

Bandhavgarh National Park

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About Bandhavgarh National Park:

- **Location:**
 - It is located in the **Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh.**
 - It is spread over the **Vindhya hills.**
- It was **declared a national park in 1968** and then became Tiger Reserve in 1993.
- It is **known for the Royal Bengal Tigers.** The **density of the tiger population** at Bandhavgarh is the **highest known in India** as well as in the world.
- The park **derives its name from the most prominent hillock in the area**, which was said to be given by Hindu Lord Rama to his brother Lakshmana to keep a watch on Lanka. Hence the name Bandhavgarh (Sanskrit: Brother's Fort).
- The national park **was the former hunting preserve of the Maharaja of Rewa.**
- **Topography:** Varies between **steep ridges, undulating forests and open meadows.**
- **Vegetation:** It is mostly of **dry deciduous type.**

- **Flora:**

- The vegetation of Bandhavgarh is specially **filled with Sal forest in the valleys**, and **Bamboo stretches on the lower slopes** of the region.
- Some of the most famous **floral species include Saj** (*Terminalia tomentosa*), **Dhaora** (*Anogeissus latifolia*), Tendu, **Arjun** (*Terminalia arjuna*), **Amla** (*Emblica officinalis*), **Palas** (*Butea monosperma*) etc.

- **Fauna:**

- The important **prey species consists of chital, sambhar, barking deer, nilgai**, chinkara, wild pig, chowsingha, langur and rhesus macaque.
- Dependent upon them are the **major predators like tiger, leopard, wild dog**, wolf and jackal.

Q1) What is a National Park?

National Parks in India are discussed here along with the Wildlife Sanctuaries. These are suitable places for biodiversity conservation. National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries are protected areas declared by Government with the primary objective to preserve wildlife, save flora & fauna and restore the natural ecological balance.

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