

## TOURIST AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS TO VISIT IN SIAYA COUNTY

Siaya County is a home to numerous cultural and tourist attraction sites that bring together people from different parts of our country and abroad. Some of the sites include:

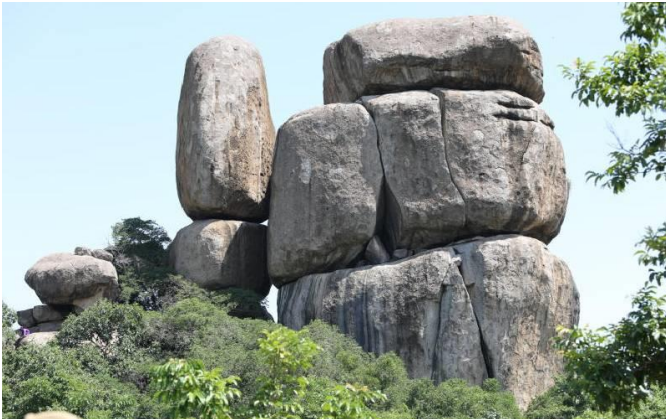
### 1. Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Mausoleum



2. This is a community-based museum situated in Bondo, at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga's homestead. It was established as a sign of honor and remembrance of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, Kenya's first Vice President. Attractions here include Luo artifacts and the late Jaramogi's awards, books and other artifacts. The mausoleum is a cultural

center where visitors familiarize themselves with the rich Luo Culture.

### 2. Kit Mikayi



Kit-Mikayi (also spelled Kit Mikayi, Kitmikayi, and Kitmikaye) is a mysterious rock formation, around 40 m high located about 1 km from the Kisumu-Bondo road. Kit Mikayi means "Stone of the First Wife". A tribal myth has been assigned to the formation and the local people started worshipping these stones placed on each other. There are many other similar strange stone formations around this site scattered

in an area of 150 sq. km which led to the conclusion of some natural accident thousands of years ago.

### 3. Lake Kanyaboli National Reserve



Lake Kanyaboli is the second largest ox-bow lake in Africa. This tourist attraction site is located between Yala swamp and Akara hills. Major attractions to see here include different species of birds and the rare

Sitatunga antelopes. It is also one of the best places in Siaya County to visit for bird watching adventures, fishing expeditions, and picnics.

#### 4. Uhanya Beach



5. This is a perfect place to enjoy swimming, boat rides, and other water sports such as kayaking, and fishing adventures on Lake Victoria. It is located 30Km from Bondo through Kisian- Bondo- Usenge road.

#### 5. El Molo Crocodile Park and Lodge



El Molo Crocodile Park and Lodge is a budget-friendly lodge and crocodile park located in Uhanya, Siaya County. This is a perfect place to familiarize oneself with the life cycle of different crocodile species. It is also an ideal destination for family getaways, campers and team building activities.



## 6. Ndanu Falls



The scenic waterfalls are located about a kilometer from Siaya town. The breathtaking falls are surrounded by beautiful vegetation that attracts different species of birds, and numerous rocks. It is an ideal destination

for sightseeing and bird watching adventures.

## 7. Got Ramogi Hill



This sacred hill is located in Yimbo, a 40 minute drive from Bondo through the Bondo- Siaya Road. It serves as a point of unification for the Luos who gather here to celebrate their cultural uniqueness. There is also a shrine located within the hill, where the Legio Maria followers conduct their prayers.

## 8. Yala Swamp



This swamp is a habitat to the endangered Sitatunga antelope and fish species including *Oreochromis esculentus* (Ngege) and *Oreochromis variabilis* (Victoria tilapia) that have disappeared from

Lake Victoria itself. The swamp is also a good place for bird watching adventures with over 100 species of birds. BirdLife International classifies the Yala Swamp among Kenya's 60 important bird areas.