

Tazekka National Park is a national park of Morocco. It was created in 1950 with an initial area of 6.8 km² to protect the natural resources around Jbel Tazekka (elevation 1,980 m), particularly the grove of cedars (*Cedrus atlantica*), which are isolated on this peak in the Middle Atlas range.

In 1989, the park was extended to include nearly 120 km² of ecologically important areas, including forests of cork oak and holm oak, as well as canyons, caves, cascades, and rural landscapes.

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Access[edit]

Tazekka National Park is located in the Middle Atlas, near the city of Taza.

Climate[edit]

Atmospheric moisture condenses as it is orographically lifted over the mountain. As a result, the mountain frequently shows a cap cloud and annually receives approximately 180 cm of precipitation, particularly in the form of snow.

Fauna[edit]

Mammals are represented by North African boars (*Sus scrofa algira*), porcupines (*Hystrix cristata*), otters (*Lutra lutra*), Small-spotted genets (*Genetta genetta*), hares (*Lepus capensis*), Algerian wolves (*Canis anthus algirensis*), and red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*). Barbary leopards (*Panthera pardus panthera*), striped hyenas (*Hyaena hyaena*) and caracals (*Caracal caracal*), which were found once in the area, are extinct. The Barbary stag (*Cervus elaphus barbarus*) was extinct as well, but has been reintroduced recently.[1]