

TreePassport - User Guide

Plant it. Track it. Grow with it. A step-by-step guide to using the TreePassport app and website: planting, paying, tracking, and registering your own forest.

Every tree on TreePassport is QR-tagged, GPS-verified, and tracked for life on a public registry. This short guide walks you through everything you can do, from your first tree to your own forest.

1. Get the app

1. On your Android phone, open www.treepassport.org/app.
2. Tap "Download for Android (APK)" to download the app file.
3. Open the downloaded file. If asked, allow your browser to "Install unknown apps", then tap Install.
4. Open TreePassport from your home screen. (iOS version coming soon. You can also do everything on the website.)

2. Create your account

1. Open the app and go to the Account tab (or Sign up on the website).
2. Enter your name, email and a password. Your account works across both the app and the website.

3. Plant or sponsor a tree, and pay

1. Tap Plant Trees Now (app: Community then donate; website: the Plant Trees Now button).
2. Enter your details. Choose Individual or Organisation (organisations also pick their type).
3. Choose how many trees, and where they should be planted.
4. Pick a certificate design, and optionally dedicate the planting (gift, birthday, wedding, memorial, and more).
5. Pay using the method shown: Card, M-PESA, or Bank transfer. Your e-TreePassport Certificate is issued once the planting is recorded.

Every \$4 (about KSh 500) funds one verified tree and a fair-wage livelihood for the grower who plants and tends it.

4. Track your tree

1. Open your e-TreePassport Certificate, or scan a tree's QR tag, to open its living passport.
2. See its species, exact GPS location, height, health, and every field photo over time.
3. Explore every verified tree worldwide on the Live Tree Map, and search any tree by its passport number (e.g. TP-KEN-2026-000123).

5. Field planting (for growers)

1. In the app, open Account and turn on Planter mode. This reveals the Plant and Update tabs.
2. Plant tab: scan the tree's QR tag, take a real photo, and let the app capture high-accuracy GPS where the seedling goes in.
3. Update tab: log a growth check-in (height, health, fresh photo) on each visit.
4. No signal? Everything is saved on your phone and uploads automatically the moment you are back online.

6. Register your own forest

1. Already have a planted Mini Forest, AgroForest, or grown forest? Open "Upload / Passport your forest" (website: Forests menu; app: Home then "Three ways to grow a forest" then Passport it).
2. Name it, pick the type, geo-tag its location, and declare its number of trees (add a photo and a short story).
3. Pay the one-time Forest Passport fee (\$40 / KSh 5,000), then submit.
4. After our team verifies it, your forest receives a Forest Passport and joins the public registry and live map.

7. Verify any tree

Anyone can check our work. Open the Live Tree Map, click any tree, and read its passport, or browse the Public Tree Registry and verify a passport number. Nothing counts until a field officer has verified it.

Need help? We are happy to assist.

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