About National Parks in India

• **What is a National Park?**
  An area that is identified as being rich in biodiversity is strictly protected from activities like industry or residential development, poaching, deforestation, hunting, forestry, grazing, cultivation, and any other activity which may damage the flora and fauna of that region. The area is declared as a National Park under law, and the boundaries are well defined. They are not to be exploited in any manner whatsoever.

• **Which Indian law provides provision for National Parks?**
  The **Wildlife Protection Act of 1972** provides provision for several protected areas and reserves including National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves, Conservation Reserves, and Community Reserves. National Parks and Tiger Reserves are more strictly protected than other areas.

• **How many National Parks are there in India?**
  There are a total of **103** National Parks in India (as of 2017).

• **Which is the state with the maximum number of National Parks, and Maximum area under National Parks?**
  Madhya Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar have the highest number of National Parks (**9 each**).

• **Largest and Smallest National Park in India?**
  Largest – **Hemis National Park**, Jammu & Kashmir
  Smallest – **South Button Island National Park**, Andaman, and the Nicobar Islands

**Important facts about the National Parks in India**

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**What is the difference between National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries?**

• The difference between a National Park and a Wildlife Sanctuary is that no human activity is allowed inside a national park, while limited activities are permitted within the sanctuary.
• In Biosphere Reserve, limited economic activity (sand and stone mining) is permitted.

National parks in India are **IUCN category II protected areas**. India’s first national park was established in 1936 as **Hailey National Park**, now known as **Jim Corbett National Park**, Uttarakhand.

In 1972, India enacted the Wildlife Protection Act and Project Tiger to safeguard the habitats of conservation-reliant species. Here is the complete list of National Parks in India.
# State-wise list of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

## Madhya Pradesh
- Bandhavgarh National Park
- Kanha National Park
- Madhav National Park
- Mandla Fossils National Park
- Van Vihar National Park
- Panna National Park
- Pench National Park
- Sanjay National Park
- Satpura National Park

## Karnataka
- Bandipur National Park
- Bannerghatta National Park
- Kudremukh National Park
- Nagarhole National Park

## Jharkhand
- Betla National Park
- Hazaribagh National Park

## Odisha
- Bhitarkanika National Park

## Gujarat
- Blackbuck National Park
- Gir Forest National Park
- Marine Gulf of Kutch park
- Vansda National Park

## West Bengal

### Trick to remember

**West Bengal Ki Jalpari Neora Single hain aur badi hi Sunder or Gori Boxer hain.**

- Jaldapara National Park
- Neora Valley National Park
- Singalila National Park
- Sundarbans National Park
- Gorumara National Park
- Buxa Tiger Reserve

## Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- Campbell Bay National Park
- Galathea National Park
- Mahatma National Park
- Middle Button National Park
- Mount Harriet National Park
- North Button National Park
- South Button National Park
- Rani Jhansi National Park
- Saddle Peak National Park

## Maharashtra
- Chandoli National Park
- Nagaon National Park
- Sanjay Gandhi National Park
- Tadoba National Park
- Gugamal National Park

## Jammu and Kashmir
- Dachigam National Park
- Hemis National Park
- Kishtwar National Park
- Salim Ali National Park

## Rajasthan
- Darrah National Park
- Desert National Park
- Keoladeo National Park
- Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary
- Ranthambore National Park
- Sariska Tiger Reserve

## Assam
- Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- Kaziranga National Park
- Manas National Park Assam
- Orang National Park Assam
- Nameri National Park Assam

## Odisha
- Nandankanan Zoological Park
- Simlipal National Park
Uttar Pradesh
- Dudhwa National Park

Bihar
- Valmiki National Park

Kerala
- Eravikulam National Park
- Mathikettan National Park
- Periyar National Park
- Silent Valley National Park

Uttarakhand
- Gangotri National Park Uttarakhand
- Govind Wildlife Sanctuary Uttarakhand

Tamil Nadu
- Guindy National Park
- Gulf of Mannar National Park
- Indira Sanctuary
- Mudumalai National Park
- Mukurthi National Park
- Palani Hills National Park

Punjab
- Harke Wetland Punjab

Haryana
- Kalesar National Park
- Sultanpur National Park

Himachal Pradesh
- Great Himalayan National Park
- Pin Valley National Park

Chhattisgarh
- Indravati National Park
- Kanger Ghati National Park

Uttarakhand
- Jim Corbett National Park
- Nanda Devi National Park
- Rajaji National Park
- Valley of Flowers National Park

Telangana
- Kasu Reddy National Park
- Vanasthali National Park

Manipur
- Keibul Lamjao National Park
- Sirohi National Park

Sikkim
- Khangchendzonga Park Sikkim

Arunachal Pradesh
- Mouling National Park
- Namdapha National Park

Mizoram
- Murlen National Park
- Blue Mountain National Park

Andhra Pradesh
- Papikonda National Park
- Sri Venkateswara Park

Goa
- Mollem National Park

Telangana
- Mrugavani National Park

Nagaland
- Ntangki National Park
## List of all major Wildlife Sanctuaries

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