



Yerer Mount Conservation

History

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Erer mountain forest priority area was legal established as one of the forest priority area of “Finfinne Forest Development and Marketing Enterprise”. Historically, Erer mountain forest priority area conservation endeavor efforts has been started before in 1950. For the first time, Erer mountain conservation efforts was started by reforestation program launched during the Imperial Haile Selassie Regime through mass campaign and mobilization since 1960’s (report of Finfinne forest development

and marketing enterprise et al.) In 2001 *Finfinne Forest Development and Marketing Enterprise* has been taken reconnaissance survey and demarcated the boundary and the study team emphasized the potential of the study site and forwarded recommendations on fate future demarcated forest area. The recommendation forwarded are law enforcement, installing forest management plan, designing integrated and coordinated management system and promotion of ecological tourism to the area. After many years of efforts conservation in 2018 the Mount Erer ecological tourism became one of the best tourism destination areas of

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Product/Service Information

Attractions

- ◆ Bird Speci
- ◆ Wildlife
- ◆ Tree species
- ◆ Mountain Views

Activities

- Trekking/ Hiking
- Scenic View and Photo Stops
- Wildlife and bird watching
- Forest Walk
- Tent and Campfire
- Horse riding
- Praying at Holly Monastery

Package fees

- Entrance fee
- Trackers fee
- Local guides fee
- Horse ride fee
- Meeting hall fee
- Camera fee

ERER MOUNTAIN

Mt. Erer is one of the magnificent mountains near Addis Ababa located just 44km to the east of the city. It is undulating Mountain stretches in four sides nearly to an equal extension out-lining the same posture as it's seen from all directions. The collapsed caldera in the middle of the five peaks, offers a striking view that promptly makes one fall in love with Nature.

Attractions

Unique view points

Gadel' is must be visited for its exhilarating downward sighting to picturesque landscape of the mountain, and wider view to the south of the mountain.

Birds

Mount Erer and its vicinity harbors over 110 bird species. The assemblage include three of the Ethiopia's endemic

OFWE & OTC TOP MGT Members At the Peak Of Erer Mountain



birds namely Abyssinian Catbird (*Parophasma galinieri*), Yellow-fronted Parrot (*Poicephalus flavifrons*) and Black-headed Siskin (*Serinus nigriceps*). In addition, near endemic species like Thick-billed Raven

Soaring Raptor birds are another attraction at this view point. Hikers here can have an adventurous experience of the mountain while being surrounded by dense forest. Visitors increasing to this Mnt. every year to hike and enjoy the incredible mountain view.

Wattled Ibis, Slaty Flycatcher etc. are common. Due to its close vicinity to Bishoftu city, surrounded by a number of lakes, all with vast diversity of birds, Mount Erer could be additional package for bird watchers. A portion of the mountain, locally known as Amora Gedel, is a known breeding site for one of the critically endangered Rüppell's Vulture (*Gyps rueppelli*). Besides, it is an excellent rewarding place for watching the rare and Vegetation type

Juniperus procera and *Olea africana* are the most dominant trees of the vegetation cover while

Erica arborea, *Dodonaea angustifolia*, *Rosa abyssinica*, *Carisa edulis*, etc. comprise the bush and shrub land.

How to reach there

Located at about 44 km to the east of the capital, Addis Ababa, Mount Erer (traditionally known as Yerer) can be reached from two directions. These are, either from the old Addis Ababa- Bishoftu road with a turning junction in between Gelan and Dukem town, taking north along a 16 km track road, or from Bishoftu City driving a distance of 17 km towards north. graceful Lammergeier or Breaded Vultur

Mammals

The mountain harbors some 11 species of mammals. Klipspringer is the most noticeable one and the symbol of the forest. Others, inter alia, include the endemic Menelik's Bushbuck, Common Bushbuck, Black-backed Jackal, Common Warthog, Spotted Hyena, Honey Badger, Caracal etc. are some of the

