

## National Parks in India 2026

**National Parks in India 2026 present a comprehensive state-wise list of 107 parks dedicated to conserving wildlife, biodiversity, and natural ecosystems.**

**National Parks in India:** India is home to a diversity of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, each serving as a hub for biodiversity conservation. These government-protected areas are established to safeguard native wildlife, conserve plant and animal species, and help restore ecological balance. Currently, there are 107 National Parks in India and 544 Wildlife Sanctuaries across the country, with Madhya Pradesh and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands leading in numbers, each hosting nine National Parks.

### National Parks in India

National Parks in India play a vital role in protecting wildlife and their natural habitats. These areas have strict rules that ban hunting, poaching, industrial activities, and farming to keep the environment undisturbed. With secure boundaries, no outside activities are allowed near or within these parks. The main purpose of National Parks in India is to conserve India's diverse wildlife. Below is a List of National Parks in India 2026, which is useful for competitive exams and general knowledge.

### List of National Parks in India 2026 State-wise

India proudly hosts around 107 national parks, each dedicated to preserving its remarkable biodiversity and distinctive landscapes. Here's a List of National Parks in India 2026 State-wise, for easy reference.

List of National Parks in India 2026 State-wise			
State/Union Territory	Total Parks	National Parks Name	Establishment Year
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	9	Campbell Bay National Park	1992
		Galathea Bay National Park	1992
		Mahatama Gandhi Marine (Wandoor) National Park	1982
		Middle Button Island National Park	1987
		Mount Harriett National Park	1987
		North Button Island National Park	1987

		Rani Jhansi Marine National Park	1996
		Saddle Peak National Park	1987
		South Button Island National Park	1987
Andhra Pradesh	3	Papikonda National Park	2008
		Rajiv Gandhi (Rameswaram) National Park	2005
		Sri Venkateswara National Park	1989
Arunachal Pradesh	2	Mouling National Park	1986
		Namdapha National Park	1983
Assam	5	Dibru-Saikhowa National Park	1999
		Kaziranga National Park	1974
		Manas National Park	1990
		Nameri National Park	1998
		Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park	1999
Bihar	1	Valmiki National Park	1989
Chhattisgarh	3	Guru Ghasidas (Sanjay) National Park	1981
		Indravati (Kutru) National Park	1982
		Kanger Valley National Park	1982
Goa	1	Mollem National Park	1992
Gujarat	4	Vansda National Park	1979
		Blackbuck (Velavadar) National Park	1976
		Gir National Park	1975
		Marine (Gulf of Kachchh) National Park	1982
Haryana	2	Kalesar National Park	2003

		Sultanpur National Park	1989
Himachal Pradesh	5	Great Himalayan National Park	1984
		Inderkilla National Park	2010
		Khirganga National Park	2010
		Pin Valley National Park	1987
		Simbalbara National Park	2010
Jammu and Kashmir	4	City Forest (Salim Ali) National Park	1992
		Dachigam National Park	1981
		Kishtwar National Park	1981
Jharkhand	1	Betla National Park	1986
Karnataka	5	Anshi National Park	1987
		Bandipur National Park	1974
		Bannerghatta National Park	1974
		Kudremukh National Park	1987
		Nagarhole National Park	1988
Kerala	6	Anamudi Shola National Park	2003
		Eravikulam National Park	1978
		Mathikettan Shola National Park	2003
		Pambadum Shola National Park	2003
		Periyar National Park	1982
		Silent Valley National Park	1984
Madhya Pradesh	9	Bandhavgarh National Park	1968
		Fossil National Park	1983
		Pench National Park	1975
		Kanha National Park	1955
		Madhav National Park	1959
		Panna National Park	1981

		Sanjay National Park	1981
		Satpura National Park	1981
		Van Vihar National Park	1979
Maharashtra	6	Chandoli National Park	2004
		Gugamal National Park	1975
		Nawegaon National Park	1975
		Pench (Jawaharlal Nehru) National Park	1975
		Sanjay Gandhi (Borivali) National Park	1983
		Tadoba Andhari National Park	1955
Manipur	1	Keibul-Lamjao National Park	1977
Meghalaya	2	Balphakram National Park	1985
		Nokrek Ridge National Park	1986
Mizoram	2	Murlen National Park	1991
		Phawngpui Blue Mountain National Park	1992
Nagaland	1	Intanki National Park	1993
Odisha	2	Bhitarkanika National Park	1988
		Simlipal National Park	1980
Rajasthan	5	Mukundra Hills National Park	2006
		Desert National Park	1992
		Keoladeo Ghana National Park	1981
		Ranthambhore National Park	1980
		Sariska National Park	1992
Sikkim	1	Khangchendzonga National Park	1977
Tamil Nadu	5	Guindy National Park	1976
		Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park	1980

		Indira Gandhi (Annamalai) National Park	1989
		Mudumalai National Park	1990
		Mukurthi National Park	1990
Ladakh	1	Hemis National Park	1981
Telangana	3	Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park	1994
		Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park	1994
		Mrugavani National Park	1994
Tripura	2	Clouded Leopard National Park	2007
		Bison (Rajbari) National Park	2007
Uttar Pradesh	1	Dudhwa National Park	1977
Uttarakhand	6	Corbett National Park	1936
		Gangotri National Park	1989
		Govind National Park	1990
		Nanda Devi National Park	1982
		Rajaji National Park	1983
		Valley of Flowers National Park	1982
West Bengal	6	Buxa National Park	1992
		Gorumara National Park	1992
		Jaldapara National Park	2014
		Neora Valley National Park	1986
		Singalila National Park	1986
		Sunderban National Park	1984

## What is a National Park?

A **National Park** is a protected area established by the government under the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972** to conserve wildlife, flora, and natural ecosystems. These parks aim to safeguard biodiversity and provide a secure habitat



for endangered species. Human activities like hunting, poaching, and commercial use of resources are strictly prohibited within their boundaries. National Parks also promote eco-tourism, environmental education, and scientific research to maintain ecological balance and awareness.

## National Park in India Features

- **Legal Protection:** National Parks are legally protected; activities like hunting, grazing, and forestry are prohibited.
- **Wildlife Conservation:** They serve as safe habitats for endangered and native species of animals and birds.
- **Ecological Balance:** Helps in preserving ecosystems, biodiversity, and natural landscapes.
- **Public Access:** Generally open to visitors for education and eco-tourism under strict rules.
- **Scientific Research:** Provide opportunities for research, wildlife monitoring, and conservation studies.

## Oldest National Parks in India

Corbett National Park, established in 1936, is the Oldest National Parks in India. Located in the Himalayas in Uttarakhand, it was initially named Hailey National Park. Renowned for its rich biodiversity, the park is especially famous for being the first area to come under the Project Tiger initiative in 1973. Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve is home to Bengal tigers, elephants, leopards, and hundreds of bird species, making it one of the most prominent wildlife sanctuaries in India.

Oldest National Parks in India			
S.No	National Parks in India	Location	Year
1	Corbett National Park	Uttarakhand	1936
2	<b>Kanha National Park</b>	Madhya Pradesh	1955
3	Tadoba National Park	Maharashtra	1955

## Smallest National Parks in India

South Button Island National Park is the Smallest National Parks in India covering an area of just 5 sq.km. It is located in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, off the southeastern coast of the Indian mainland. Despite its small size, the park is rich in marine biodiversity, offering vibrant coral reefs, sea turtles, and exotic fish species. It forms part of the Rani Jhansi Marine National Park and is a popular site for scuba diving.

### Smallest National Parks in India

Rank	National Park	Location	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )
1	South Button Island NP	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.03
2	Fossil National Park	Madhya Pradesh	0.3
4	North Button Island National Park	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.4
5	Middle Button Island National Park	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.9
7	Dinosaur Fossils National Park	Madhya Pradesh	1.4
8	Pambadum Shola National Park	Tamil Nadu	1.4

### Newest National Parks in India

**Dihing Patkai National Park** is the Newest National Parks in India, established in June 2021. It is located in the Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts of Assam and spans an area of 231.65km<sup>2</sup>. Known as the “Amazon of the East,” the park is rich in biodiversity and forms part of the largest stretch of lowland rainforest in India. It is home to rare and endangered species like the clouded leopard, hoolock gibbon, and several species of hornbills.

### Newest National Parks in India

Rank	National Parks	Location	Year
1	Dihing Patkai National Park	Assam	2021
2	Raimona National Park	Assam	2021
3	Jaldapara National Park	West Bengal	2014

### Largest National Parks in India

Hemis National Park is the Largest National Parks in India in India by area. It is located in the eastern part of Ladakh (previously part of Jammu and Kashmir) in northern India and spans an area of approximately 4,400 square kilometers. Nestled in the trans-Himalayan region, this park is renowned for being the highest altitude national park in the country and serves as a vital sanctuary for the elusive snow

leopard, along with other rare wildlife like the Tibetan wolf, red fox, and bharal (blue sheep).

### Largest National Parks in India

Rank	National Park	Location (State/UT)	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )
1	Hemis National Park	Ladakh	3,350
2	Desert National Park	Rajasthan	3,162
3	Gangotri National Park	Uttarakhand	2,390
4	Namdapha National Park	Arunachal Pradesh	1,808
5	Khangchendzonga National Park	Sikkim	1,784
6	Guru Ghasidas (Sanjay) National Park	Chhattisgarh	1,441
7	<u>Sundarbans National Park</u>	West Bengal	1,330
8	Indravati (Kutru) National Park	Chhattisgarh	1,258
9	Papikonda National Park	Andhra Pradesh	1,013
10	Kanha National Park	Madhya Pradesh	940
11	Bandipur National Park	Karnataka	874
12	Kaziranga National Park	Assam	859
13	Simlipal National Park	Odisha	846
14	Rajaji National Park	Uttarakhand	820
15	Great Himalayan National Park	Himachal Pradesh	754
16	Khirganga National Park	Himachal Pradesh	710
17	Pin Valley National Park	Himachal Pradesh	675
18	Nagarahole National Park	Karnataka	643
19	Nanda Devi National Park	Uttarakhand	625
20	Kudremukh National Park	Karnataka	600
21	Satpura National Park	Madhya Pradesh	585
22	Panna National Park	Madhya Pradesh	543
23	Corbett National Park	Uttarakhand	521
24	Manas National Park	Assam	500

25	Dudhwa National Park	Uttar Pradesh	490
26	Mouling National Park	Arunachal Pradesh	483
27	Govind National Park	Uttarakhand	472
28	Sanjay National Park	Madhya Pradesh	467
29	Bandhavgarh National Park	Madhya Pradesh	449
30	Campbell Bay National Park	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	426

### National Parks in India 2026 Facts

1. Hemis National Park (Jammu & Kashmir): The largest national park in India, famous for its snow leopard population.
2. South Button Island National Park (Andaman & Nicobar Islands): The smallest national park in India, known for its coral reefs and marine life.
3. Rann of Kutch (Gujarat): The largest wildlife sanctuary in India, home to the Indian wild ass and migratory birds.
4. Bor Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra): The smallest wildlife sanctuary in India, critical for tiger conservation.

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