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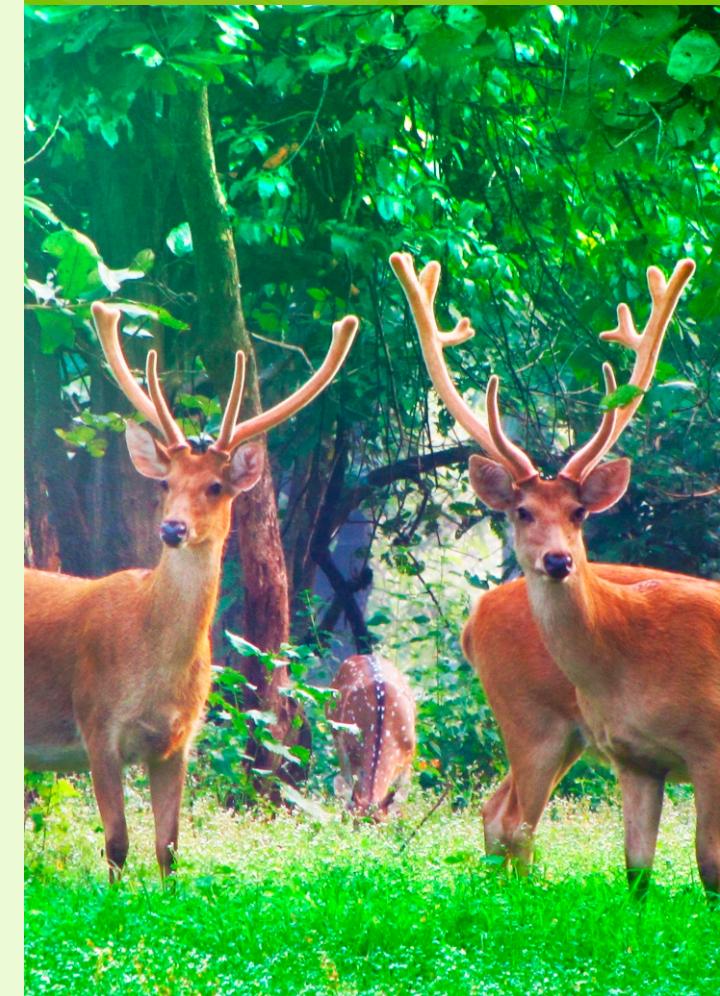
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Kanha's sal and bamboo forests, rolling grasslands and meandering streams stretch over 940 sq km in dramatic natural splendour. Kanha National Park forms the core of the Kanha Tiger Reserve created in 1974 under Project Tiger. The park is the only habitat of the rare hardground barasingha (*Cervus Duvaceli Branderi*).

In the 1930s, the Kanha area was divided into two sanctuaries, Hallon and Banjar, of 250 sq km and 300 sq km each. Though one of these was subsequently disbanded, the area remained a protected one until 1947. Depletion of the tiger population in the years that followed led to the area being made an absolute sanctuary in 1952.

By a special statute in 1955, Kanha National Park came into being. Since then, a series of stringent conservation programmes for the protection of the park's flora and fauna has given Kanha its deserved reputation for being one of the finest and best administered National Parks in Asia, an irresistible attraction for all wildlife lovers and a true haven for its animal and avian population.

What to See

Forest Department guides accompany visitors around the park on mapped-out circuits which enable viewers to see a good cross-section of Kanha's wildlife. The best areas are the meadows around Kanha, where blackbuck, chital and barasingha can be seen throughout the day.

Bamni Dadar: Known as Sunset Point, this is one of the most beautiful areas of the park, from where a spectacular sunset can be watched. The dense luxuriance of Kanha's forests can best be seen from here. Animals that can be sighted around this point are typical of the mixed forest zone, sambar, barking deer, gaur and the four-horned antelope.

Mammalian Species: Kanha has some 22 species of mammals. Those most easily spotted are the striped palm squirrel, common langur, jackal, wild pig, chital or spotted deer, barasingha or swamp deer, sambar and blackbuck.

Less commonly seen species : Tiger, Indian hare, dhole or Indian wild dog, barking deer and Indian bison or gaur. Patient watching should reward the visitor with a sight of: Indian fox, sloth bear, striped hyena, jungle cat, leopard, mouse deer, chousingha or four horned antelope, nilgai, ratel and porcupine.

Rarely seen species : Wolf, which lives in the far east of the park, chinkara, to be found outside the park's northern boundary, Indian pangolin, the smooth Indian otter and the small Indian civet.

Commonly seen species : Cattle egret, pond heron, black ibis, common peafowl, crested serpent eagle, racket-tailed drongo, hawk



The majestic Gaur (Indian-Bison)



Chital or the Spotted Deer are very visible at Kanha.

and red wattled lapwing, various species of flycatcher, woodpecker, pigeon, dove, parakeet, babbler and mynah, Indian roller, white breasted kingfisher and grey hornbill.

Avian Species: Kanha has some 200 species of birds. Watchers should station themselves in the hills, where the mixed and bamboo forests harbour many species, and in the grassy forest clearings.

Water birds can be seen near the park's many rivulets and at Sarvantal, a pool that is frequented by water birds and the area in front of the museum.

The sal forests do not normally yield a sight of Kanha's avifauna. Early mornings and late afternoons are best for bird watching, binoculars are an invaluable aid to the watcher.

Park Safari

For gypsy safari, log-in to forest.mponline.gov.in

For cantor safari, see the MPSTDC Manager. It is not available online.

Best Season

October to June is the best time to visit Kanha National Park. (The Park is closed From 1 July to 15 October due to rains.) For those planning a visit, a stay of at least three nights is recommended in order to have a good chance of seeing the more elusive animals.

Kanha Museum

This is a unique natural history museum that preserves skeletons of reptiles and animals and houses an exhibition of the wildlife conservation work done in Kanha and an audio library of sounds of birds

Things to do

- Enjoy walking and cycling in the pristine air of buffer zone.
- Take a safari in open jeep (all days, except Wednesday afternoons)
- Visit the nearby villages to experience life in remote jungle – Sarekha (15km from Kisli gate), Garhi (20km from Mukki gate), Lagma (5km from Mukki gate), Mocha (10km from Mukki gate).
- Shop for souvenir at Khatia gate.

How to Reach

Mukki is one of the entry points to the Kanha National park. From Jabalpur, Mukki is 203 km via Motinala and Garhi, Khatia gate is 150 km. For travellers from Bilaspur (182 km), Raipur (213 km) and Balaghat (83 km), Mukki on State Highway No. 26 is more convenient. From Nagpur, Mukki is 289 km via Balaghat.

By Air: Nearest airports are at Jabalpur (160 km), Khajuraho (250km).

By Rail: Most convenient railheads are at Jabalpur and Bilaspur.

By Road : Taxis are available for hire from Jabalpur, Bilaspur, Nagpur