Biking in Rwanda

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Rwanda

- Independence from Belgium 1 July 1962
- Today a constitutional Republic with a presidential system and a parliament with two chambers.
- Area: 26,338 sqkm (2/3 of Switzerland), 30 Districts
- Population: 10.5 Mio (Census 2012) → you are never biking alone
- Capital: Kigali, Population 1.4 Mio, Elevation 1450m a.s.l
- Official Languages: Kinyarwanda, English, French
- Land of a thousand Hills
- Per Capital GDP ~ 700 USD (IMF)
- Safe, no Corruption, Vision 2020
Early Outing on Umuganda Saturday with little Planning

Est-ce que c’est loin jusque Kibungo?

Una enda wapi? Gashora? Mayi ningi sana!

C’est très loin, un peu
Topography, Population and Road Network (1/2)
Topography, Population and Road Network (2/2)
Methodology

+ Plan your Trip well in ArcGIS Desktop to minimize unwanted surprises and enjoy the adventures remaining
+ Export the planned Trip to a GPX- or KML-File
+ Follow the Track in your Garmin GPS (edge 705, etrex 20, ....) or Smartphone
+ Record the Track you’ve done and document it – thus the idea of a Mountain-Bike Guide for Rwanda was born
+ From then, it took me 4 years to write it, because riding the bike is still more fun, then documenting what you have done.
Available Data

+ There is no Data in Africa….. ?
+ Rwanda has a lot of good GIS Data, however it is not always easy to find it, nor obvious whether one has the right to use it
+ Today there are alternatives: OpenStreetMap ★★★★★, ArcGIS Online Satellite imagery ★★★☆(★), the completed «Biking in Rwanda» Guide, and > 4000 Points of Interest.
Lake Gitakuzi and down Kajevuba Valley (65 km, 700 m)
Banana Valley (64 km, 1270 m)
The Grand Nyabarongo Loop (110 km, 2000 m)
Two Rutongo Mining Valleys (40 km, 650 m)
Two Ferries to Rugalika (70 km, 1050 m)
The Fingers of Masaka (42 km, 425 m)
Altitude Training around Rugezi Wetland (55 km, 1600 m)
Revisit the 2015 African MTB Continental Championships (6 km, 125 m per lap)
A Real Mountain Pass: Kisoro – Kabale (78 km, 1250 m)
Congo-Nile Trail: Rubavu – Kibuye (98 km, 2400+ m)
Congo-Nile Trail: Kibuye – Bushekeri (98 km, 2800+ m)
Links

+ Download the Biking in Rwanda Guide as PDF: http://bit.ly/18aojnb
+ Download the GPX File: http://bit.ly/1Jk1smH
+ Web Application “Find a Bike Route in Rwanda”: http://bit.ly/1Bd2TQ4
+ “Elevation Profiles” of the documented tracks: http://bit.ly/1xUx8q0
+ Climbers by Philip Gourevitch:
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