



## **RECREATION/GREEN SPACES IN THE CITY OF LILONGWE**

### **1. Lilongwe Botanic Gardens**

The City has the Lilongwe National Herbarium and Botanic Gardens where indigenous tree species are propagated, planted, researched and preserved.

- Medicinal plants in the gardens are also being studied and preserved.
- The garden also serves as a recreational area for citizens.

**Location:** Area 14 sector 1

**Size:**

**Parking:** Car parking is available

**Accessibility:** It is freely accessible during the day with a sought permission.

**Amenities :** Indigenous trees  
Leisure seats  
Chalets

**Activities:** Social functions such as weddings, religious gatherings etc

- The place is open to the general public where families can go to spend their leisure time .
- An entrance fee is required for recreational and social functions
- Students and pupils visit the botanic gardens for leisure and learning nature.

**Ownership:** National Herbarium and Botanic Gardens

**Comments:**

### **2. Lilongwe Nature Sanctuary**

This is one of the areas where animals, plants and natural environment are preserved for conservation and recreation.

- It was part of the Namilombwa Forest Reserve from 1928 to 1972.
- It was reserved in 1972 as an environmental education centre.
- Creation of the Lilongwe Nature Sanctuary is covered under Act 15 (2004) of the Parliament on Parks and Wildlife, which was amended from the Act of the year 1992.
- When the Department of Forestry handed the area over to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) under Ministry of Tourism in 1972, DNPW established an Environmental Education Centre.

**Location:** The nature sanctuary is located mainly in Area 34, in the very central part of Lilongwe City

**Size:** 70 Hectares

**Parking:** Car parking is available

**Accessibility:** It is freely accessible during the day.

**Amenities :** Indigenous trees  
Lingadzi river  
Chalets

**Activities:** Environmental Education Centre

- The place is open to the general public where families go to spend their leisure time viewing nature.
- Entrance is free for environmental education visitors.
- An entrance fee is required for recreational visitors
- Students and pupils visit the sanctuary for leisure and learning nature.

**Ownership:** Department of Parks and Wildlife

**Comments:** More than 6,000 school children and 2,000 adults visit the area yearly to learn about wildlife conservation and enjoy nature.

Lilongwe Nature sanctuary also attracts more than 10,000 recreational visitors, including international tourists.

### 3. **Lilongwe Wildlife Trust Centre**

It is home to Malawi's only wildlife rescued animals: Hundreds of rescued wild animals are rehabilitated and returned to the wild, in partnership with DNPW.

**Location:** The nature sanctuary is located mainly in Area 34, in the very central part of Lilongwe City

**Size:**

**Parking:** Car parking is available

**Accessibility:** It is freely accessible during the day.

**Amenities:** Indigenous trees  
Lingadzi River  
Chalets  
Restaurant  
Nature Walk trails

**Activities:** Environmental Education Centre

- The place is open to the general public where families go to spend their leisure time viewing nature.
- Entrance is free for environmental education visitors.
- An entrance fee is required for recreational visitors
- Students and pupils visit the sanctuary for leisure and learning nature.

**Ownership:** Department of Parks and Wildlife

## **Comments:**

### **(4) Kumbali Lodge**

**Location** : It is located in area 44 plot 9 and 11

**Size:** The place covers area of 720 hectares

**Parking** : Big parking space is available

**Accessibility:** well accessible has a good dusty roads in the forest

**Amenities** : leisurely walk through beautifully landscaped botanical gardens experience of farm life with lots of banana plantation. Wild animals such as bush pig, hyenas, giraffes, and belts snakes' common dyke just to mention a few. Natural water source

**Ownership:** The place is owned by nature's gift.

**Comments:** The place is well taken care of with environmental conservation mind-set

### **(5) Lilongwe Golf Club**

**Location** : area 3

**Size** : 73 hectares

**Parking** : Has enough parking space

**Accessibility:** Accessible during the day,

**Amenities:** golf course, tennis court, bordered by Lilongwe river indigenous trees, exotic tree, lots of ornamental plants Fauna and aquatic plants since it is bordered with Lilongwe River and within there is small streams

**Activities:** Active and passive recreation.

**Ownership:** It is owned by members with a trustee

**Comments:** A lot of people patronised this place mainly managers and directors from different companies Government officials, ambassadors to participate in active recreation.

### **(6) Peak Events Garden**

**Location:** It is located in area 44

**Size:** 10 hectares

**Parking:** Available

**Accessibility:** Accessible with a fee

**Amenities:** Exotic trees well landscaped area seats

**Ownership:** owned by Mr Nyirongo

**Comments:** mostly weeding are taken place.

### **(7) Four seasons Nursery**

**Location** : It is located in area 13

**Size:** The place covers area of 4 hectores

**Parking** : Big parking space is available

**Accessibility:** well accessible

**Amenities:** indigenous trees,

Leisure seat,

Water features

Summer hats

**Activities:** Recreation and Nursery for ornamental plants

**Ownership:** Four season nursery

**Comments:** visited by a number of successful people and employment opportunity to a number of people

### **(8) Bingu stadium open Ground**

**Location** : Lilongwe Area 48 is the national stadium of Malawi.

**Size** : it has the capacity of 41,100

**Parking** : Big parking space is available

**Accessibility:** well accessible

**Amenities** : Indigenous trees, and few exotic tree

: Leisure seat,

: Shops

**Activities:** Active Recreation It is used for football matches and also has an athletics track. It hosts the home games of different.

**Ownership:** Under Ministry of Youth and sport

**Comments:** Need intensive maintenance since it's a national thing

### **(9) GLALLE EVENT**

**Location** : Area 49

**Size** :

**Parking** : yes

**Accessibility:** Yes

**Amenity** : Shrubs, Events Garden, shops, conference area

**Activities** : Entertainment (Music show) and Wedding

**Ownership** : Grades Masina

**Comments** : Patronised by many people especially weekend

### **(10) War Memorial Ground**

**Location** : Area 13

**Size** :

**Accessibility:** yes

**Amenity** : Exotic trees, Ornamental plants, good lawn Historical Monuments,

**Activities** : Historical place and passive recreation

**Ownership** : Department of museum and monuments

**Comments** : Has good car park seat need since it is patronised by a number of people

**(11) MALMATTS Fun city in Area 10**

**Location** : Area 10 Chayamba Drive

**Size** :

**Parking** : available

**Accessibility** : Yes with a fee

**Amenity** : Lawn, flower beds

**Activities** : recreation area for kids

**Ownership** : Family partnership

**Comments** : good recreation for kids and a number of games are there

**(12) CITY COUNCIL EDEN PARK**

**Location** : Area 13

**Size** : 13.5 Hectors

**Parking** : available

**Accessibility** : Yes

**Amenity** : Indigenous Trees, exotic tree, Lawn, flower Nursery

**Activities** : recreation area

: Weeding and Picnic,

: Nursery bordered by Lilongwe River,

: Leisure Seat

: Students from secondary schools colleges and pupils visit the area to learn nature and study.

**Ownership** : Lilongwe City Council

**Comments** : Landscape work is in progress just to increase the park and it will be part of business centre within ecological corridor.

**(13)Lilongwe Community Ground**

**Location:** Area 1 falls

**Size :**

**Parking :** yes

**Accessibility:** Yes

**Amenities :** Football watching stand

: Ground peach

: Hall

: Library

**Activities :** Sports (Active Recreation)

: Reading area (study)

: Weddings

: Lilies

**Ownership:** Lilongwe city Council

**Comments:** Need to be rehabilitated, it is situated at centre of the City

#### **(14) Area 49 Community Park**

**Location :** Area 49

**Size :**

**Parking :** No

**Accessibility:** yes

**Amenities :** Exotic and indigenous trees

: Ornamental flower

: Small stream

**Activity :** passive recreation

**Ownership :** Lilongwe City council

**Comments :** The development is in progress

#### **(15) Area 18 valley community park**

**Location** : area 18  
**Size** :  
**Parking** : No  
**Accessibility** : yes  
**Amenities** : ornamental and exotic Trees  
: leisure gardens  
: relaxation grounds  
**Ownership** : Lilongwe city council

**(16) Kamuzu Mausoleum**

**Location** : area 13  
**Size** :  
**Parking** : available  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Amenities** : Exotic trees  
: Monosodium  
: Ornamental plants  
**Activities** : Historical area  
: Student visit to study  
**Ownership** : Department of museum and monuments

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