, aardwolf are regularly seen. Our family of bat-eared fox are thriving and the lioness with her four teenage cubs continue to use Lion Rock as a base between hunting trips. So much so that we warn you to be careful when using Lion Rock for sundowners!



Residential herds of elephant are seen in numbers from the lodge terrace. A fantastic large bull has been using the plains by the main borehole. We hope this means that others will take his lead and consider Lumo a safe haven.



Looking for a venue for a special occasion?

Because we are small and exclusive we can tailor-make your safari to ensure that your special occasion, be it a Wedding, Honeymoon, Birthday or Anniversary is as you have always dreamed.

Let us help you to create a really special memory at the Bluff.





Activities at Lions Bluff are a main attraction

Nature walks, bush breakfasts, sundowners and night drives are much enjoyed.

Cultural trips to see the LUMO community in their homesteads and schools and in the Taita Hills to the ancestral skull caves, waterfalls or to some of the last remaining indigenous forests are fascinating and fun.

Many travellers use [TripAdvisor](#) and similar host sites to get and give their views on places to stay. It would be a great help to us if you would post your reviews. Lions Bluff now has a **fan site on Facebook** which regularly gives special offers.

Cheetah Campsite is now open. Located on the bluff with fantastic views over the Sanctuary to Kilimanjaro, we provide levelled sites for your tents with showers, toilets and a very smart kitchen area. Rates and facilities will be posted on the web.

Cheetah at 'The Bluff'



Oryx tours at Nakumatt Likoni are no longer our central booking office
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