

Welcome to the East Africa Interhash 2011

Destination Nyungwe - Where the Congo and Nile Rivers Begin

Event Summary:

This is a three-day two-night event hosted by the Kigali Hash House Harriers (KH3), 11-13 November 2011.

The event is brought to you by an event Mis-Management team of three:

Rambo

Big Pussy

Fake Black Ass

They may be assisted by other members of KH3 Mis-Management

The "main event" is a jungle hash, in tough, uncharted territory, partly off of any trail, in the most remote forest in Rwanda.

Nyungwe Forest is a high-altitude, mountainous rainforest in southern Rwanda established as a forest reserve in 1933. The conservation area consists of 970 square kilometers. The forest is located in the Albertine Rift, a series of mountain ranges beginning at the Rwenzori mountains in western Uganda and Congo, and continuing south. Nyungwe is the largest mountainous rainforests remaining in Africa. Nyungwe is one of the most endemic species-rich areas in all of Africa. 2,500 mm of rain on average fall per year. It is known for its rugged terrain and complex mosaic of dense vegetation types from tall dense forests to open, flower filled marshes. You may run into: 13 different primate species (25% of Africa's total), 275 bird species, 1068 plant species, 85 mammal species, 32 amphibian and 38 reptile species.

The "headquarters" is the hotel "La Petite Colline" [tel: 250+(0)788412210] in Cyangugu, in southwesternmost Rwanda.

Cyangugu is the twin city of Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo. They are, in many ways, one town. Cyangugu is also "spitting distance" to Burundi. It is a 5-hour drive from Kigali.

Accommodation has been arranged for visiting hashers who have registered in advance with the event Point-Of-Contact (POC) in their respective hash.

Accommodation is in La Petite Colline hotel and in the Motel Rubavu [tel: 250+(0)788304143] next door to it.

**NO ACCOMODATION HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR KIGALI OR UMUTARA HASHERS**  
- Hashers from these two hashes must find their own accomodation.

It is recommended that you contact Motel Rubavu if you want moderately-priced accomodation (RWF 10,000/night) very close to the headquarters hotel. Obviously, the sooner you book, the higher the likelihood of there being vacancies.

Event POCs:

Kampala H3: Al's Bar

Nairobi H3: Dick Teaser

Sunday Nairobi H3: Kadeniya

Nairobi Original: Munchie Munchie

Hamna H3 (Dar Es Salaam): Inspector Gadget

Juba H3: Semi-Virgin

Umutara H3: Dancing Dick

Definition of "registered":

You have given your name to your event POC. You have paid your POC \$ 70.00 (Umutara H3 and Kigali H3 members excepted, you pay \$ 35.00. See below).

Your name and confirmation of payment has been sent by e-mail to event Mis-Management head, Rambo.

The official events are as follows:

Friday

**1200** Bag lunch and toilet break at Nyabugogo for convoy from Kampala/Nairobi (a Kigali neighborhood)\*

**1300** Depart Nyabgogo/Kigali for Cyangugu

**1900** Room assignment in Cyangugu

**2000** Dinner at La Petite Colline for all hashers, until 2100

**2100** Dancing at Motel Rubavu disco, next door to headquarters hotel

**\* Note: This means the bus caravan from Kampala must be ON THE ROAD at 0500**

Saturday

**0800** brunch (NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED - a "heavy" breakfast will be available from 0800-1000)

**1030** depart for the jungle in caravan (WARNING: though 2 wheel drive vehicles can pass, vehicles with very low wheel clearance WILL NOT MAKE IT. Team up with others for the ride to the start)

**1300** On Out \*

**1500** Beer Near, Circle at the edge of the forest

**1600** Return to Cyangugu

**2000** Dinner at La Petite Colline for all hashers until 2100

**2100** Dancing at Motel Rubavu disco, next door to headquarters hotel

**\*Note:** The trail is hacked out of deep forest and jungle. Stick to it. Don't leave the trail. Wear shoes unless you walk barefoot in jungles for a living!

Sunday

**0600** Breakfast for hashers traveling outside Rwanda

**0700** departure of Nairobi and Kampala hashers in caravan

**0900** depart for Sunday hash  
**1000** On Out  
**1100** On In - mini-circle  
**1200** Brunch and check out - go home

Unofficial events:

Depending on how much time you have, you may want to visit Nyungwe Forest in a less traumatic manner than on a Rambo hash. If so, you can stop at the Uwinka Visitors Center on the way to Cyangugu or on the way back. Additional information is available at:<http://www.ortpn.gov.rw/nyungwetourist.htm>

Go bar-hopping either night after dinner (which you will already have paid for so you might as well get your money's worth) in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo, a 5-minute motorcycle ride from our hash headquarters. If you are from Western Province in Rwanda, you can do this with just your ID card or a laissez passer document. If you are from elsewhere in Rwanda or from Burundi, you must have your Rwandan or Burundian passport, but it is still free and easy to cross into Congo. If you come from Kenya, Uganda or Tanzania you can pay for a visa at the border, upon presentation of your passport. the cost is \$ 50. If you are from anywhere else on planet earth, you must go to the Congo Embassy in your home country and purchase a visa BEFORE you arrive at the border. It will cost you \$ 160/visit. This can be obtained on-line for those who are citizens of a country that does not have a Congo Embassy. One more detail, just to make your life even more difficult -- the border closes at 2200 hours, so your visit to Congo will be brief, or, you will be staying there until 0600 the following morning. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

Walking tours of, and bar-hopping in, Cyangugu are possible on either evening (Friday or Saturday) or early Sunday morning. Visit night clubs, the ship-building yard, the southern tip of Lake Kivu and the entrance to the Rusizi River.

### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE IN THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI:**

We will return to Cyangugu after the main Saturday jungle hash through Burundi. The route we will take does NOT require border formalities other than showing your passport and your vehicle registration if you are a driver, or any monetary payments. If your employer forbids you traveling in Burundi, you may want to think about whether to come or not on this unforgettable adventure (we promise, the employer will never know...). You will NOT get a stamp in your passport, and you will be inside Burundi for only about 1 hour and 20 minutes (minus the wait time for our entire convoy of vehicles to clear the border). The route is safe and passable with absolutely no difficulty. **OBVIOUSLY, don't bring weapons, non-prescription drugs or anything else that will get you arrested and delay our entire caravan of hashers!**

Details to think about -- some will apply to you, some not:

- Change your funny money into Rwandan Francs( RWF) at the Gatuna border crossing point (or whatever border crossing you use). You will get a better rate than you will at other points in Rwanda, and as you will incur costs from the time you cross the border into Rwanda, you will be ready to cover those costs in local currency. The current exchange rate is US \$ 1 = RWF 602. US\$ 1000 = RWF 212. 100 KSh = RWF 600

- The hotel is NOT luxurious. It is functional, simple and affordable. This is what the majority of you said you wanted, each of the last three times we have held this event, in order to make the event more affordable and accessible to the members of your hashes. We have listened to your complaints and requests. What we are offering this year borders on the austere. It is absolutely no-frills. Perfect for drunks who need nothing more than a place to flop down at 3 AM after a night of boozing, a place to lock up valuables and a place to wash off the blood and mud from legs after the trail. **WE PROMISE YOU THESE MINIMAL CREATURE COMFORTS BUT LITTLE MORE.** If you need something more upscale, and you are from outside Rwanda, we can help you make a booking, but be aware, customer service is unknown in this forgotten corner of Central Africa. You will be paying for a bigger room, with the same lousy service as the places we have already identified for you!

- In the evenings, it gets cold! Furthermore, we will be eating in a semi-open hall. Bring warm clothes.

- The hotel rooms and public areas are not well-lit. Bring a flashlight.

- Bring a towel. There seems to be only one per room in at least some of the rooms. We will try to get this corrected, but just in case...

- No one will be asked/forced to share a bed with someone else who does not want to. If you DO want to share a bed, you may STILL find yourself in a room with TWO queen-sized beds. Deal with it. You will be sharing ROOMS in almost every case. If you have preferences, make your preferences known when you register. Rooms have two queen beds, or two queen and one single bed. **THAT IS ALL THE CONFIGURATIONS WE ARE OFFERING YOU.** Your preferences cannot be for more than five in a room (two couples on each of the two queen beds and a single person in the single bed). This is not recommended unless you all know each other VERY well, and like that kind of close living. We are recommending that two people or three people indicate that they would like to stay together. We can accommodate all the "twos". Some of the threes may not get their first-choice roommates. Consider it a chance to make new friends. We are a gender neutral hash and will assign roommates without reference to gender, age, sexual orientation or other personal trait (bad breath, snoring, farting, etc.). if you care about being with or being far away from, some particular person or type of person **TELL US WHEN YOU REGISTER.**

- For the Rwandan hashers, and any others who do not have to leave early on Sunday, the Sunday trail will be easy and fun, with a few really unique surprises. Having come all the way to the Congo border, get your money's worth and get up for the Sunday hash. This will not be a 5-

minute fat boy trail. It will be a scenic, non-taxing REAL hash.

- If you are flying into Kigali, we can transport you to Cyangugu! The driver, who will be a Kigali hasher, may ask for a donation for fuel, but you will be chauffeured, door-to-door. For this to work, you will need to be on Rwandair WB 208 leaving Nairobi at 1400 and arriving in Kigali at 1415. There is no reason to consider any other flight or airline. Kenya Airways is \$ 100 more expensive, and if you take any other flight, you will be on your own for transport once you land. If this flight will not work for you, arrive EARLIER not later. Your ride will be at the arrivals hall with a sign reading "HHH" at 1415 hours on Friday.

- If you are flying into Kigali from anywhere other than Nairobi, we need to know. Contact me immediately with your flight details. We will try to accommodate you.

- If you REALLY hate long drives and are wanting to fly to Cyangugu -- THIS IS POSSIBLE! Rwandair flight WB 115 goes daily from Kigali to Kamembe (1 km. from Cyangugu) at 0700 arriving at 0735 (flight WB 115) and returns on Sunday from Kamembe at 0800 arriving back in Kigali at 0835 (flight WB 114). If you plan to take this flight -- on either Friday or Saturday morning, let me know! I will give you details on how to get to the hash headquarters. Book early as this flight fills up quickly.

- When you return to Rwanda from the brief transit through Burundi on Saturday after the main event, you do NOT get your passport stamped and you do NOT have to pay any money, regardless of your nationality.

- There are no rebates or special preparations for vegetarians, diabetics, kosher eaters, vegans, fruitists, vampires etc..

- This trail will be very difficult for children. Bringing children to this event is strongly discouraged.

- Domestic animals are not permitted on this event.

Cost for this weekend for out-of-Rwanda hashers: \$ 70

You get: lunch Friday and Brunch Saturday and dinner Saturday and breakfast OR brunch Sunday (depending on when you are leaving) and your room Friday and Saturday nights, an excellent hash momento of the weekend, unlimited beer, or soft drinks consumed during dinners and unlimited tea or coffee consumed during breakfast or brunch. You get two excellent trails, circle with drinks after the main event

This includes NO transport. The bus drivers who will be bringing out-of-towners from their respective countries must be briefed that they will be making side trips to the southern tip of the Nyungwe Forest, and to the little piece of Burundi that connects the forest where the hash will be back to Rwanda via Rugombo and Bugarama.

Cost for this weekend for Rwandan hashers: \$ 35.00 (RWF 21,000)

You get everything the non-Rwanda-based hashers get EXCEPT, lodging in Cyangugu and lunch Friday. You will be expected to organize your transport through convoy/caravan lists that

will be circulated during the hashes of 10/22, 10/29 and 11/5. If we do not have enough cars, some may have to take busses (which are plentiful). To avoid this, talk to your fellow hashers with cars, convince them to register, attend, and transport YOU.

**Everyone must register and pay in advance.**

Only the first 100 to register will be guaranteed the special hash momento.

When you report to your local hash contact, give him or her the following:

1. Some kind of name that will distinguish you from everyone else in the group - hash name or nerd name.
2. Your mode of travel (own car, passenger in a car -- state WHOSE car where known, bus, plane, other).
3. If you are coming by plane, information on whether you are flying into Kigali or Cyangugu/Kamembe and when you will be arriving.
4. Your money.

You are not "registered" until you have paid!!!

**READ THE LEGAL "FINE PRINT" BELOW:**

Kigali Hash House Harriers (KHHH) and its members will not accept any liability or responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, trauma, death or mental distress however caused or sustained by any participant in any events during this hash weekend. By agreeing to participate, participants expressly waive their rights to pursue KHHH and those who have organized the events, those associated with the events, the event's officers or the event's management. Participation is deemed as agreement with this liability waiver and will indemnify the KHHH against claims, costs and damages. Participants accept that hashing can be hazardous, particularly where drinking is involved, and that hashers, by their very nature, can be buffoons.

This should be a great weekend, in keeping with past KHHH-sponsored events. We appreciate the support of our sister hashes and are working hard to make this an extraordinary event, worth the time and money you are investing.

Any questions not answered in this fact sheet/announcement can be addressed to the Event Organizer, Rambo (Religious Adviser, Kigali Hash House Harriers) at [rambomanor@hotmail.com](mailto:rambomanor@hotmail.com)

On On!

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