

### Gorilla Trekking Families

There are currently 10 gorilla families that are visited each day in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda (updated: February 2012).

**Note:** This information for the gorilla families is fairly stable; however, the group specifics do fluctuate over time due to movements within and amongst the families, as well as changes resulting from new births, male juveniles leaving to be solitary, female juveniles moving to new gorilla groups, etc.

Family Name	Individual Members	Dominant Silverback	Location	Characteristics
Agasha	25	Agasha	Sabyinyo Volcano	Agasha means 'the news'
Amahoro	17	Ubumwe	Bisoke Volcano	Led by the calm and easy-going Ubumwe. A fairly steep climb to reach them. Amahoro means 'peaceful'.
Bwenge	10	Bwenge	Between Bisoke / Sabyinyo Volcanoes	New group. Bwenge means 'brightness'.
Hirwa	12	Munyinya	Between Sabyinyo / Gahinga Volcanoes	Formed recently from different groups -- mainly Agasha and Sabyinyo. Hirwa means 'Lucky one'.
Kwitonda	18	Kwitonda	Between Sabyinyo / Gahinga Volcanoes	Kwitonda means 'humble one'. This group has 3 Silverbacks. Migrated from DRC. Tends to range widely, making it a moderately difficult hike.
Ntambara	12	Ntambara	Between Bisoke & Sabyinyo Volcanoes	New group. Ntambara means 'war'. Currently has 2 Silverbacks, 5 Females, 1 Blackback and 4 Babies.
Sabyinyo	12	Guhonda	Sabyinyo Volcano	Easiest group to track, often closest to the park's edge. Named after the rugged Sabyinyo volcano. Sabyinyo means 'old man's teeth'. Guhonda is the biggest Silverback of all the groups - he is massive and powerful at 220 kgs.

Susa (2 sub-groups)	43 (28 + 15)	Kurira	Karisimbi Volcano	Hardest group to track, as they tend to range high into the mountains. The largest Gorilla Family in the world, it has since subdivided into two groups. The one originally studied by Dr. Dian Fossey. Named after the Susa river. Well known for their rare twins - Byishimo & Impano. Has four Silverbacks. Kurira means 'crying'.
Ugyenda	11	Ugyenda	Between Bisoke / Sabyinyo Volcanoes	New group. Ugyenda means 'departure'.
Umubano	11	Charles	Bisoke Volcano	Originally part of Amahoro group. They broke away when Charles challenged Ubumwe, the dominant Silverback. Umubano means 'Live Together'.