



Protected Areas of Madhya Pradesh

National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries & Tiger Reserves

National Parks of Madhya Pradesh

NAME	ESTABLISHED	AREA (SQ KM)	LOCATION	FAMOUS FOR
Kanha National Park	1955	940	Mandla & Balaghat	Barasingha (swamp deer), Bengal tigers, largest NP in MP
Bandhavgarh National Park	1968	452.7	Umaria	Highest tiger density in India, leopards, gaur
Satpura National Park	1981	524	Narmadapuram	Dhupgarh peak (highest in MP), Indian giant squirrels, scenic terrain
Pench National Park	1975	758	Seoni & Chhindwara	Inspired Jungle Book, Pench River, teak forests
Panna National Park	1981	542	Panna & Chhatarpur	Ken River, successful tiger reintroduction, gharials, near Khajuraho
Sanjay National Park	1981	460	Sidhi & Singrauli	White tiger 'Mohan' birthplace, Sal forests, tiger corridor
Madhav National Park	1959	354	Shivpuri	Former Mughal hunting ground, Madhav & Sakhya Sagar lakes, marsh crocodiles
Kuno National Park	2018*	748.76	Sheopur & Morena	African cheetah reintroduction (2023), possible Asiatic lion site
Van Vihar National Park	1979	4.45	Bhopal	Zoo-like urban park, tigers, leopards, gharials in captive habitat
Mandla Fossils National Park	1983	0.27	Mandla	40-150 million-year-old plant fossils, smallest NP in MP
Dinosaur Fossil National Park	2011	~10	Dhar	Dinosaur fossils, eggs, life-size replicas, paleontological significance

Tiger Reserves of Madhya Pradesh

TIGER RESERVE	DECLARED	CORE AREA (SQ KM)	COMPOSITION	KEY FEATURES
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Kanha Tiger Reserve	1973	940	Kanha NP	First tiger reserve in MP, barasingha conservation success story
Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve	1993	716.9	Bandhavgarh NP + Panpatha WS	135 tigers (2022), highest density, historic fort
Pench Tiger Reserve	1992	411.33	Pench NP + Pench Sanctuary	Shared with Maharashtra, Jungle Book inspiration, teak forest
Panna Tiger Reserve	1994	542	Panna NP + Gangau WS + Ken Gharial WS	Tiger reintroduction success (2012), gharial breeding program
Satpura Tiger Reserve	2000	524	Satpura NP + Bori & Pachmarhi WS	Biosphere reserve, Dhupgarh peak, complex terrain
Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve	1994	1440.71	Sanjay NP + Dubri WS + Guru Ghasidas NP	Spans MP & Chhattisgarh, part in Chhattisgarh named Guru Ghasidas NP
Ratapani Tiger Reserve	Recent	2339.12	Ratapani WS	Near Bhopal, UNESCO Bhimbetka rock shelters, undulating terrain
Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve	2023	~1400+	Carved from Nauradehi WS	Newest tiger reserve, three iconic carnivore species, grasslands
Madhav Tiger Corridor	Recent	~354	Madhav NP	Tiger corridor connecting Ranthambhore-Kuno-Madhav landscape

Major Wildlife Sanctuaries of Madhya Pradesh

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY	ESTABLISHED	AREA (SQ KM)	DISTRICT	FAMOUS FOR
Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary	1975	1183	Sagar, Damoh, Narsinghpur	Largest WS in MP, diverse landscapes, tiger, leopard, wild boar
Panpatha Wildlife Sanctuary	1981	264.2	Umaria	Part of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, flat terrain, wildlife
Bori Wildlife Sanctuary	1977	518	Hoshangabad	Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve component, leopards, Indian giant squirrels
Pachmarhi Wildlife Sanctuary	1977	487.5	Hoshangabad	Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve, ancient cave paintings, scenic hills
Ken Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary	1981	303.78	Panna	Part of Panna Tiger Reserve, gharial breeding & captive program

Gangau Wildlife Sanctuary	1975	360	Panna	Part of Panna Tiger Reserve, Ken River valley
Dubri Wildlife Sanctuary	1975	475	Chhattisgarh/MP	Part of Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve, 309 species of birds & animals
Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary	1978	295.5	Morena	Tri-state (MP, UP, Rajasthan), gharials, Ganges dolphins, mugger crocodiles
Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary	1975	2339.12	Raisen	Recently declared tiger reserve, UNESCO Bhimbetka rock shelters
Ghatigaon Wildlife Sanctuary	1974	~13	Gwalior	Great Indian bustard (critically endangered), near Gwalior
Karera Wildlife Sanctuary	1974	~11	Shivpuri	Lesser florican (critically endangered), small bird sanctuary
Ralamandal Wildlife Sanctuary	1974	~3	Indore	Smallest WS in MP, near Indore city, leopards, antelopes

Key Facts about Madhya Pradesh Wildlife:

- Total National Parks: 12 (highest in India)
- Total Wildlife Sanctuaries: 22-30 (sources vary)
- Total Tiger Reserves: 6-9 (recently expanded)
- Tiger Population: 526+ (highest in India, 2018 census)
- Total Protected Area: ~16,079 sq km
- Also known as: Tiger State of India, Leopard State, Wolf State
- Madhya Pradesh means "Middle Province" - heart of India
- Notable biosphere reserves: Pachmarhi, Achanakmar-Amarkantak, Panna

***Kuno National Park** was a wildlife sanctuary (1981) and upgraded to National Park status in 2018