

Kaeng Krung National Park

Situated in Amphoe Tha Chana, Chaiya, Tha Chang, and Vibhavadi of Surat Thani province, Kaeng Krung National Park is another nice place to relax among its impressive nature such as waterfalls, streams, hot spring, mountains, and scenery. Its lush forest feeds streams for both Surat Thani and Chumphon. Acquiring total area of 541 square kilometres, Thailand's 69th national park was established since 1991.

Geography

Two ranges line in parallel in north-south direction, leaving the valley in the mid for lush forest

which is watershed area for Lang Suan of Chumphon in the north and Khlong Yan in the south. Its highest peak towers at 849 metres above sea level.

Climate

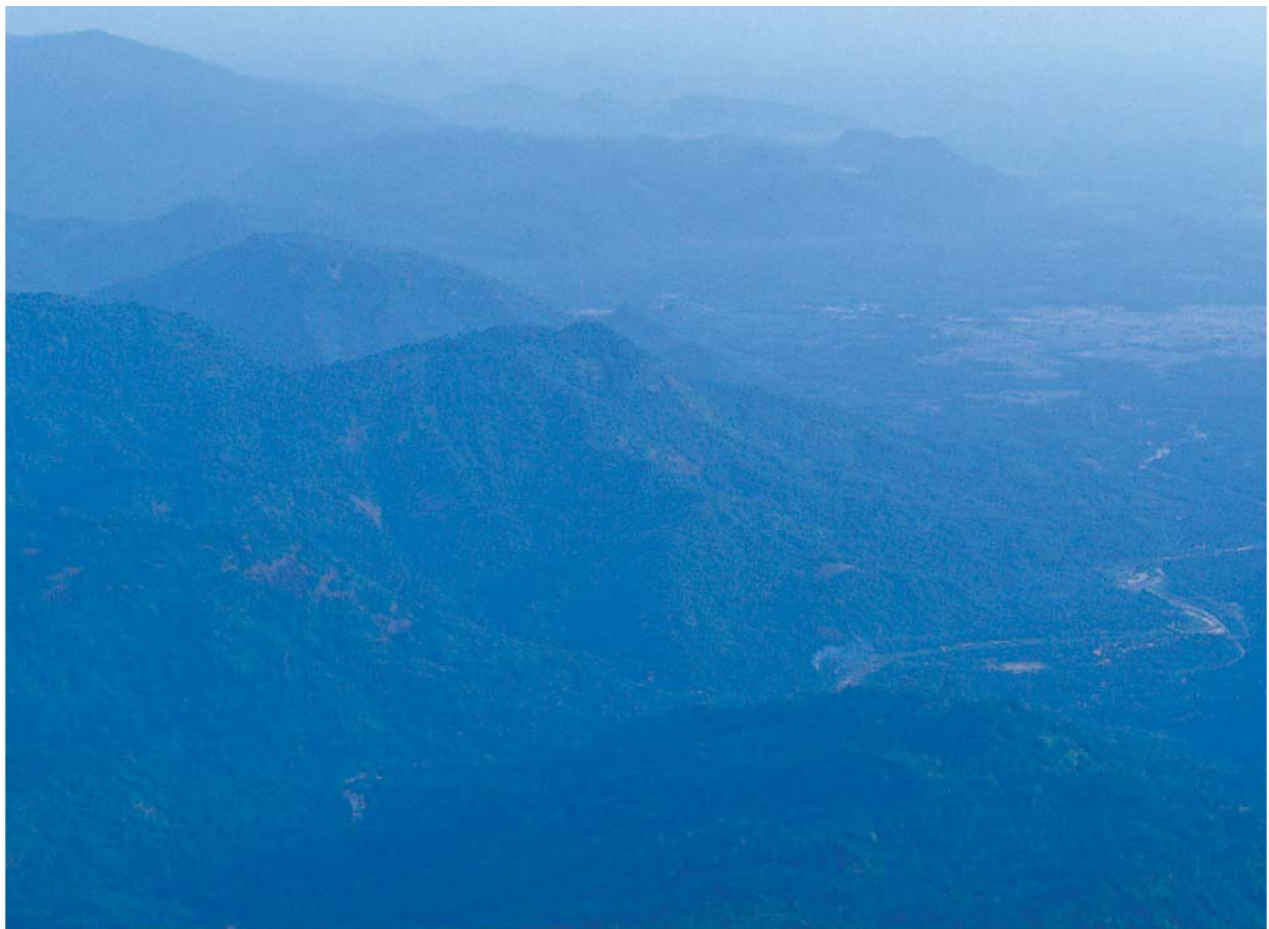
Tropical rain forest attracts rain to soak the park all the year round. As a result, the park is rather cold.

Flora and fauna

Rugged mountains and heavy rain is an ideal place for tropical rain forest which is home to numerous plants species.

Its major plants include *Intsia palembanica*,

South



Getting there

Surat Thani is 600 kilometres from Bangkok. From Surat Thani by road to King Amphoe Wiphawadhi and passed King Amphoe, passed Mu Ban Than Phu Ying, then reached to Headquarters. Total distance 54 kilometres.



Michelia champaca, *Dipterocarpus alatus*, Fern and Wine. Tree in various sizes make the forest quite dense.

Wildlife found in the park include Asian Elephant, Tiger, Malayan Sun Bear, Guar, Banteng, Malayan Tapir, Gibbon, Crab-eating Macaque, Spectacled Langur, Common Muntjak, Sambar Deer, Common Wild Boar, Stump-tailed Macaque, Dusky Langur, Pangolin, Mouse Deer and Siamese Hare.

Various kinds of bird such as Bulbul, Helmeted Hornbill, Southern Pied Hornbill, Great Hornbill, Crow-billed Drongo, Asian Fairy-bluebird as well as reptiles and amphibians.

Attractions

◆ **Bang Hoi Waterfall.** The 3 tier waterfall is in Tambon Bang Hoi of Amphoe Tha Chang. It is never dry up.

◆ **Bang Cham Waterfall.** The medium size waterfall is very beautiful in rainy season. It is in Tambon Takuk Nuea of Amphoe Vibhavadi.

◆ **Khlong Pha Waterfall.** The medium size waterfall cascades through 7 tiers. It can be visited all the year round. The waterfall is in Tambon Khlong Pha of Amphoe Tha Chana.

Hot Spring. Situated in Tambon Takuk Nuea of Amphoe Vibhavadi, the hot spring cover almost half a hectare area. It is surrounded by saltlick, so wildlife such as Wild Boar, Common Muntjak, Pigeon, Parrot and Dove is always seen.

◆ **Khlong Yan** or Yan Canal. The beautiful stream in Tambon Takuk Nuea of Amphoe Vibhavadi is equipped with rapids. It is a very nice route for rafting.

◆ **Khlong Sa.** It is another nice and exciting stream for rafting.