



LAST MINUTE PRELIMS RECKONER 2025

ENVIRONMENT

**NATIONAL PARKS AND
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WILDLIFE SANCTUARY:

- ✓ Any area **other than area comprised with any reserve forest or the territorial waters** can be notified by the **State Government** as per the **Wild Life (Protection) Act(WPA) 1972** to constitute as a sanctuary if such area is of adequate **ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological, natural. or zoological significance**, for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment.
- ✓ **Some restricted human activities are allowed** inside the Sanctuary area details of which are given in CHAPTER IV, WPA 1972.
- ✓ There are **574 existing wildlife sanctuaries** in India covering an area of 127241.24 km².

NATIONAL PARK

- ✓ An area, whether within a sanctuary or not, can be **notified by the state government** as per the Wild Life (Protection) Act(WPA) 1972 to be constituted as a National Park, by reason of its **ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological, or zoological association or importance**, needed to for the purpose of protecting & propagating or developing wildlife therein or its environment.
- ✓ **No human activity is permitted** inside the national park **except for the ones permitted by the Chief Wildlife Warden** of the state under the conditions given in CHAPTER IV, WPA 1972.
- ✓ There are **106 existing national parks** in India covering an area of 44,402.95 km².



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- ✓ **No alteration of boundaries** of a wildlife sanctuary/national park shall be made **except on recommendation of the National Board for Wild Life**.
- ✓ **Wild life sanctuary can be created for a particular species** (eg. Grizzled Squirrel Sanctuary , Srivilliputhur) whereas the national park is not primarily focused on a particular species.
- ✓ The **Central Government** may also declare, Wild Life Sanctuary and National Park under certain conditions.

LIST OF NATIONAL PARKS (As on February, 2025)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of National Park	Area (in km ²)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Papikonda	1012.8588
2		Rajiv Gandhi (Rameswaram)	2.3952
3		Sri Venkateswara	353.62
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Mouling	483.00
5		Namdapha	1807.82
6	Assam	Dibru-Saikhowa	340.00
7		Dihing Patkai	234.26
8		Kaziranga	889.51
9		Manas	500.00
10		Nameri	200.00
11		Rajiv Gandhi (Orang)	78.81
12		Raimona	422.00
13	Bihar	Valmiki	335.65
14	Chhattisgarh	Guru Ghasidas (Sanjay)	1440.71
15		Indravati (Kutru)	1258.37
16		Kanger Valley	200.00
17	Goa	Mollem	107.00
18	Gujarat	Blackbuck (Velavadar)	34.53
19		Gir	258.71
20		Marine (Gulf of Kachchh)	162.89
21		Vansda	23.99
22	Haryana	Kalesar	46.82
23		Sultanpur	1.43
24	Himachal Pradesh	Great Himalayan	754.40
25		Inderkilla	94.00
26		Khirganga	705.00
27		Pin Valley	675.00
28		Col. Sherjung Simbalbara	27.88
29	Jharkhand	Betla	226.33
30	Karnataka	Anshi	417.34
31		Bandipur	872.24
32		Bannerghatta	260.51
33		Kudremukh	600.57
34		Nagarahole (Rajiv Gandhi)	643.39
35	Kerala	Anamudi Shola	7.50
36		Eravikulam	97.00
37		Mathikettan Shola	12.82

38		Pambadum Shola	1.32
39		Periyar	350.00
40		Silent Valley	89.52
41	Madhya Pradesh	Bandhavgarh	448.842
42		Dinosaur Fossils	0.897
43		Fossil	0.27
44		Pench	292.857
45		Kanha	941.793
46		Kuno	748.761
47		Madhav	375.23
48		Panna	542.66
49		Sanjay	464.643
50		Satpura	528.729
51		Van Vihar	4.452
52	Maharashtra	Chandoli	317.67
53		Gugamal	361.28
54		Nawegaon	133.88
55		Pench (Jawaharlal Nehru)	257.26
56		Sanjay Gandhi (Borivilli)	86.96
57		Tadoba	116.55
58	Manipur	Keibul-Lamjao	40.00
59		Shiroi	100.00
60	Meghalaya	Balphakram	220.00
61		Nokrek Ridge	47.48
62	Mizoram	Murlen	100.00
63		Phawngpui (Blue Mountain)	50.00
64	Nagaland	Intanki	202.02
65	Odisha	Bhitarkanika	145.00
66		Simlipal	845.70
67	Rajasthan	Desert	3162.00
68		Keoladeo Ghana	28.73
69		Mukundra Hills	200.54
70		Ranthambhore	282.00
71		Sariska	273.80
72	Sikkim	Khangchendzonga	1784.00
73	Tamil Nadu	Guindy	2.7057
74		Gulf of Mannar Marine	526.02
75		Indira Gandhi (Annamalai)	117.10
76		Mudumalai	103.23

77		Mukurthi	78.46
78	Telangana	Kasu Brahmananda Reddy	1.425
79		Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali	14.59
80		Mrugavani	3.60
81	Tripura	Clouded Leopard	5.08
82		Bison (Rajbari)	31.63
83	Uttar Pradesh	Dudhwa	490.00
84	Uttarakhand	Corbett	520.82
85		Gangotri	2390.02
86		Govind	472.08
87		Nanda Devi	624.60
88		Rajaji	820.00
89		Valley of Flowers	87.50
90	West Bengal	Buxa	117.10
91		Gorumara	79.45
92		Jaldapara	216.34
93		Neora Valley	159.8917
94		Singalila	78.60
95		Sunderban	1330.10
96	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Campbell Bay	426.23
97		Galathea Bay	110.00
98		Mahatama Gandhi Marine (Wandoor)	281.50
99		Mount Harriett	46.62
100		Rani Jhansi Marine	320.06
101		Saddle Peak	32.54
102	Jammu & Kashmir	City Forest (Salim Ali)	9.07
103		Dachigam	141.00
104		Kazinag	90.88
105		Kishtwar High Altitude	2191.50
106	Ladakh	Hemis	3350.00



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✓ Punjab is the only state without any national parks.

NATIONAL PARKS OF INDIA

