## **Tourism potentials in Kazo**

There are several tourism sites that can be used for geographical and historical studies, nature photography among others. These include;

- 1. Katonga wildlife reserve, located in Buremba along the banks of the River Katonga. The reserve was established in 1998 and named after the Katonga River. It has approximately 211 square kilometres (81 sq mi). The unique wetland environment is home to several species of plants and more than 40 species of mammals including warthogs, reedbucks, Uganda Kobs, elephants, buffaloes, Sitatunga, water chevrotains, bushbucks, olive baboons, leopards, topis, zebras, duikers, vervet monkeys, Hippos, impalas, black and white colobus monkeys, waterbucks, and River otters among others
- 2. River Katonga; fed by several tributaries, this river primarily flows from the swamps in Kabingo-Buremba, southwest of Lake Wamala towards Lake Victoria in the east, with another volume from those same swamps flowing West to Lake George through River Mpanga.
- 3. The equator lines (latitude 00) passing through Kyampangara and Burunga sub-counties. Here one can straddle two hemispheres! (Northern and Southern hemispheres). Perfect for Tourists to do water experiments.
  - Uganda is one of the 13 countries in the World and one of the 7 in Africa that are crossed by the Equator line.
- 4. Amabaare ga Mugore located in Rwemikoma sub-county. Here one can learn about the rich history of the Bachwezi and several facts about their existence. These rocks are perfect for recreational activities like, camping, hiking, good scenic viewing, geographical tours and studies among others.
- 5. The Ankole culture. The indigenous Banyakole are farmers; crop growers (Abahingi) and cattle keepers (Abariisa). They engage in different cultural practices like milking, making milk products like ghee and fermented milk, making of local breweries, cultural beliefs and customs, traditional marriages among others.
- 6. Art-crafts and souvenirs for Ankole culture like omugamba, milk gourds, calabashes, baskets, mats, pots, stools, wood vessels, drums, etc. These always tell the story of the place and its people.

- 7. Wetlands; Kazo has got beautiful seasonal and permanent wetlands that are good for Geographical tours and studies.
- 8. Historical sites like the Kabagore railway station.
- 9. Agri tourism: here, tourists can learn about farming from the local people in rural areas and these include coffee plantations, sugarcane, cattle keeping, pineapples but most especially the Ankole long horned cattle.
- 10.Rocks in Kazo that can be used in viewing beautiful scenery and also these rocks can be used for recreational, camping sites, good scenic viewing, hiking, geographical studies etc.
- 11. The landscape made of hills and valleys and the savannah woodland vegetation which is a good scenery for viewing.
- 12.Different bird species in wetlands like the crested crane, hammer kops, saddle-billed storks, African fish eagles, kingfishers, speckled mouse bird, blue pale long tailed starling among others which are good for avitourism