

Tambara Lavender Park and Ski Park

During the summer months, the higher altitudes of the Tambara Highlands offer respite from the heat. The focal point of the area is Tambara Ski Park, a ski resort located around 1,300 meters above sea level. In summer, the slopes are transformed into Tambara Lavender Park, where some 50,000 lavender plants bloom and fill the air with a sweet scent in July and August.

Tambara's cool and generally dry summer climate is ideal for lavender and encourages strong growth and vividly colored flowers. The combination of early- and late-blooming species planted in the park ensures the slopes remain colorful throughout most of the season. As the last of the lavender fades at the end of August, the deep red burning bush (kochia) takes over.

Visitors can ride a chairlift to the upper section of the park, where most of the lavender fields are, and walk or take the lift back down. A number of products scented or flavored with lavender made from plants grown in the

park are sold in shops on the premises, including soap, honey, mosquito repellent, and essential oils made in the park. Lavender-colored soft-serve ice cream is a popular treat, available on its own or mixed with a swirl of vanilla.

In winter, attention shifts to the Tambara Ski Park. This snow sports destination is noted for its mostly beginner-friendly slopes and long season, which often extends from November to early May. Snowshoeing and sledding are also popular activities during this time.