

# Bang Lang National Park

The park acquires 261 square kilometres area in Amphoe Bannang Sata, Than To, and Betong of Yala. By its lush forest and scenic reservoir, the park was included among 5 national park established to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of His Majesty the King on December 5, 1987. It was established in 1991.

## Getting there

- The park's headquarter is located at Tha To Waterfall, Tambon Tham Talu, Amphoe Bannang Sata, Yala, at kilometres 56 of highway 410.



## Geography

The park features various landscapes, from rugged mountains, hills, and some plain. Situated at the elevation 600 metres above sea level.

The park slopes down from south to north. It is watershed that feeds many tributaries of Pattani River such as Sai Buri River, Khlong Tomo, Khlong Hala and Khlong Kabu.

## Climate

Eastern Monsoon carries rains to soak the park from May to December. From September to November is the wettest period. Its mean rainfall is 2,200 millimetres per annum. In summer, from January to April, the average temperature is 29 degrees Celsius.

## Flora and fauna

Tropical rain forest densely carpets the park. Its significant plants include *Dipterocarpus alatus*, *Intsia palembanica*, *Hopea odorata*, *Johannesteijsmannia altifrons*, *Bauhinia auriflora* and *Mesua nervosa*.

Wildlife found in the park include Asian Elephant, Common Muntjak, Sambar Deer, Serow, Common Wild Boar, Macaque, Langur, Gibbon, Malayan Porcupine, Guar, Sumatra Rhinoceros, Malayan Tapir and Banteng.

Different kinds of birds such as White-rumped Shama, Whiskered Bulbul, and 9 species of Hornbill such as Great Hornbill and Wreathed Hornbill.

## Attractions

◆ **Bang Lang Dam.** Completed in May 1981, the dam is 85 metres high and 422 metres long. It can generate 72,000 kilowatts of electricity. The Bang Lang dam is located at Ban Bang Lang, Tambon Bacho, on Highway 410, about 50 kilometres from Amphoe Mueang Yala, then left for 12 kilometres.



◆ **Than To Lake.** The reservoir over Bang Lang Dam offers scenic view of lake and many islands. Ko Hua Lan is the island at the mid of the reservoir. It acquires a square kilometre area. The reservoir is around 2 kilometres wide and 6 kilometres long.

◆ **Than To Waterfall.** It is a large and very beautiful waterfall cascading through 9 levels with

pools for swimming. Tourist can walk up to the top tier which is 500 metres from the lowest tier. There are pavilions for tourist can relax. Shady natural setting makes it a nice place for bird watching. The waterfall is 4 kilometres from Amphoe Than To and 16 kilometres from Amphoe Bannang Sata. Tourist can use highway 410, Yala-Betong Road. The waterfall is at kilometre 56.

◆ **La-ong Rung Waterfall.** It is a very high waterfall that sprays the valley. Under sunshine, its spraying water makes rainbow. It is situated at kilometre 40 of highway 410.

◆ **To Mo Waterfall.** The waterfall is around 100 metres high. Nearby is Ching Chok Waterfall, Ban Kao Waterfall and 4-5 saltlicks. It shares entrance with Bang Lang Dam.

◆ **Hala-Bala Forest.** The lush forest is part of Hala-Bala Wildlife Sanctuary. It is home to Hornbill and other wildlife such as Guar, Asian Elephant, Sambar Deer and Common Muntjak. It can be accessed through Chulabhorn Phatthana 9 Village, behind Bang Lang Dam. The winding road from the village leads to the viewpoint of reservoir.

