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Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park

Nepal's easiest accessible park and just 12 kilometres north of Kathmandu. Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park is the source of the holy Bagmati river used for religious purposes, but also a valuable source of drinking water. The highest peak of the park lies at 2732 metres and offers a good vantage point to gaze on the snow capped Langtang Himalayas.

Practical:

Size: 159 Km²

Established: 2002

Best Season: All Year

Park Main Entrance: Budhanilkantha

Location: Kathmandu Valley



Climate

Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park lies within the Kathmandu Valley and thus enjoys the moderate sub-tropical climate of Kathmandu. The Highest average temperatures are recorded in May - June, the lowest in December - January. Almost all rain falls within the monsoon season from June to September.

Flora and Fauna

Shivapuri lies within a transition zone between the subtropical climate and the high Himalayas. Due to this it has a large variety of flora with five different forest eco-systems with tree species such as the Mountain Oak, Collinear Oak, Schima Wallichii, Castanopsis Indica and Pinus Roxburghii. In total Shivapuri is home to 449 vascular plants, of which 16 are endemic.

All these eco-systems house animals such as the Leopard, Wild Boar, Himalayan Black Bear and 16 other mammal species. Furthermore there are 311 bird species living in and around the national park, with species such as the Slender Billed Scimitar Babbler, White-Gorgetted Flycatcher, Barred Cuckoo Dove and the Golden-Throated Barbet.

Areas of Interest

Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park has both natural and spiritual attractions. The source of the Holy Bagmati river starts in Shivapuri National Park and is a pilgrimage sites for the local population. During Bisket Jatra (Nepali New Year) large groups of locals visit Baghdwar and Bisnudwar.

For tourists the Shivapuri Peak is one of the main attractions as it offer beautiful Himalayan Panoramas on the North side and a clear view over the Kathmandu Valley on the South side. Birdwatchers can enjoy throughout the park and spot the bird in their different habitats.



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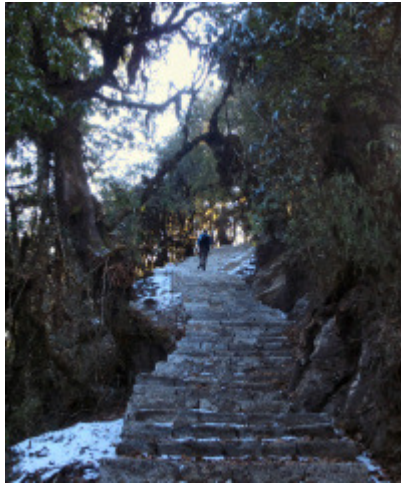
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Activities

Shivapuri is excellent for escaping the bustling Kathmandu city life and is ideal for a day hike, although flora and fauna lovers also most certainly will enjoy a visit to Shivapuri National Park. The main day hikes in Shivapuri National Park include:

- Budhanilkantha - Shivapuri Peak (12 km)
- Nagigumba - Baghdwar - Chisapani (18 km)
- Nagigumba - Shivapuri Peak (6 km)
- Jhule - Chisapani (12 km)
- Sundarijal - Chisapani (22 km)



Access

The park is well accessible from Kathmandu through one of the main entry points: Budhanilkantha, Kakani, Sundarijal or Tokha. Public busses ply into the National Park, or take a taxi leading to one of the entry points. Around the park there is a 93 kilometre gravel/dirt road and there are 83 kilometres of walking trails.

Facilities

Shivapuri Nagarjun National park is located just 12 kilometres North of Kathmandu, so facilities are plentiful. If one wishes to stay within the National Park Boundaries there are few lodges and resorts, where one can stay. If you need any help organising your hotel or activities in Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park, please contact us.

Park Information

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