

Satpura Tiger Reserve, Hoshangabad

FAQ's on visit to Satpura Tiger Reserve Hoshangabad

1. Where is Satpura Tiger Reserve located?

Satpura Tiger Reserve is located south of Narmada River in Hoshangabad, Betul and Chhindwara Districts, with the Head Quarter Stationed at Hoshangabad.

2. How do I reach Satpura Tiger Reserve?

Satpura Tiger Reserve has 3 entry points Pachmarhi, Madai and Churna. The approach road for this entry point are as follows:-

1. Pachmarhi :- It is situated a mid of Jabalpur-Itarsi rail routs. 55 km away from Pipariya railway station by road. It is 210 km away from Bhopal by road and 260 km away from Nagpur by road.

2. Madai:- It is situated a mid of Pipariya-Bhopal road route, 140 km away from Bhopal.

3. Churna:- It is situated a mid of Itarsi-Nagpur road route, 100 km away from Itarsi railway station by road.

3. How can I contact the Satpura Tiger Reserve management?

The contact details are as follows:

Office:07574-254394, Fax: 07574-252133, E-mail: ddsatnp.hbd@mp.gov.in.

4. What are the entry points in Satpura Tiger Reserve?

The entry points in Satpura Tiger Reserve are Pachmarhi, Madhai and Churna. Pachmarhi.

5. What is the best time to visit Satpura Tiger Reserve?

The best time to visit Madhai and Churna is between October and March. Pachmarhi may be visited throughout the year.

6. What is the closed period for tourism in Satpura Tiger Reserve?

Closed period for Madhai and Churna is from 16th June to 30th Sept. Pachmarhi is open round the year.

7. What about the weather at Satpura Tiger Reserve?

Satpura being situated in Central India is subjected to extreme and tropical weather. Temperature in and around Pachmarhi plateau is generally lower than the plains. Monsoon arrives in the end of June and rainfall in Pachmarhi is much higher than the rest of district.

8. Can the rules and regulations regarding tourism be seen online?

Yes, the relevant notification issued by the MP Forest Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh can be seen online at <http://www.mponline.gov.in>.

9. What are the off days for Park Safari?

The park is closed for visitors in the afternoon of every Wednesday and on the Holi and Diwali festivals.

10. How to book tickets for safari's in Satpura Tiger Reserve?

Tickets for park safari can be booked in advance at the designated website <http://www.mponline.gov.in>.

11. Are Mobile/ Cell Phones allowed during park excursions?

Permits for Mobile/cell phones are issued for a specific area. Except photography, any other use of Mobile phones is prohibited during park excursions.

12. Can I visit all the three zones with one entry Permit?

No, Permits are issued for a specific round. The safari is permitted only the round booked for.

13. How can I reschedule my Permit for the safari?

Tickets can neither be cancelled nor rescheduled online or at the entry gates.

14. Is there any provision for Add-Ons?

An Add-on is only possible under following circumstances:

- The total number of members of a party should not exceed six.
- The leader of the party should agree to the adding-on.

- The original Permit must have at least two persons to avail of this facility. Each Add-on, irrespective of the number of persons, shall be charged an additional normal entry fee of a particular area. Adding-on shall only be allowed once.
- The presence of the group leader of the original permit holder is a must in the Add-on arrangements.

15. How many vehicles are allowed in Satpura Tiger Reserve?

Only 24 vehicles are permitted to enter the park per day in Madhai zone, including the morning and afternoon drives. In Pachmarhi, there is no limitation for the entry of vehicles. In Churna zone, tourist can take their own pollution free vehicle.

16. How many safaris can be made in Satpura Tiger Reserve in a day?

Two safaris, one in the morning from 0600 hrs to 1100 hrs and the other during the afternoon from 1500 hrs to 1800 hrs can be made in a day in Madhai & Churna zone. In Pachmarhi, tourists can visit from sunrise to sunset.

17. What are the rounds in Satpura Tiger Reserve?

Safari rounds are available in Madhai and Churna.

18. (a) How much ticket costs for the safari?

Permits for both Indian and Foreign tourists cost Rs. 250 for single adult individual, Rs.125 for individual aged between 5-12 years and Rs 1500/- for full vehicle permit in only for Madhai, Churna tourist zones. The cost of the permit does not include the Guide and Vehicle charges. In Pachmarhi Entry fee for light vehicle is Rs. 250 plus per person permit fee of the person/persons riding the vehicle (maximum as per the passing capacity).

(b) How to get a guide for safari?

Guides are available at the entry points and it is mandatory to hire a guide during park safari. Guides are provided on a roster basis (not by choice) and will accompany the tourist right from the entry point, where the documents/permits are verified.

19. How to get a Vehicle for the safari?

Vehicles of Eco-development committee are available at Madhai. The round wise rates are as below:

S.no.	Round By Gypsy	Entry fee	Rates of vehicle	Guide Charge	Total
1.	Keria Round	1500.00	1800.00	360.00	3660.00
2.	Lagda Round	1500.00	2400.00	360.00	4260.00
3.	ZinziniMahal Round	1500.00	3000.00	360.00	4860.00
4.	Chutakidev Round	1500.00	3600.00	360.00	5460.00
5.	Churna Round(Double Round)	3000.00	5000.00	720.00	8720.00

Private owner registered Gypsies and private vehicles are allowed to enter into the Pachmarhi zone of Tiger Reserve for the safari. Private vehicles are allowed to enter into the Churna zones of Tiger Reserve.

20. How many persons are allowed in a vehicle for safari?

Six persons are allowed in one vehicle for safari.

21. Any exemption for the children in safari?

Children up to 5 years are exempted from entry fees and elephant ride fees.

22. Where to stay in Satpura Tiger Reserve?

There are 03 forest rest houses at Pachmarhi (10 rooms), 02 at Churna (8 rooms) and 01 at Madhai (7 rooms) each with double bedded rooms. Rooms can be booked through The Satpura Tiger Reserve Office.

23. How to book accommodation in Satpura Tiger Reserve facility?

Accommodation can be booked in advanced during the office hours (1030-1730 hrs) over phone (+917574-254394), fax (+917574-252133) & email (dirsatpuraNP@mpforest.org. ddsatnp.hbd@mp.gov.in). The right of reservation lies with the Field Director, Satpura Tiger Reserve.

24. How much does a room cost?

The rooms rate of rest house varies from Rs. 2000/- to 3000/-.

25. How to make payments for the accommodation facility?

Room rent is to be deposited in advance in the account of "Up Sanchalak", Satpura Tiger Reserve Pachmarhi, Saving bank account no. 11265122211 in State Bank of India Branch Pachmarhi (IFSC code SBIN0001046). Payment is also recovered in cash after occupancy subject to the availability of rooms. Original deposit slip or in case of net banking, a scanned copy of the statement, along with the reservation details is to be sent to Field Director, STR office vide email - ddsatnp.hbd@mp.gov.in at the earliest.

26. Does the Forest Rest Houses have Canteen facility?

Yes, Forest Rest Houses have canteen facilities to cater to the needs of the visitors. The canteens are being run by the Eco Development Committees. Tariff pertaining to food are charged separately.

27. How to make the cancellation of booked tickets?

Tickets booked online can be cancelled at <http://forest.mponline.gov.in>. Tickets can also be cancelled at the counters near the Gate as per the Cancellation Rules.

- From Date of permit 60 days or before entry/Safari date complete amount of Permit will be refunded after deducting portal charge.
- Cancellation of Permit between 30 days To 59 days prior Safari date Cancellation charges deducted on the Permit after deducting portal charges will be 25% of Permit value.
- Cancellation of permit between 15 days to 29 days prior Safari date. Cancellation charges deducted on the Permit after deducting portal charges will be 50% of Permit value
- Cancellation of permit Between 05 days To 14 days .Cancellation charges deducted on the Permit after deducting portal charges will be 75% of Permit value.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation of permit between 5 days or less days prior to entry.

28. What are the Rules for obtaining permission for Filming/Photography from Gypsies?

Permission for Filming/Photography can be given by the Field Director on payment of fees as mentioned below:

Duration	Indian Educational/Research Institutes. Departments & Institutes of Govt. of India and State Govt. of MP	Indians and other Institutes of India	Foreign Nationals and Institutes	Remarks
First Seven Days	Rs.10000	Rs.20000	Rs.40000	Per Cameraman per day
8 th to 15 th Day	Rs.7500	Rs.15000	Rs.30000	
16 th Day Onwards	5000	10000	20000	

29. Is there any fee chargeable for still cameras/ video cameras during fixed rounds?

Visitors are permitted to use their still or video cameras free of cost during fixed rounds.

30. How to book Elephants for Tourism & Photography/ Filming?

Provisions for Elephant Rides for the above purposes have been elaborated under Rule 4 (1&2) of the Notification.

1.For Tourism:

Permission for tourism shall be given by the local officers at entry gates of the Tiger Reserve. Advance booking can also be made for elephant ride.

On a two-seater elephants, only two persons shall be allowed to sit, excluding Mahout. Children up to five years of age shall be allowed free along with their parents/ guardians. Duration of the elephant ride shall be 1 hour and fee per person will be payable as under:

- Rs. 1,000 fee per person will be payable. For the children age between 5-12 years fee will be half to the fee. But for the calculation of seat, it will be considered as a full seat.

2.For Photography/Filming:

Permission for photography/ filming from an elephant shall be given by the Field Director/Chief Conservator of Forests. This fee shall be payable in advance for the entire period of filming/photography. The period of permission can also be in broken periods.

On the basis of availability and if demanded by the cameraman with permission for photography/ filming, the elephant can be given for 3 hours. Only 2 persons, including the cameraman in whose name the photography/ filming permission has been issued and 1 more person to assist the cameraman will be allowed to sit on an elephant. Duration of the photography/ filming shall be 3 cool morning hours. The charges per elephant/ 3 hours shall be as under

1	For Indian educational or research institutes and departments and institutes of Govt. of India and State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 6000/-
2	All others	Rs. 24000/-

The fee for Photography/Filming shall be non-refundable.

For any violation by the cameraman or his assistant of the photography/ filming team, in addition to the legal action by the competent forest officer, their entry can be banned for the part or full period of the remaining permission period by the officer in-charge of the protected area.

31. What are the provisions for Elephant Joy Ride?

Elephants have to be booked at least one day in advance. It is one-hour safari and does not guarantee a tiger sighting. Elephant safari allows you to explore the jungle by leaving conventional forest roads.

32. How to avail concession for school students/trainees/trainers and support staff?

Authorized study tours of students belonging to recognized educational institutions shall be charged 50% of the entry fee if prior information is given for such authorized study tours. However, institutions in question have to book online tickets as per the norms, and only on reaching the entry gate and showing relevant original permission letter, the 50% amount will be returned in cash. This facility shall be allowed to an institution only once a year and shall be limited to only one visit. The head of the recognized educational institute needs to write a letter to this effect giving the names of all the students and teachers/faculties accompanying them on the safari.

33. What are the provisions for citizens of Nepal?

The citizens of Nepal shall be treated at par with Indian citizens with regard to the determination of fees.

34. Where do I get more information on Satpura Tiger Reserve?

For more information on Satpura Tiger Reserve, please log on to website

35. What is Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society and how to become a member of the society?

The Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation is a registered society under the Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 1973 which came into existence on January 15, 1997. It is a Non-Profit Organization working towards conservation of wildlife (with special emphasis on tiger). This Novel Scheme provides an opportunity to secure support from public and organization outside the Government with the sole objective that people from all walks of life must join hands to protect the tiger and its habitat.

36. How do I become a member of the Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society?

In April, 2001 the MP Tiger Foundation Society announced annual and life membership fees for obtaining membership of the society. The personal annual membership fee is Rs 2500 and life time membership is Rs 100,000. Institutional Annual membership fee is Rs 50000 and life time fee is Rs 10.00 lakh, Any person, who desires to be member of M.P. Tiger Foundation Society, can contact us directly or the local Conservator of Forests. Once a person becomes a member, he is provided with an identity card.

37. How can I contribute to the Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation?

All contributions must be sent through Crossed Cheques of Demand Drafts drawn in favors of The Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society, Bhopal, India. The Society has obtained (FCRA) Foreign Currency Regulation Act registration and is authorized to receive donations from outside the country. All donations are eligible for Income-Tax exemption under section 80(g) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961. For details, please contact: Secretary, MP Tiger Foundation Society & Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Madhya Pradesh, PragatiBhawan, 3rd Floor, Press Complex, MP Nagar, Zone-I, Bhopal-462001, INDIA, Tel: +91 755 2674318 (W) +91 755 2766315 (F), Email: pccfwl@mpforest.org & pccfwl@mp.gov.in

38. Is there any provision of moving on foot/camping/staying in hides and machans/night safari/cycling/nature trails inside the park?

Forsyth trail, the trek covered by Capt. J. Forsyth, is a very fascinating route right from Jhela to Pachmarhi via Kanjighat. Trekking is allowed on prescribed routes in Pachmarhi and Madhai.

39. What are the mandatory documents that I need to carry during the safari?

All the visitors are required to produce the entry permit and any one of the identity cards (Adhar Card, Voter ID, Driving License, PAN Card, Govt. Employee Card, Passport and Student ID) on demand by the Park Officials for verification at the entry point.

40. What if a permit holder turns up late at the entry gate?

The permit is valid till one hour after the scheduled entry time. After one hour permits will be deemed to be cancelled.

41. What are the activities that can be taken up in the Core Zone of the Tiger Reserve?

Only safari on vehicles on the designated routes is permitted in the Core Zone of the Tiger Reserve. Walking on foot or getting off the vehicle is strictly prohibited but for the Pachamarhi and Madhai, there are tracking as well as rock climbing activities are available. There is one designated place in each zone where the visitors can get down from the vehicles & relax.

42. What are the activities that can be taken up in the Buffer Zone of the Tiger Reserve?

An open theater is used for screening movies for wild life at Pachmarhi. Many hotels conduct guided tour of the countryside. Beside this with the involvement of local communities vehicle safari in the buffer zone is allowed which is equally rich and protected as the core area of the Tiger Reserve.

43. What are the precautions I need to take for my safety while in the Park?

- Visitors are allowed to move on open vehicles in the Park.
- One should refrain from teasing or even feeding wild animals.
- Getting off the vehicle and moving on foot is strictly prohibited.

- First-aid box is a mandatory kit in all the vehicles.
- Winter garments are advised during the months of November - February.
- It is always advisable to follow the instructions of the Guide and adhere to the do's and don'ts.
- Sitting firmly on the seat confined to the vehicle
- Avoid touching of plants, eating of leaves and fruits, drinking water from the flowing streams
- Wearing of boots and trousers in the nature trail are always advisable.

44. What are the Park Management's views on local communities and sharing of tourism income?

The tourism in and around the Tiger Reserve is sustained primarily from the non-consumptive use of wildlife resources and the local communities are the ones that bear the cost of conservation in terms of lost incomes, cattle depredation by carnivores and crop damage by wild herbivores.

45. How is Satpura Tiger Reserve different from other parks?

Satpura Tiger Reserve is a habitat of 52 species of Mammals, 31 of Reptiles and 300 species of birds, out of which 14 are endangered. STR also a habitat of arboreal mammals like Flying Squirrel, Indian Giant Squirrel and Leaf nosed bats. Eurasian Otter and Smooth coated Otter are also found here. It is a unique park of M.P where pollution free activities like cycling, canoeing and trekking are allowed.

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