

Frequently Asked Questions



UBUMWE WOMEN'S TRAIL 2027

Where does the name
"Ubumwe" come from?

Ubumwe means "unity" in Kinyarwanda. It reflects the spirit of togetherness, shared purpose, and collective strength that defines this event, which brings participants, conservation partners, and local communities together in support of nature and one another.

Is the Ubumwe Women's
Trail a race?

This is not a race, but a transformative experience across Volcanoes National Park, supporting conservation and recognising the deep interdependence between the region's people, wildlife, and landscape. It includes a trail run, a gorilla trek, and a hike to the original Karisoke Research Center, where Dian Fossey and many of the gorillas she helped protect are buried.

What kind of terrain can
participants expect?

The region's terrain varies from farmland to thick bush closer to the Park boundary. On the gorilla trek, participants may be allocated a family who is on the move, which could make the trek longer. Treks may, at times, require navigating a path through dense vegetation, which can be slippery.

Find out more in our [Trekking Overview Document](#) >

What should participants
pack?

A comprehensive packing list will be shared ahead of the event. In the meantime, participants are encouraged to refer to the [Singita Volcanoes National Park Packing Guide](#), which includes recommendations for trail running, hiking, weather conditions, and lodge stays.

Will there be other guests at
the lodge?

No. Kwitonda is booked exclusively for participants of the Ubumwe Women's Trail for the duration of the event.

Are there any age restrictions
for participants?

All solo participants must be over 18 years old.

16 and 17-year-olds will be permitted to participate, but only if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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What are the travel requirements for Rwanda?

Please refer to our [Rwanda Destination Guide](#), which contains important information to ensure your journey to Singita Volcanoes National Park is seamless.

What if I need to cancel my trip last minute?

Please refer to the event [Terms & Conditions](#) for any trip and travel-related information.

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