

# Mae Moei National Park



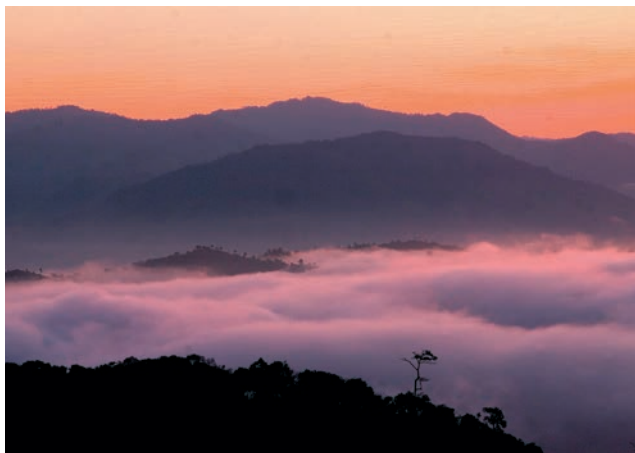
*Geographically, the national park borders on Myanmar in the west for a distance 50 kilometres and offers scenic view amidst various vegetations. In 1999, it was gazetted in 1999 as the 92<sup>nd</sup> national park in Thailand and covers an area of 185.28 square kilometres in Tha Song Yang district of Tak province.*

## Geography

The Mae Moei National Park features rugged mountain range and little plain. With its average 680 metres high above mean sea level and a 1,250 metres peak, it gave birth to the main tributaries of Mae Song, Mae Usu, Mae Salit Luang and Moei rivers.

## Climate

Rainy season is from May to October (tourism avoided). In summer, the weather is warmer. During the winter months, the temperature is cool and it is the best season for tourism.



## Flora and Fauna

Dry evergreen forest, mixed deciduous, deciduous dipterocarp forest, pine forest and montane rain forest blanket the park with various kinds of plants such as *Ficus* sp., *Tectona grandis*, *Azelia xylocarpa*, *Lagerstroemia calyculata*, *Shorea obtusa* and *Xylia xylocarpa*.

The national park is home to wildlife such as Northern Red Muntjac, Wild Boar, Common Palm Civet and Squirrels as well as various kinds of birds as Barbets, Babblers, Bulbuls, Bee-eaters, Minivets, Trogons, Thrushes, Tailorbirds, Shrikes, Sunbirds and Flowerpeckers.



## Attractions

◆ **Mae Usu Cave.** Very beautiful cave has a subterranean river runs through. This attraction is naturally decorated with glittering curtain like stalagmites and stalactites.

◆ **Mae Salit Noi Waterfall.** It is a medium size waterfall and is a popular route for adventurers since you have to take a 3 kilometres walk to reach there.

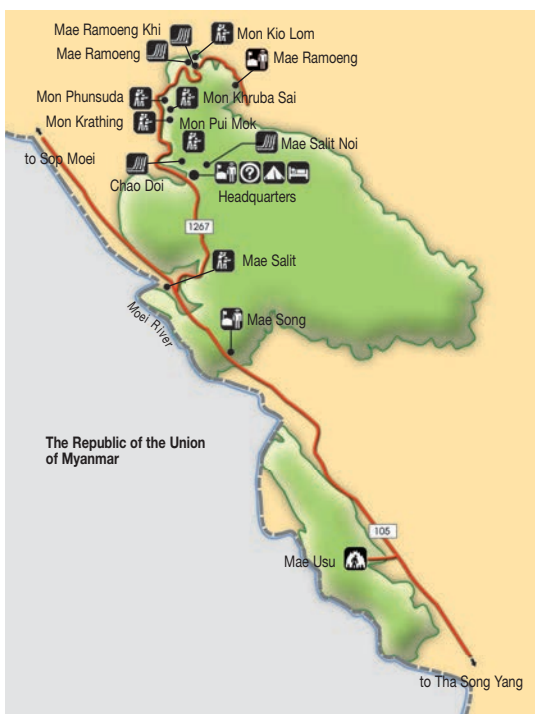
◆ **Chao Doi Waterfall,** a medium waterfall, is required only one kilometre walk to access the waterfall.

◆ **Viewpoints of sea of clouds.** All viewpoints are approached along Mae Salit-Om Koi route.

◆ **Viewpoints of sea of clouds at the back of Mae Moei National Park headquarters.** With its 1,100 metres high above mean sea level, the viewpoint offers the best attraction for watching sea of clouds including sunrise and sunset views. You have to take a 4 hours walk to access the viewpoint and staying overnight is required.

◆ **Mon Khruba Sai and Mon Phunsuda.** They are quite close to each other. Also the places offers sea of clouds viewpoint.

◆ **Mon Kio Lom.** The attraction is the most popular among visitors to watch spectacular sunrise and sea of clouds panorama views. It is located 7 kilometres from the national park headquarters.



## Getting There

■ From Tak province, drive on Highway 105 (Mae Sot-Mae Sariang route) for about 84 kilometres, then continue driving for about 13 kilometres and turn left to Mae Usu Cave. Alternatively, drive on Highway 105 for about 30 kilometres and take a turn right to Highway 1267 (Mae Salit-Om Koi route) and continue for about 11 kilometres until reaching the Mae Moei National Park headquarters.