

Phu Phan National Park

The national park acquires a total area of 664.7024 square kilometres in Phanna Nikhom, Mueang, Kut Bak and Phu Phan districts of Sakon Nakhon, Somdet and Huai Phueng districts of Kalasin. It was established in 1972 as Thailand's 7th national park.

Geography

Most of the region is limestone mountain range. Many streams such as Huai Lao, Huai I Khok, Huai Khae, Huai Saen Kong, Huai Phrik and Huai Sai originated here. The streams are tributaries of the Un, Phung, Lam Pao and Yang rivers.

Climate

Summer months are March to May. The rainy season is from June to October. Most comfortable is winter season, November to February.

Flora and Fauna

Deciduous dipterocarp forest exists among varieties of plant types as *Dipterocarpus obtusifolius*, *D. tuberculatus*, *Terminalia alata*, *Dillenia obovata*, *Irvingia malayana*, *Shorea obtusa* and *S. siamensis*. There is dry evergreen forest, which densely occupies the banks of the river, along with variety of plants such as *Hopea odorata*, *Azelia xylocarpa*, *Dipterocarpus alatus*, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*, *Lagerstroemia calyculata*, *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*, *Shorea roxburghii*, *Tetrameles nudiflora*, *Xylia xylocarpa* and *Peltophorum dasyrrhachis*.





There is numerous wildlife such as Phayre's Leaf-monkey, Sunda Flying Lemur, Malayan Porcupine, Fishing Cat, Common Palm Civet, Sambar, Tiger, Northern Red Muntjac and Wild Boar.

Various species of birds are the Hill Myna, Black Drongo, White-rumped Shama and Richard's Pipit.

Attractions

◆ **Kham Hom Waterfall.** The distinct waterfall is well known to Sakhon Nakhon and its nearby province.

◆ **Phrathat Phu Phek.** The Khmer-era pagoda is located on Phu Phan Mountain Range and 544 metres above mean sea level. A Buddha image can be seen in the pagoda.

◆ **Pricha Suksan Waterfall.** The flow slopes over a 15-metre wide rock terrace that rotates 40 degrees. The amazing flat rock makes it a natural slider.

◆ **Thang Phi Phan.** The stone arch also known as the Nature Bridge is 1.5 metres wide and 8 metres long.

◆ **Serithai Cave.** The cave once served as armour storage of the Serithai when fighting against the Royal Japanese Army during World War II.

◆ **Pha Nang Moen.** Facing west, the cliff is a distinct viewpoint for sunsets.

◆ **Pha Sawoei.** Facing the south, the cliff was once a lunch venue for His Majesty the King.

◆ **Phu Phan Mountain.** The mountain range borders Sakhon Nakhon and Kalasin. This scenic

Getting There

- From Mueang district, take Highway 213 and pass the Phu Phan Rajanivet Palace. The park headquarters is located on the Highway.



area is rich with tropical forests, mountains and a beautiful waterfall.