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National Parks in India

National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries are [protected areas](#) declared by Government

with the primary objective to preserve wildlife, save flora & fauna and restore the

natural ecological balance. The spectacular natural beauty across the national parks

and wildlife sanctuaries in India attracts millions of tourists every year.

NATIONAL PARK

The government can declare an area as a national park with adequate ecological, geo-morphological and natural significance.

There are no human activities allowed though tourism in certain areas inside the park is allowed. Removal of forest produce and livestock grazing are strictly prohibited.

Wildlife authorities in consultation with the National or State Wildlife Board can undertake such activities. The first national park in India was established as Hailey National Park in the year 1936 and later renamed as [Corbett National Park](#).

The Government of India enacted the Wildlife Protection Act in 1972 with the aim to effectively protect the wildlife of the country and control poaching, smuggling and illegal trade in wildlife.

Another project called 'Project Tiger' was launched in 1973 to save the dwindling population of Royal Bengal Tigers. There are a total of 104 national parks in India.

Later in 1992, '[Project Elephant](#)' was launched with an aim to protect the endangered wild Asian elephants and their habitat. Madhya Pradesh with 10 national parks ranks number one on the state-wise list of national parks in India.

[Kanha National Park](#) and [Bandhavgarh National Park](#) located in the state of Madhya Pradesh are counted amongst the best national parks to spot Royal Bengal Tigers in India. In the southern part of India, [Parambikulam Tiger Reserve](#) in Kerala is quite popular for its spectacular wildlife sightings. In the western region, the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat boast of immensely rich wildlife. Located some 145 km from Nagpur, [Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve](#) is a famed wildlife destination of Maharashtra. While in Gujarat, [Gir National Park](#) is famous for its majestic Asiatic lions.

LIST OF NATIONAL PARKS IN INDIA

| National Park | State/Union Territory | Establishment Year | Area (Sq km) |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Campbell Bay National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1992 | 426.23 |
| Galathea Bay National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1992 | 110 |
| Mahatama Gandhi Marine (Wandoor) National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1983 | 281.5 |
| Middle Button Island National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1987 | 0.44 |
| Mount Harriett National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1987 | 46.62 |
| North Button Island National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1987 | 0.44 |
| Rani Jhansi Marine National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1996 | 256.14 |
| Saddle Peak National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1987 | 32.54 |
| South Button Island National Park | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1987 | 0.03 |
| Papikonda National Park | Andhra Pradesh | 2008 | 1012.86 |
| Rajiv Gandhi (Rameswaram) National Park | Andhra Pradesh | 2005 | 2.4 |
| Sri Venkateswara National Park | Andhra Pradesh | 1989 | 353.62 |
| Mouling National Park | Arunachal Pradesh | 1986 | 483 |
| Namdapha National Park | Arunachal Pradesh | 1983 | 1807.82 |
| Dibru-Saikhowa National Park | Assam | 1999 | 340 |

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------|---------|
| Kaziranga National Park | Assam | 1974 | 858.98 |
| Manas National Park | Assam | 1990 | 500 |
| Nameri National Park | Assam | 1998 | 200 |
| Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park | Assam | 1999 | 78.81 |
| Valmiki National Park | Bihar | 1989 | 335.65 |
| Guru Ghasidas (Sanjay) National Park | Chhattisgarh | 1981 | 1440.71 |
| Indravati (Kutru) National Park | Chhattisgarh | 1982 | 1258.37 |
| Kanger Valley National Park | Chhattisgarh | 1982 | 200 |
| Mollem National Park | Goa | 1992 | 107 |
| Vansda National Park | Gujarat | 1979 | 23.99 |
| Blackbuck (Velavadar) National Park | Gujarat | 1976 | 34.53 |
| Gir National Park | Gujarat | 1975 | 258.71 |
| Marine (Gulf of Kachchh) National Park | Gujarat | 1982 | 162.89 |
| Kalesar National Park | Haryana | 2003 | 46.82 |
| SultaNational Parkkur National Park | Haryana | 1989 | 1.43 |
| Great Himalayan National Park | Himachal Pradesh | 1984 | 754.4 |
| Inderkilla National Park | Himachal Pradesh | 2010 | 104 |
| Khirganga National Park | Himachal Pradesh | 2010 | 710 |
| Pin Valley National Park | Himachal Pradesh | 1987 | 675 |
| Simbalbara National Park | Himachal Pradesh | 2010 | 27.88 |

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|--------|
| City Forest (Salim Ali) National Park | Jammu & Kashmir | 1992 | 9 |
| Dachigam National Park | Jammu & Kashmir | 1981 | 141 |
| Hemis National Park | Jammu & Kashmir | 1981 | 3350 |
| Kishtwar National Park | Jammu & Kashmir | 1981 | 425 |
| Betla National Park | Jharkhand | 1986 | 226.33 |
| Anshi National Park | Karnataka | 1987 | 417.34 |
| Bandipur National Park | Karnataka | 1974 | 874.2 |
| Bannerghatta National Park | Karnataka | 1974 | 260.51 |
| Kudremukh National Park | Karnataka | 1987 | 600.32 |
| Nagarahole (Rajiv Gandhi) National Park | Karnataka | 1988 | 643.39 |
| Anamudi Shola National Park | Kerala | 2003 | 7.5 |
| Eravikulam National Park | Kerala | 1978 | 97 |
| Mathikettan Shola National Park | Kerala | 2003 | 12.82 |
| Pambadum Shola National Park | Kerala | 2003 | 1.32 |
| Periyar National Park | Kerala | 1982 | 350 |
| Silent Valley National Park | Kerala | 1984 | 89.52 |
| Bandhavgarh National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1968 | 448.85 |
| Fossil National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1983 | 0.27 |
| Indira Priyadarshini Pench National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1975 | 292.85 |
| Kanha National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1955 | 940 |
| Madhav National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1959 | 375.22 |
| Panna National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1981 | 542.67 |
| Sanjay National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1981 | 466.88 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------|--------|
| Satpura National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1981 | 585.17 |
| Van Vihar National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 1979 | 4.45 |
| Dinosaur National Park | Madhya Pradesh | 2011 | 0.8974 |
| Chandoli National Park | Maharashtra | 2004 | 317.67 |
| Gugamal National Park | Maharashtra | 1975 | 361.28 |
| Nawegaon National Park | Maharashtra | 1975 | 133.88 |
| Pench (Jawaharlal Nehru) National Park | Maharashtra | 1975 | 257.26 |
| Sanjay Gandhi (Borivali) National Park | Maharashtra | 1983 | 86.96 |
| Tadoba National Park | Maharashtra | 1955 | 116.55 |
| Keibul-Lamjao National Park | Manipur | 1977 | 40 |
| Balphakram National Park | Meghalaya | 1985 | 220 |
| Nokrek Ridge National Park | Meghalaya | 1986 | 47.48 |
| Murlen National Park | Mizoram | 1991 | 100 |
| Phawngpui Blue Mountain National Park | Mizoram | 1992 | 50 |
| Intanki National Park | Nagaland | 1993 | 202.02 |
| Bhitarkanika National Park | Odisha | 1988 | 145 |
| Simlipal National Park | Odisha | 1980 | 845.7 |
| Mukundra Hills National Park | Rajasthan | 2006 | 200.54 |
| Desert National Park | Rajasthan | 1992 | 3162 |
| Keoladeo Ghana National Park | Rajasthan | 1981 | 28.73 |
| Ranthambhore National Park | Rajasthan | 1980 | 282 |
| Sariska National Park | Rajasthan | 1992 | 273.8 |
| Khangchendzonga National Park | Sikkim | 1977 | 1784 |
| Guindy National Park | Tamil Nadu | 1976 | 2.82 |

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|------------------------------------------|---------------|------|---------|
| Indira Gandhi (Annamalai) National Park | Tamil Nadu | 1989 | 117.1 |
| Mudumalai National Park | Tamil Nadu | 1990 | 103.23 |
| Mukurthi National Park | Tamil Nadu | 1990 | 78.46 |
| Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park | Telangana | 1994 | 1.43 |
| Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park | Telangana | 1994 | 14.59 |
| Mrugavani National Park | Telangana | 1994 | 3.6 |
| Clouded Leopard National Park | Tripura | 2007 | 5.08 |
| Bison (Rajbari) National Park | Tripura | 2007 | 31.63 |
| Dudhwa National Park | Uttar Pradesh | 1977 | 490 |
| Corbett National Park | Uttarakhand | 1936 | 520.82 |
| Gangotri National Park | Uttarakhand | 1989 | 2390.02 |
| Govind National Park | Uttarakhand | 1990 | 472.08 |
| Nanda Devi National Park | Uttarakhand | 1982 | 624.6 |
| Rajaji National Park | Uttarakhand | 1983 | 820 |
| Valley of Flowers National Park | Uttarakhand | 1982 | 87.5 |
| Buxa National Park | West Bengal | 1992 | 117.1 |
| Gorumara National Park | West Bengal | 1992 | 79.45 |
| Jaldapara National Park | West Bengal | 2014 | 216.51 |
| Neora Valley National Park | West Bengal | 1986 | 159.89 |
| Singalila National Park | West Bengal | 1986 | 78.6 |
| Sunderban National Park | West Bengal | 1984 | 1330.1 |