

# Kaeng Chet Khwae National Park

*Kaeng Chet Khwae National Park covers an area of 224.87 square kilometres in Wat Bot, Chat Trakan, Nakhon Thai and Wang Thong districts of Phitsanulok Province. The national park offers verdant forests and scenic natural views, including Kaeng Chet Khwae where seven streams meet.*



## Geography

The national park features rugged mountain range covered with a variety of vegetation and forests.

## Flora and Fauna

Mixed deciduous forest, deciduous dipterocarp and evergreen forests cover the national park with various plants such as *Atzelia xylocarpa*, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*, *Hopea odorata* and *Dipterocarpus alatus*.

The national park is home to wildlife such as Macaques, Northern Red Muntjac, Langurs, Palm Civets and many species of birds.

## Attractions

◆ **Kaeng Chet Khwae.** Rocky stone terrain spreads under the river. In the rainy season, strong currents form making the area beautiful in nature.

◆ **Phu Daeng Ron Waterfall** is a 9-step waterfall located just 6 kilometres off Highway 12 at Phu Daeng Ron Ranger Station in Kaeng Sopha sub-district, Wang Thong District of Phitsanulok Provinces. The best time to visit the waterfall is during the rainy season, between June and September.

◆ **Ha Chan Waterfall** (5-step waterfall) is situated approximately 500 meters away from Phu Daeng Ron Waterfall. There is a nature trail where visitor can closely enjoy the waterfall and virgin forests.

◆ **Kaeng Suea Waterfall and Kaeng Pu Ten Waterfall.** Kaeng Suea is a tiered waterfall on the Khwae Noi River. Nearby is a sand beach where camping ground can be arranged for tourists. While, there is a wide open space at Kaeng Pu Ten Waterfall.

◆ **Huai Sam Takhian Waterfall** is a beautiful tired waterfall located at the park headquarters in Khan Chong

sub-district, Wat Bot District. The waterfall is much more beautiful in the rainy season than other periods of time.

◆ **Ban Nong Hin Viewpoint.** Located at Phu Daeng Ron Ranger Station, the 6.5 meters wide and 31 meters long stone field offers spectacular views of Khwae Noi River and Kaeng Sopha sub-district area. It can be accessed by the Phitsanulok-Nakhon Thai Route to Yaeng village, 10.5 kilometres.

◆ **Khwae Noi Bamrung Daen Dam** is located on Chong Khao Khat, Wat Bot District of Phitsanulok Province. It consists of 3 dams, Khwae Noi, Santakhian and Chong Khao Khat Dam. Khwae Noi Dam is a concrete face rock fill dam with 73 meters high and 570 meters long, sandstone was used for rock fill zone. Santakhian is an earth core rock fill dam with 80 meters high and 1,270 meters long. The last dam, Chong Khao Khat dam is an earth fill dam with 23 meters in height and 790 meters long.

## Getting There

- Kaeng Chet Khwae National Park is 450 kilometres from Bangkok. From Phitsanulok, take Highway 12 for 6 kilometres. Turn left to Highway 11 (Phitsanulok-Uttaradit route) and drive 25 kilometres. When reach Wat Bot District, turn right to Highway 1220 and continue another 15 kilometres to Na Kham village. Then, turn right and go 9 kilometres to the park. Total distance is 55 kilometres. Alternatively, take Highway 12 Phitsanulok-Lom Sak) to Sap Phraiwan village to park headquarters. This route is 97 kilometres from Phitsanulok's town.

