

KANHA TIGER RESERVE, MANDLA, MADHYA PRADESH

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1. **Where is Kanha Tiger Reserve Located?**

Kanha Tiger Reserve situated in Satpura Maikal Landscape is spread over Mandla and Balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh State in India with the Head Quarter stationed at Mandla.

2. **How do I reach Kanha Tiger Reserve?**

Kanha is accessible from Jabalpur, Raipur and Nagpur by road to Kanha through regular bus and taxi services. All the three places are connected by road, rail and air with the major cities in the country.

3. **How do I contact the Kanha Tiger Reserve Management?**

Contact details are as follows:

Tel: +91 7642 250760 (W) +91 7642 251266 (F)

Email: fdkanha@rediffmail.com

Website: <http://www.kanhatigerreserve.com>

4. **Which are the entry points to Kanha Tiger Reserve?**

Kanha Tiger Reserve has three entry points, namely, Khatia, Mukki and Sarhi. Khatia is nearly 160 Kms from Jabalpur (Via Mandla), 250 Kms from Raipur (Via Chilpi-Mukki-Baihar) and 220 Kms from Nagpur (Via Seoni-Nainpur_Chiraidongri). Mukki is nearly 200 Kms from Jabalpur (Via Mandla-Mocha-Baihar), 210 Kms from Raipur (Via Chilpi) and 260 Kms (Via Seoni-Nainpur-Mocha-Baihar) and 260 Kms (Via Balaghat-Baihar) from Nagpur. Sarhi Gate is nearly 8 Kms off Bichhiya, which is on NH 12 A about 150 Kms from Jabalpur (Via Mandla) and about 220 Kms from Raipur (Via Chilpi-Sijhora). Currently no logistic infrastructure is available at Sarhi Gate. The Gate supports the Day Visitors only. On road navigation can be accessed from <http://www.mapmyinda.com>.

5. **What is the best time to visit Kanha Tiger Reserve?**

Kanha Tiger Reserve opens from 16th October to 30th June every year. Best time to visit Kanha Tiger Reserve is from October to December and Aril to May.

6. **What is the Closed Period at Kanha Tiger Reserve?**

Kanha Tiger Reserve remains closed for the period from 1st July to 15th October.

7. **How will be the weather at Kanha Tiger Reserve?**

Kanha being situated in Central India is subjected to extreme and tropical weather. Month of January witnesses sub-zero temperatures and frost. Monsoon arrives in second week of June. The average temperature over the months is as below:

Months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Min (°C)	1	10	22	30	35	35	33	30	28	32	22	18
Max (°C)	15	25	35	40	46	45	40	38	36	38	32	25

8. [What are off days for Park Safari?](#)

The Park shall remain closed to the visitors for both the safaris on the day of “Holi”. All Wednesday afternoon safaris shall remain closed to the visitors.

9. [How to book ticket for safaris in Kanha Tiger Reserve?](#)

Tickets for Park safari can be booked in advance at <http://www.mponline.gov.in/forest>. Tickets are also available at the designated KIOSKS, Mandla Office and at all the Gates (Khatia, Mukki and Sarhi) in Kanha Tiger Reserve.

10. [Can I visit all the three zones with one entry ticket?](#)

Tickets are issued for a specific zone. Safari is permitted only the zone booked for. Other two zones shall remain out of bound for the visitors.

11. [How can I reschedule my ticket for the safari?](#)

Tickets can only be cancelled and can not be rescheduled online. Tickets can only be rescheduled at the counters (subject to availability of tickets for the scheduled day) available at Mandla Office and near the Gates.

12. [How many vehicles are allowed in Kanha Tiger Reserve?](#)

150 vehicles are permitted to enter into the Park at a time both during the morning and afternoon drives. Kanha Zone accommodates 70 vehicles, Mukki accommodates 50 and Sarhi Zone accommodates 30 vehicles per drive.

13. [How many safaris can be made in Kanha Tiger Reserve?](#)

Two safaris, one in the morning and the other during the afternoon are opened for the visitors for the safari. The safaris are from sunrise to sunset with a break during 1200 hrs to 1500 hrs. Timings are subjected to change depending on the season.

14. [What are the Zones in Kanha Tiger Reserve?](#)

Safaris are made in three Zones in Kanha Tiger Reserve. The Zones are Kanha, Mukki and Sarhi. Kanha is notified as the Premium Zone. Each of the Zones can be accessed from any of the entry points with specific routes and under certain terms and conditions.

15. [How much a ticket costs for the safari?](#)

Tickets are available at Rs 1030/- for each safari to Mukki and Sarhi Zone and Rs 1530/- to Kanha Zone. The cost of the ticket does not include the Guide and Vehicle charges.

16. [How to get a Guide for the safari?](#)

Guides shall be available at the entry point. It is mandatory to keep a Guide during the Park safari. Cost of hiring a Guide will be Rs 200/- for each safari. Guides shall be provided on a roaster (not by choice) and shall be asked to accompany the visitors right from the entry point at the time of verification of the ticket.

17. How to get a Vehicle for the safari?

Only registered Gypsies are allowed to enter into the Park for the safari. The Gypsies can be hired at Rs 1800/- for the morning safari and Rs 1200/- for the afternoon safari. The rates are subjected to vary as per the revisions made by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Corporation. No advance booking facility is available for hiring of Gypsies. No private vehicles are allowed to enter into the Park.

18. How many persons are allowed in a Vehicle for the safari?

A maximum of six persons excluding the mandatory Guide are allowed in a vehicle during the safari.

19. Any exemption for the children in the safari?

Children up to five years of age shall be exempted from entry fee and elephant ride fee.

20. Where to stay in Kanha Tiger Reserve?

Accommodation facilities are available in Khatia Jungle Camp and Forest Rest House in Kisli and Mukki. All the rooms are provided with double beds. Three dormitories accommodating 20 beds are also available in Khatia Jungle Camp. Rooms in Khatia Jungle Camp shall be provided with air coolers, hot water, furnitures (Only New Hutments) and colour TV with DTH connection. Rooms in Mukki Forest Rest House shall be provided with air coolers, hot water and furnitures whereas rooms in Kisli Forest Rest House are provided with Air Conditioners, hot water and furnitures.

21. How to book for accommodation in Kanha Tiger Reserve?

Accommodation can be booked in advance during the office hours (1030-1730 hrs) over phone (+91 7642 250760), fax (+91 7642 251266) and email (fdkanha@rediffmail.com). The right of reservation lies with the Field Director, Kanha Tiger Reserve.

22. How much a room costs?

Khatia Jungle Camp

Old Hutments: Rs 400/- per room

New Hutments: Rs 500/- per room

Dormitory: Rs 100/- per bed

Kisli Forest Rest House: Rs 890/-

Mukki Forest Rest House: Rs 680/-

23. How to make payments for the accommodation facility?

Khatia Jungle Camp

Old Hutments: R 400/-

Rs 250/- in favour of Up Sanchalak, Kanha Vikas Nidhi

Rs 150/- in favour of The President, Kanha Workers' Society

New Hutments: R 500/-

Rs 300/- in favour of Up Sanchalak, Kanha Vikas Nidhi

Rs 200/- in favour of The President, Kanha Workers' Society

Kisli and Mukki Forest Rest House: No advance is accepted (Only after occupancy).

The payment must be sent either in Crossed Demand Drafts payable at Mandla (SBI Code 0421) or in Cash towards the accommodation facility.

24. Does the Forest Rest Houses have Canteen facility?

Khatia Jungle Camp, Kisli Forest Rest House and Mukki Forest Rest House has canteen facility to cater to the needs of the visitors. The canteens are being run by Kanha Workers' Society. Food bills are charged separately.

25. How to make the cancellation of booked tickets?

Tickets booked online can be cancelled at <http://www.mponline.gov.in/forest>. Tickets can also be cancelled at the counters near the Gate as per the Cancellation Rules.

- More than 15 days before the date of excursion: 20% of the reservation amount
- 18 to 15 days before the date of excursion: 30% of the reservation amount
- 7 to 1 No day before the date of excursion: 40% of the reservation amount
- One day before or on the date of excursion: 50% of the reservation amount
- If Park is closed due to any unforeseen reason: 100% Refund or Reschedule

26. How to book Elephants for Filming/Photography?

Provision for Elephant Rides has been elaborated in detail in Rule 9 and 10 of the Notification. The Notification can be read in www.mponline.gov.in/forest. The salient features are as follows:

1. Every person aboard an elephant hired shall require filming /photography permission. Fee for the elephant will be Rs 12,000/- (for 3 hours).
2. Permission for filming/photography shall be given by the Field Director/Conservator of Forests. This fee shall be payable in advance for the entire period of filming/photography. The period of permission can also be in broken periods.

Filming

(Including still photography):	1 st 7 Days:	Rs 30,000/- Per person per day
	8 th to 15 th Day:	Rs 25,000/- Per person per day
	16 th Day onwards:	Rs 20,000/- Per person per day

3. In case of any violation of the terms and conditions by the bearer of the Filming/Photography permit or by his/her assistant/helper or servant, a fine up to Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) can be levied by an officer not below the rank of Deputy Director/Divisional Forest Officer for every violation. The fine will not be levied before the party has been given an opportunity to be heard.

4. Permission for photography/filming in a National Park or Sanctuary shall ordinarily be given only for recording the natural beauty, wildlife or natural history of the area. However, the Government may permit such work for any other reason under special circumstances, provided it does not adversely impact the ecology or wildlife of the area.

Such permission shall be charged at special rates, which shall in no case be less than ten times the rate prescribed under sub-rule 9 (b) and (10) (a) above, as the case may be.

27. What are the provisions for Elephant Ride?

Only four persons shall be allowed to sit on an elephant. Children up to 5 years of age shall be allowed free, along with adults. The maximum time limit for viewing a tiger or leopard from elephant ride/safari shall not be more than 10 minutes. Elephant rides /safari shall be charged at the following rates:

Indian Citizens:	Rs 200/- Per person
Foreign Nationals:	Rs 600/- Per person

28. How to avail concession for school students/trainees/trainers and support staff?

Authorized study tours of students belonging to educational institutions, schools, colleges, universities shall be charged 50% of the entry fee if prior information is given. This facility shall be allowed to an institution only once a year and shall be limited to only one visit. Students/trainees, trainers and support staff of the training and research institutions of different State Forest Departments and the Ministry of Environment and Forest, will be entitled for free entry.

29. What are the provisions for citizens of Nepal?

The citizens of Nepal shall be treated at par with Indian citizens with regard to the determination of fees.

30. Where do I get more information on Kanha Tiger Reserve?

For more information on Kanha Tiger Reserve, please log on to our website <http://www.kanhatigerreserve.com> and <http://www.mponline.gov.in/forest>.

31. What is Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation?

Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation is a registered society under the Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 1973 which came into existence on January 15, 1997. It is a Non-Profit Organization working towards conservation of wildlife (with special emphasis on tiger). This Novel Scheme provides an Opportunity to secure support from Public and Organizations outside the Government with the sole objective that people from all walks of life must join hands to protect the tiger and its habitat.

32. How do I become a member of The Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation?

In April, 2001 The Tiger Foundation Society announced Annual and Life Membership Fees for obtaining membership of the Society. The Annual Membership Fee is Rs. 500/- (Rs Five Hundred Only) and Life Membership Fee is Rs. 100,000/- (Rs One Hundred Thousand Only). Every proud member will be provided with an Identity Card.

33. How do I contribute to The Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation?

All contributions must be sent through Crossed Cheques or Demand Drafts drawn in favour of The Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundations Society, Bhopal, India. The society has

obtained **Foreign Currency Regulation Act (FCRA)** registration and is authorised to receive donations from outside the country. All the donations made are eligible for Income Tax exemption under section 80 (g) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961.

For details, please contact:

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Bhopal-462001, INDIA
Tel: +91 755 2674318 (W) +91 755 2766315 (F) Email: pccfwl@mp.gov.in

34. What is Kanha Workers' Society?

The Kanha Workers Sahkari Sakh evam Kamgar Samiti Maryadit, Kisli was formed under the Society Act, 1960 for the welfare of the staff of the Kanha Tiger Reserve. Every serving individual of the Tiger Reserve (which includes the Casual Labours and the Guides) is a proud member of this Society.

35. How do I contribute to Kanha Workers' Society?

All the generous donations to The Kanha Workers Sahkari Sakh evam Kamgar Samiti Maryadit, Kisli can be sent through Crossed Demand Draft, Cheque and in Cash in favour of The President, Kanha Workers' Society, Kanha Tiger Reserve, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh.

For details, please contact:

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Kanha Tiger Reserve, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, India-481661
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36. Is there any provision of moving on foot/camping/staying in hides and machans/night safari/cycling/nature trails inside the Park?

Kanha Tiger Reserve has nature trails just near the Khatia Gate and Mukki Gate which can be used on foot as well as by cycles. We provide gear as well as non-gear cycles on payment basis. Cycles will be made available at the counters near the gate. As on date, there is no such provision for moving on foot/camping/staying in hides and machans and night safari in National Park.

37. What are mandatory documents that I need to carry during the safari?

All the visitors are required to produce any one of the identity cards (Voter ID, Driving License, PAN Card, Govt. Employee Card, Passport and Student ID) on demand by the Park Officials for verification at the entry point.

38. What are the activities that can be taken up in the Core Zone of the Tiger Reserve?

Only safari on vehicles in the designated routes is permitted in the Core Zone of the Tiger Reserve. Walking on foot or getting off the vehicle is strictly prohibited but for the Kanha museum complex premise.

39. [What are the activities that can be taken up in the Buffer Zone of the Tiger Reserve?](#)

Nature trails at Khatia and Mukki have been made for walking on foot and for moving on cycles. A herbal trail in Chhapri near Khatia is also open to the visitors. Orientation centers at Khatia and Mukki are open to the visitors during the evening hours. The Park Officials explain the necessary conducts and safety measures to be taken during the safari. The amphitheaters are used for screening movies on wildlife. Besides, many of the hotels conduct guided tours to the country side.

40. [What are the precautions I need to take for my safety while in the Park?](#)

Visitors are allowed to move on open vehicles in the Park. One should refrain from teasing or wild animals. Getting off the vehicle and moving on foot is strictly prohibited. First-aid box is a mandatory kit in all the vehicles. Winter garments are advised during the months of December and January. It is always advisable to follow the instructions of the Guide and adhere to the do's and don't's. Sitting firmly on the seat confined to the vehicle, remaining watchful to the dangling branches, avoiding touching of plants, eating of leaves and fruits, drinking water from the flowing streams and wearing of boots and trousers in the nature trail are always advisable.

41. [I have purchased the ticket for the tiger show. Does it enable me to have a guaranteed sighting of the tiger?](#)

We follow a queue for the tiger sighting on first come first basis. Tickets are issued only after the tiger has been tracked and gets localised. The number of tickets to be issued will depend on the availability of time for the safari. Tiger shows on elephant back are conducted only during the morning safari. Visitors are taken on elephant back and are allowed to view the tiger upto a maximum of 10 minutes. Tiger shows are called off the moment tiger makes a move. Visitors are not allowed to follow the tiger on elephant back and the tickets booked for the safari get refunded.