



Mahamati Prannathji Mandir

Mahamati Prannathji Mandir - It is one of the most revered pilgrim places for the Pranami sect followers the world over. The temple was completed in 1692. Other than this Padmavati temple, Baldevji temple, Jugal Kishore temple, Gatha falls and Kalinjar fort are worth a visit.

Pandav falls - Located on Panna road, these falls are about 34 km away from Khajuraho and 7 km from Madla. They make an excellent scenic spot for the tourists.

National Museum - Established in 1988, it has a remarkable collection of icons and coins.

Panna Diamond Mines - Panna is also famous for diamond mines. A visit to the mines to see the most precious gem of the world being extracted from earth is a thrilling feel. One has to seek permission from the office of Panna Diamond Mines to visit here.

How to Reach

By Air- Nearest airport is Khajuraho.

By Rail- Nearest railhead is Khajuraho (46 km) and Satna (74 km).

By Road- Panna is well-connected with road network, Khajuraho to Madla (25 kms), Satna to Madla (90 kms) and Panna to Madla (19 kms).

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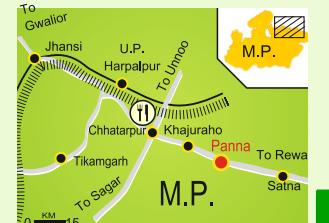
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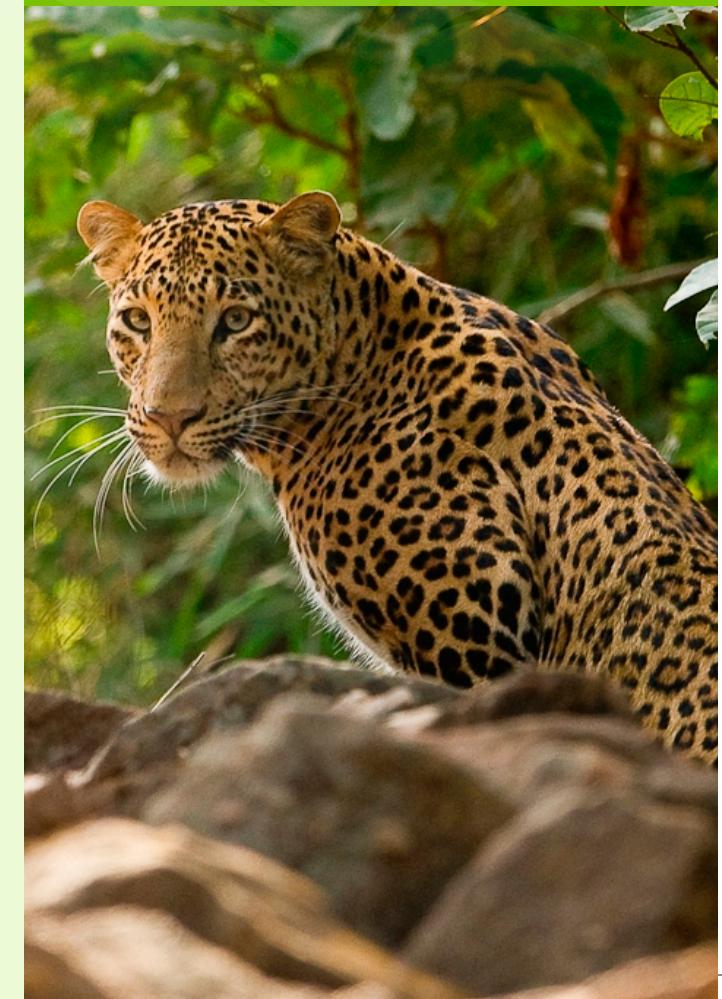
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PANNA
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Scenic route of Ken River

Panna, the erstwhile capital of the Bundela kingdom, is famous for the Panna National Park. Panna town, the administrative headquarters of Panna District, is the hub of many religious monuments, which showcases the architectural marvels of Hindu and Islamic styles. Adorned with greenish meadows dotted with evergreen trees, undulating forests, hills and rocks, Panna serves as a perfect place for holiday tours and quite sojourn.

Panna National Park was created in 1981. It was declared as a Project Tiger Reserve in 1994. The National Park consists of areas from the former Gangu Wildlife Sanctuary created in 1975. The sanctuary comprised of territorial forests of the present North and South Panna



A striped stalker on its prowl

Forest Division to which a portion of the adjoining Chhatarpur forest division was added later. The reserved forests of the Park in Panna district and some protected forests bordering Chhatarpur were the hunting reserves of the erstwhile rulers of Panna, Chhatarpur and Bijawar princely states in the past. The location of the National Park is crucial as it is situated at a point where the continuity of the forest belt, which starts from Cape Comorin in the south is broken and from there beyond, the great Gangetic plains begin. This area is also the northern most tip of the natural teak forests and the eastern most tip of the natural Kardhai (Anogeissus pendula) forests. The Ken river, which flows through the reserve from south to north, is home for Gharial and Mugger. Ken offers some of the most spectacular scenery to the visitor while it meanders for some 55 km through the reserve.

The terrain of the reserve is characterised by extensive plateaus and gorges. The reserve which has a bench topography, can broadly be divided into three distinct tablelands by the side of Panna namely, the upper Talgaon Plateau, the middle Hinnauta plateau and the Ken valley. Series of undulating hills and plateaus rise on the other side of Ken river in Chattarpur district.

Wildlife

Tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*), the king of the jungle, roams freely in this secure habitat along with his fellow creatures like leopard, wild dog, wolf, hyena and caracal and smaller cats. Sloth bear has his most favourite home in the rock escarpments and undisturbed vales. The wooded areas are dotted with sambar - the largest of Indian deers, chital and chowsingha. One can easily see nilgai and chinkara in most open areas in the grasslands, specially on the periphery. Varieties of snakes,



including the python and other reptiles are also found here.

The avifauna comprises more than 200 species including a host of migratory birds. One can see White Necked Stork, Bar-Headed Goose, Honey Buzzard, King Vulture, Blossom Headed Parakeet, Paradise Flycatcher, Slaty Headed Scimitar Babbler to name a few.

Flora

Dry and hot climate, in union with shallow Vindhyan soils has given rise to dry Teak and dry mixed forest. The dominating vegetation type is miscellaneous dry deciduous forest interspread with grassland areas. The characteristic floral species of this area include tree species such as *Tectona grandis*, *Diospyros melanoxylon*, *Madhuca indica*, *Buchnania latifolia*, *Anogeissus latifolia*, *Anogeissus pendula*, *Lannea coromandelica*, *Boswellia serrata* etc.



King Vulture

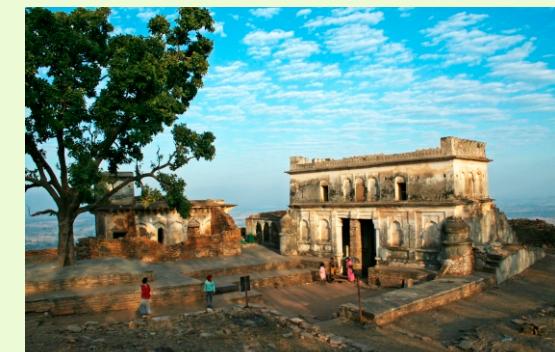
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Other attractions

Fort of Ajaygarh- Built in 1765 AD by the nephew of the Maharaja of Jaitpur, the fort is situated at a height of 800 ft. However, by 1809 the Britishers overpowered it.



The historic fort of Ajaygarh