

Nature & Wildlife Trek
(Nepli Entry gate forest area of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary)

How to Reach:

First Reach the Mahadev Temple at village Saketri and the Nepli Entrance Gate to Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary is located in front of that with clear signage written as "**Way to Nepli Gate**". It is about 1.5 Km from Regulator end of Sukhna lake.

How to Register:

Any individual/ group desiring to participate in the Trekking activity on scheduled date is required to send the detailed list of participants along with their address and mobile phone number on prescribed form, which is available on Chandigarh Administration's website http://chandigarh.gov.in/dept_forest.htm, either through a separate letter or through email at forestchandigarh@gmail.com **atleast 3 days** in advance before the start of the trekking.

BRIEF DETAIL ABOUT THE TREKKING ROUTE

IN SUKHNA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Starting Point Nepli Entry Gate

Terrain of trek routes is undulating with Moderate slopes at places. In Nepli Gate forest area of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, one has to climb three small hillocks. Maximum height is 1500 mtr. wide variety of Flora and Fauna is found all along the treks.

- ❖ **Important Tree species, which can be witnessed during trek:** Shisham, Khair, Kikar, Prosopis & Dhak.
- ❖ **Important Faunal species, which can be witnessed during trek:** Sambar, Pangolin, Porcupine, Wild boar, Nilgai. Variety of Reptiles:- Pea-Fowl, Red-Jungle Fowl, Indian Grey Hornbill, Owls, Eagles, etc. Among Predators, **Leopards is a frequent visitor especially during winters.**

➤ **DO'S DURING TREKKING**

- Keep silence and enjoy the beauty of nature.
- Keep safe distance from wild animals.
- Photography/Videography of nature and wildlife.
- Be watchful during Trekking as the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary has reported venomous snakes and few Leopard population also.

➤ **DON'TS DURING TREKKING**

- Do not disturb the wild animals.
- Do not make noise or play music.
- Do not smoke and litter in the forest.
- Do not feed & tease wild animals.
- Do not carry fire arms/ammunition.
- Do not carry polythene/plastic bags/ plastic water bottles.
- Avoid use of flash while taking snaps.
- Do not deviate from the designated trek route.
- Do not pluck the flowers or harm the plants.
- Consumption of non-vegetarian food is strictly prohibited.
- Do not use perfumes.
- **Always remain in group during trekking. No kid should be left alone as the sanctuary is home to wild animals which may be dangerous.**

➤ **ATTRACTIONS DURING TREKKING**

- Wide variety of trees, shrubs and herbs.
- Can witness variety of animal & birds.
- Interactive photo text panels, sign boards.
- View point: I.T. Park view, Dam site, City beautiful, Capitol complex and many more.
- Watch towers.

➤ **TIPS FOR TREKKING:**

1. Please assemble at Nepli entrance gate (near Saketri Mahadev Mandir) 30 minutes before the starting time of trekking.
2. For better sighting of wild animals, it is advisable that no noise should be created while trekking and trekker should keep his ear & eyes open so as to sight wild animals.
3. If any wild animal comes across while trekking, then the wild animal should not be disturbed and trekkers should watch the movement of the wild animals without disturbing them. Wild animal will automatically try to escape. Do not stare or make eye to eye contact with wild animals.
4. Always remain in group during trekking. No kid should be left alone as the sanctuary is having leopard presence.
5. The Trekkers will be divided in groups with Group Leader and designated field staff of department whose responsibility shall be to ensure that all group members are trekking together and no one should move or leave the **designated trekking route** for the safety of the trekkers.
6. Trekkers are advised to keep sun glasses and caps for comfort.
7. It is advisable not to take small kids may be **less than 10 years age** for trekking.
8. Trekkers are also advised to keep haversack Bag/ Backpack/ Hiking Bag and atleast one litre of water bottle should be kept in the bag however there are some points in the mid of the trek where water shall be made available by the Forest & Wildlife Department. They are also advised to keep some Chocolate or other light eating material with high calorie.
9. Trekkers are also advised not to throw the plastic bottles or any other waste in the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary while trekking.

Important Note:

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2. **It is an urgent to note that Nature Wildlife Trekking will be conducted on 'First Come First Serve' basis and maximum 500 Nos. would be registered for the event and they will be informed by email before the date of event. After that no request shall be entertained. The date for registration for next Nature Wildlife Trekking shall start from the next day of the last event as per Calendar i.e. for 10th February Nature & Wildlife Trek, the registration shall start from 20th January, 2019. Any registration/email before 20th January, 2019 for 10th Feb. event shall not be entertained.**

3. **All trekkers should complete their trek and reach at the end trekking point by 11.00 AM. No trekker should stay back in the forest beyond time prescribed for trekking. Over stay in the sanctuary will be considered as unlawful and action may be taken under Wildlife Act.**
4. **During Nature Wildlife Trek, in case if there is any casualty due to health problem, department will not be responsible for this.**
5. **Person with disease or heart patients are advised not to undertake trekking of this route. Those with problem in climbing are also advised not to participate in this trek.**
6. **In case of bad weather, the event may be cancelled.**
7. **All participants must maintain silence and not disturb the wildlife and shall strictly abide by the rules.**
8. **The registered participants are required to report on/ before the time given in prescribed trekking calendar. The entry of registered participants will be closed at 8.00 AM.**
9. **NO ONE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TREKKING WITHOUT PRIOR REGISTRATION.**
10. **ON THE SPOT REGISTRATION OF ANY PARTICIPANT SHALL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.**