



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 Ranthambore-Kuno-Madhav landscape |

Major Wildlife Sanctuaries of Madhya Pradesh

| WILDLIFE SANCTUARY | ESTABLISHED | AREA (SQ KM) | DISTRICT | FAMOUS FOR |
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| 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 |

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| 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