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## Makalu Barun National Park

The Makalu Barun National Park is located in the North-Eastern Himalayas and borders the Sagarmatha National Park. This national park has the world's highest altitude range, with an altitude difference of over 8000 metres. Enjoy the thrilling peaks such as Mount Makalu(8463 metres), Mount Chamlang(7319 metres)and Mera Peak (6654 metres).

### Practical:

Size: 1500 Km<sup>2</sup>

Established: 1992

Best Season: October - November and February - April

Park Main Entrance: Tumlingtar

Location: North-Eastern Himalayas



### Climate

Due to the big difference in altitudes throughout the park, the climate also varies immensely. The lower parts of the National Park enjoy a more moderate climate, whereas the higher parts have a cool climate. Best time to visit Makalu Barun is in Spring and Autumn. The winter is too cold to allow camping and the summer is too wet, between June and September 70% of the annual rain falls.

### Flora and Fauna

The variety in altitude also leads to a rich nature with twenty different eco-systems, ranging from Sal forests to Alpine zones including glaciers and rocky snow capped mountains. Depending on the altitude trees such as Chir Pines, Oaks, Maples, Magnolias, Firs and Rhododendrons can be found. The plant life is built up with 284 species, eight of which are endemic. The 47 orchid species that grow in Makalu Barun make the plants a lust for the eye.

A total of 88 mammal species live throughout the park with animals such as the Snow Leopard, Himalayan Black Bear, Red Panda and Wild Boar, well worth a visit for animal spotters. Birdwatchers can also get their part of the thrill as a total of 440 species are living in the park. Important species include the Spiny Babbler, Impeyan Pheasant, Rufous Throated Wren Babbler and the Slety-bellied Tesia. Furthermore 59 species of reptiles and 78 species of fish inhabit the national park.

### Areas of Interest

The rugged Himalayan landscape is the main attraction of this park. The world's fifth highest peak Mount Makalu(8463m) is the major landmark. For trekkers the Makalu Base Camp and the Mera Peak are popular



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places to visit. Along the way plenty of glaciers, glacial lakes, rivers, hot springs, cliffs, gorges and snow capped peaks can be observed. All of this makes this national park a lust for the eye and a striking experience.

Due to the rugged terrain trekking in Makalu Barun also brings along certain risks. Trekkers therefore always should be aware of snow, slippery rocks and overnight frost as well as dangerous rockfall.



### Activities

The rugged landscape of Makalu Barun lends itself as a trekking destination. Depending on the trekkers experience one can go on a simple camping trip, or go for a more hard trek and attempt to scale the Mera Peak (6654m).

### Access

Makalu Barun National Park is best reached by airplane. Regular flights to Tumlingtar are operated from Kathmandu and from Biratnagar.

As an alternative to flying in the Makalu Barun can also be reached by land from Biratnagar or Dharan. From either city it is a six till seven hour drive to Hile from where it is another three days trekking. The actual park headquarters at Seduwa are an additional one day way from Tumlingtar.

### Facilities

Makalu Barun is remotely located and thus the facilities are limited. Whichever food supplies you may be needing you can find in Tumlingtar, after Tumlingtar, don't count on finding supplies on the way, so be sure to carry enough with you. To protect and preserve the environment six campsites have been designated throughout the park. These sites are: Khongma(3500m), Dobato(3500m), Yangle(3570m), Neghe(3700m), Langmale(4100m) and Shersong(4600m). Do not forget to take a well equipped first-aid kit with you as medical facilities are close to none. If you need any help organising your visit to Makalu Barun, please [contact](#) us.

### Park Information

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