

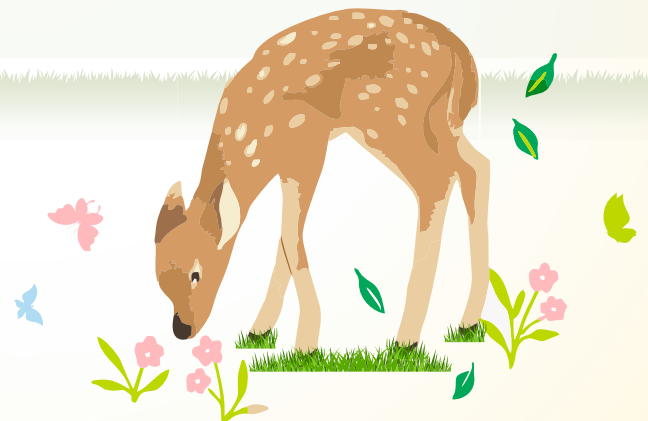


# The Rulebook

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## Standard Operating Procedures

for Wildlife Protected Areas of Punjab






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<b>WILD LIFE SANCTUARIES</b>				
1	Patiala	BirMotibagh	This Sanctuary is situated at a distance of 5 Km. from Patiala on Patiala-Dakala Road and is spread over 654.00 ha of Government area. Black Buck, Chital, Hog Deer, Blue Bull, Wild Boar, Jackal, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Brahminy Myna, Black and Grey Partridges, Quails etc. are found here in this Sanctuary area. A Deer park is also situated in this Sanctuary area. The bir area was declared as Wildlife Sanctuary under the Preservation of Faunae of Patiala Rules, 1896 vide Patiala and East Punjab State Union Government (PEPSU) notification No. F-150/50 dated 28-2-1952.	DFO (Wildlife), Patiala dfowildlifepatiala@gmail.com
2	Patiala	BirBhunerheri	This Sanctuary is situated at a distance of 15 km. from Patiala on Patiala-Devigarh road and is spread over 661.66 ha of Government area. A number of old Shisham & Kikar trees are found in the Sanctuary area which provide good habitat to wildlife. Hog Deer, Blue Bull, Porcupine, Black Buck, Sambar, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Black and Grey Partridges, Dove and Spotted owl etc. are found here in this Sanctuary Area. The Bir area was declared as wildlife sanctuary under the Preservation of Faunae of Patiala Rules, 1896 vide Patiala and East Punjab State Union Government (PEPSU) notification No. F-150/50 dated 28-2-1952.	DFO (Wildlife), Patiala dfowildlifepatiala@gmail.com
3	Sangrur	BirAishwan	BirAishwan Wildlife Sanctuary is situated 3 Km from Sangrur city on Sohian Road in District Sangrur. This Sanctuary is spread over 264.40 ha of Government area. The bir area was declared as wildlife sanctuary under the Preservation of Faunae of Patiala Rules, 1896 vide Patiala and East Punjab State Union Government (PEPSU) notification No. F-150/50 dated 28-2-1952. It harbours wildlife species like Blue Bull, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Black and Grey Partridges, Hare, Spotted owl etc. An Environment Chetna Kendra also exists in this Sanctuary area.	DFO (Wildlife), Sangrur dfosng.pb@gmail.com

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4	Patiala	BirBhadson	This Sanctuary falls in district Patiala and is located on the left side of Nabha- Bhadson-Gobindgarh Road. This Sanctuary is spread over 1,022.63 ha of Government area. The bir area was declared as wildlife sanctuary under the Preservation of Faunae of Patiala Rules, 1896 vide Patiala and East Punjab State Union Government (PEPSU) notification No. F-150/50 dated 28-2-1952. It harbours many wildlife species such as Blue Bull, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Black and Grey Partridges, Hare, Spotted owl etc. The forests in the sanctuary falls under the sub- group 5(B) Northern Tropical Dry Mixed Deciduous forest type.	DFO (Wildlife), Patiala dfowildlifepatiala@gmail.com
5	Patiala	BirDosanjh	BirDosanjh wildlife sanctuary is also situated adjacent to Nabha town on Nabha to Jorepul Road and is spread over 517.59 ha of Government area that falls in tehsil Nabha of District Patiala. The bir area was declared as wildlife sanctuary under the Preservation of Faunae of Patiala Rules, 1896 vide Patiala and East Punjab State Union Government (PEPSU) notification No. F-150/50 dated 28-2-1952. Blue bull, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Black and Grey Partridges etc. are found here in this Sanctuary area.	DFO (Wildlife), Patiala dfowildlifepatiala@gmail.com
6	Roopnagar	JhajjarBachouli	This Sanctuary is situated 15 Km. from Anandpur Sahib city in the Government forest area of District Rupnagar. It has an area of 116.00 ha (i.e. 289 acres of which 218 acres area belongs to Village Jhajjar, 55 acres to village Bachauli and 16 acres to village Lamlehri). This area was first declared as Wildlife Sanctuary vide Punjab Government Notification No. 40/3/98/Ft-IV/11500 dated 9-9-1998 and final notification was issued vide Punjab Government Notification No. 34/31/03/Ft-IV/19747 dated 11-12-03. Sambar, Barking Deer, Hare, Jackal, Python, Cobra, Rat snake, Leopard (migratory) etc. are found here in this Sanctuary area.	DFO (Wildlife), Ropar dfowildliferopar@gmail.com
7	Roopnagar	Nangal	Nangal Wetland & Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the 15 km from Anandpur Sahib city in Ropar. This sanctuary is spread over 116 ha. This area was notified as Wildlife Sanctuary vide Punjab Government Notification No. 34/31/03/Ft-IV/19747 dated 11.12.2003. under section 26A of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Also designated as Wetland of International importance as a Ramsar site, it attracts several resident as well as migratory birds. This	DFO (Wildlife), Ropar dfowildliferopar@gmail.com

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			wetland plays major role in trapping sediments and preventing the heavy water flow. Main wildlife species found in the sanctuary are Sambar, Barking deer, Hare, Jackal, Python, Cobra, Rat snake, Leopard (migratory) etc. As per forest classification the sanctuary falls under the Dry Deciduous Forest type. The main tree species are Khair, Shisham, Subabul, Siris, Phalai, Ficus spp., Neem etc.	
8	Patiala	BirMehas	The name of BirMehas refers to village Mehas, which is located adjacent to the Bir. The Sanctuary is situated adjacent to Nabha town on Nabha-Malerkotla Road and is spread over 123.43 ha of Government area that falls in tehsil Nabha of District Patiala. The bir area was declared as wildlife sanctuary under the Preservation of Faunae of Patiala Rules, 1896 vide Patiala and East Punjab State Union Government (PEPSU) notification No. F-150/50 dated 28-2-1952. In spite of local people pressure and other disturbances, this sanctuary harbours many wildlife species such as Rhesus Monkey, Jungle Cat, Peacock, Blue Bull, Jackal, Black and Grey Partridges etc.	DFO (Wildlife), Patiala dfowildlifepatiala@gmail.com
9	Patiala	BirGurdialpura	BirGurdialpura Sanctuary is situated at a distance of 45 km. from Patiala city and 15 km. from Samana on Patiala-Samana-Shatrana Road and is spread over 620.53 ha of Government area. Wild Boar, Blue Bull, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Hog Deer, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Black and Grey Partridges, Dove and Spotted owl etc. are found here in this Sanctuary area. This sanctuary was first declared as Wildlife Sanctuary vide Notification No.34(39)Ft-IV-87/5065 dated 3.3.1989 and final Notification was issued vide No.34/31/03 Ft.-IV/14758 dated 27-8-2003.	DFO (Wildlife), Patiala dfowildlifepatiala@gmail.com
10	Pathankot	KathlourKaushaliya	This Sanctuary is located on the new bye pass of Amritsar–Jammu Highway in Tehsil Pathankot of District Gurdaspur. This sanctuary is spread over 758.40 ha of Government protected forest area (i.e. 1896 acres of which 346 acres area belongs to Village Kushalian and 1550 acres area belongs to village Kathlour and adjoining villages Rajpur, Bahadurpur and Jaswa). This area was notified as Wildlife Sanctuary vide Punjab Government Notification No. 34/13/2007/Ft-V/6133 dated 28.06.2007. The sanctuary has good population of different ungulates and deer species. This area comprises of dense (closed canopy) forests, interspersed with open grasslands of Saccharum and water bodies as it lies on the banks of the bed of river Ravi.	DFO (Wildlife), Pathankot dfowildlifepathankot@gmail.com



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11	Hoshiarpur	TakhniRehampur	This Sanctuary is situated at a distance of 15 km. from Hoshiarpur on Hoshiarpur-Mehengrowal road. This Sanctuary is spread over 382.00 ha of Government area (i.e. 956 acres of which 498 acres area belongs to Village Takhni and 458 acres area belongs to village Rehmapur) that falls in District Hoshiarpur. This Sanctuary is situated at the foot – hills of Shiwalik Range of Himalayas and is representative of Foot Hill Ecosystem. It abodes a variety of wildlife species and is rich in floral diversity also. Barking Deer, Pangolin, Python, Hog Deer, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Mongoose, Wild Boar, Rat Snake and Kalij Pheasant are found in this Sanctuary. Takhni-Rehmapur area in Hoshiarpur was first declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary vide Punjab Government Notification No.34(32)92Ft-IV/2040 dated 16.2.1993 and final Notification was issued vide Punjab Government No. 34/10/99-Ft-IV/7182 dt. 8.6.1999.	DFO (Wildlife), Hoshiarpur dfo.wlhsp@gmail.com
12	Ferozepur	Harike Wildlife Sanctuary	One of the largest wetlands in northern India, it was formed after the construction of headworks at Harike across the Sutlej river in 1953. This Sanctuary is located at a distance of 58 km from Amritsar on Kot Isa Khan- Harike Road. This Sanctuary is spread over 8,600 ha of Government area that falls in Ferozepur, Taran Tarn and Kapurthala Districts. Harike pond area was declared as Wildlife Sanctuary vide Punjab Government Notification No.34(21)92 Ft-IV/10818 dated 8.9.1992 for a period of 10 years and final Notification was issued vide Punjab Government No. 34/7/99-Ft-IV/16393 dt. 18.11.1999. The sanctuary attracts large number of migratory birds during the winter months. Important species of birds like Large Cormorant, Darter, Purple Moorhen, Bar-headed Goose, Pintail, Common Teal, Pigeon, Shoveller, Common Pochard, Red Crested Pochard, White eyed Pochard are found in this Sanctuary. Harike Sanctuary is a Ramsar site of International importance declared on 23/03/1990.	DFO (Wildlife), Ferozepur dfowildlifefzr@gmail.com
13	Ferozepur	Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary	This Sanctuary is located 8 km. from Abohar city in district Ferozepur. This Sanctuary is famous for Black Buck and covers an area of 18,650.00 ha. The entire area of Sanctuary is private or community owned land of 13 Bishnoi villages. This Sanctuary was first declared as Wildlife Sanctuary vide Punjab Government notification No.34(22) Ft IV-80/6398 dated 01-06-1993 for five years and again vide No.	DFO (Wildlife), Ferozepur dfowildlifefzr@gmail.com

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			40/4/98-Ft-IV/10595 dated 20-8-98 for a period of five years and final notification was issued vide Punjab Government No. 40/4/98-Ft-IV/11505 dated 07.9.2000. Black Buck and Blue Bull are the main wildlife species found in this sanctuary area. An interpretation center exists in this Sanctuary area where awareness about wildlife preservation is provided to the public.	

### COMMUNITY RESERVE

1	Hoshiarpur	<b>Lalwan Community Reserve</b>	This Community Reserve is situated in Tehsil Garshakar in Hoshiarpur District and is spread over 1266.80 ha (3167 acres, 6 kanals) Lalwan Panchayat area closed under Section 4 & 5 of Punjab Land Preservation Act 1900. This area was declared as Community Reserve vide Punjab Government Notification No. 46/78/2007/Ft.V/6084 dated 22/06/2007.	DFO (Wildlife), Hoshiarpur dfo.wlhsp@gmail.com
2	Pathankot	<b>Keshopur Chhamb Community Reserve</b>	This Community Reserve is situated close to the District town of Gurdaspur and is spread over Panchayat Chhamb area consisting of 340.00 ha (i.e. 850 acres of which 400 acres belong to Miani, 136 acres to village Keshopur, 51 acres of village Matwa, 152 acres of village Dalla and 111 acres of village Magarmudian). This area was declared as Community Reserve vide Punjab Government Notification No. 34/13/2007/Ft.V/6133 dated 25/06/2007. The area is swampy and belongs to Keshopur wetland that is on the verge of extinction. Sustained by rains, this wetland consists of natural marshes, aquaculture ponds and agricultural wetlands of Lotus and Water chestnut. Migratory birds from Central Asia and Siberia visit this area in winter months.	DFO (Wildlife), Pathankot dfowildlifepathankot@gmail.com
3	Ferozepur	<b>Haripura-panniwal-Gumjal-Diwankhera Community Reserve</b>	This community Reserve is situated in Fazilka and is spread over 16861 acres of land. This area was declared as Community Reserve vide Notification No. 34/4/2015/Ft- 5/448962/1 dated 27.3.15 U/s 36-C of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Main wildlife species found in the sanctuary are Black buck and Blue bull. As per forest classification the sanctuary falls under the Arid to semi-arid type. The main tree species are A. tortilis, Albizia lebeck, Azadirachata indica, Dalbergia sissoo, Melia azadirach, Prosopis cineraria and P. juliflora etc.	DFO (Wildlife), Ferozepur dfowildlifefzr@gmail.com

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4	Rupnagar	Siswan Community Reserve	Located in Siswan village near Majri Tehsil of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali) in Punjab, Siswan Community Reserve is a protected dense forest area under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Spread across the area of 13 km <sup>2</sup> , It extends between 3052 North and 7645 East. SCR is governed in accordance to the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900, for the conservation of sub-soil water and prevention of erosion, the area is managed through Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation. SCR has been notified under Section 36C of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (amended in 2006) as Community Reserve vide Government of Punjab Notification No: 34/12/2017-Ft.-5/1052786/1 Dated 29th August 2017 (Annexure I).	DFO (Wildlife), Ropar dfowildliferopar@gmail.com

### CONSERVATION RESERVE

1	Amritsar	Rakh Sarai Amant Khan Conservation Reserve	This Conservation Reserve is situated in Amritsar and is spread over 1223 Acres of land. This area was declared as Conservation Reserve vide Notification. 34/8/2010/Ft-5/ 3008 dated 31.3.2010 under section 36A of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Important Fauna are : Jackal, Wild hare, Wild boar, Jungle Cat, Mongoose, Partridge, Peafowl, Dove, Pigeon, Parrots etc. and Important Flora are -Eucalyptus, Shisham, Kikar, Khair, Muscat, Subabool, Lasura, Arjun etc.	DFO (Territorial), Amritsar dfoamritsar@rediffmail.com
2	Ferozepur Hoshiarpur Phillaur Pathankot	Beas River Conservation Reserve	This Conservation Reserve is situated in River Beas and is spread over River Beas with all its water channels from 52 Head Talwara to Harike Barrage including all Government areas in river Beas. This area was declared as Conservation Reserve. Notification No. 34/13/2017-Ft- 5/1052756/1 dated 29.8.2017 under section 36A of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.	DFO (Wildlife), Ferozepur dfowildlifefzr@gmail.com DFO (Wildlife), Hoshiarpur dfo.wlhp@gmail.com DFO (Wildlife), Phillaur dfo.wlphillaur@gmail.com DFO (Wildlife), Pathankot dfowildlifepathankot@gmail.com
3	Pathankot	Ranjit Sagar Dam Conservation Reserve	This Conservation Reserve is situated in Gurdaspur and is spread over 4559.71 Acre of land. This area was declared as Conservation Reserve vide Notification No.34/11/2017-Ft- 5/1177745/1 dated 5.3.2018 under section 36A of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The water impoundment of this wetland was created by construction of dam meant for irrigation, power generation, flood control and water supply. It was included as wetland of national importance in 2005.	DFO (Wildlife), Pathankot dfowildlifepathankot@gmail.com












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4	Roopnagar	Ropar Wetland Conservation Reserve	This Conservation Reserve is situated in Ropar and is spread over 521.12 Acre of land. This area was declared as Conservation Reserve vide .Notification No. 34/13/2017-Ft- 5/1057481/1 dated 5.9.2017 under section 36A of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. In 2002, Ropar wetland was designated as wetland of International importance (Ramsar site). It is inhabited by threatened species like Scaly Anteater, Indian Rock Python, etc.	DFO (Wildlife), Ropar dfowildliferopar@gmail.com
5	Phillaur	Kali Bein Conservation Reserve	Kali Bein Conservation Reserve comprises of Fresh Water wetland eco system in the district of Kapurthala. It was declared so on 11 June 2019. Known for avifauna, it has 96 reported birds' species. The reserve is spread over an area of 520.824 acres. It is a rivulet that flows into the confluence of the rivers Beas and Satluj at Harike. It is believed that Guru Nanak dev ji attained enlightenment after taking a bath in the Kali Bein. Kali Bein plays a key role in recharging the water table and in flood management in its watershed. It is also a key source of irrigation for the agricultural fields. The Kanjli Wetland, a Ramsar site (a wetland site designated of international importance under the Ramsar Convention), is supported by the Kali Bein.	DFO (Wildlife), Phillaur dfo.wlphillaur@gmail.com




















-  The Nature Awareness facilities will be operated by Eco Development Committee (EDC)/ Protected Area Management Committee (PAMC) of the concerned Protected area/Wetland under the supervision and monitoring of DFO In-charge.
-  The DFO In- charge will study the carrying capacity and the Nature Awareness potential of the Protected Area/ Wetland and decide the following:-
  - a) Area to be opened for visitors (Nature Awareness Zone) and the area to be closed for visitors (Closed Zone).
  - b) Entry timings and opening hours for the protected area/Wetland and its facilities.
  - c) Closure days/Season for the Protected Area/Wetland and its facilities, keeping in view of the feeding behaviour, breeding behaviour, migratory behaviour etc. of the animals and birds.
  - d) Entry Fee for Adults (18 yrs & above), Children, Students, Researchers etc., for which DFO will do prior consultation with concerned EDC/PAMC.
-  Visitors shall enter only after obtaining Entry Permit and prescribed entry fee from the office of Concerned DFO or any other officer authorized by him .
-  The Visitors shall provide valid ID Cards before entering into the Forest/ Wetland areas.
-  Concerned DFO and his authorized officers will ensure that the restrictions or guidelines issued by the Government regarding COVID-19 or any other Pandemic time to time are strictly adhered by the visitors.
-  For allowing visitors in the special facilities such as Nature Camps/ Trekking etc, in the protected areas/ wetlands, concerned DFO will receive application in a prescribed format(**Annexure-A**) and permit the eligible visitors as per the applicable rules.
-  Any violation in any of the rules related to Protected areas/wetlands will be punished in accordance with the provisions of Wildlife Protection Act,1972 or any other applicable laws and rules.





-  Avoid littering public places and ensure that waste is disposed only in bins earmarked for the purpose
-  Always dump waste in proper places where there are dustbins
-  Never throw away plastic bags and waste in the location.
-  Do not collect any form of fauna or flora from any locations
-  Be aware of the negative aspects of insensitive behaviour, such as taking photographs of people without their consent or failure to observe local customs
-  Be aware of your capabilities and the dangers posed by the trip
-  Dress codes to be followed, modest dress is preferred
-  Do not damage plants - for example by walking, driving, or landing on extensive moss beds or lichen-covered areas
-  Be aware of applicable restrictions and regulations of the site
-  Please ensure that necessary permission is obtained before visiting
-  Maintain a safe distance from all wildlife
-  Do not disturb any animal by making noises, flashing lights or making any sudden movements that may frighten animals
-  Do not damage vegetation or any fencepost, gate or signpost in the park
-  Always remain inside your accommodation at night.
-  Be aware that the animals are wild and can be dangerous
-  Do not remain in the parks or reserves between 5 pm & 7 am unless accommodation is provided.
-  Do not discard any foodstuff or litter the land and water bodies
-  Do not hand-feed fish or any other animal
-  Total silence and discipline are required to spot wild animals while trekking
-  Travelling alone is prohibited and small groups are preferred
-  Smoking and Consumption of Alcohol are strictly prohibited in forest area
-  Do not try to explore unfamiliar things while trekking
-  Be careful during boat rides. Don't do anything that will rock the boat or endanger lives
-  Camp fire and open fires should be avoided while trekking.
-  The restrictions/regulations regarding Wildlife and its habitat provided in the signages /boards should be strictly followed by the visitors.
-  The visitors should strictly follow the guidelines of the Government regarding Covid-19 or any other pandemic during the visit.



## Annexure-A

### Application Format for Nature Awareness Tour/ Camping/ Trekking



1.	Name of the Protected area for visit	
2.	Details of the Visitor/ Group/ Institution	
	Name and Address	
	Mobile no.	
	E-mail ID	
3.	Details of the Head/Group Leader	
	Address	
	Mobile no.	
	E-mail ID	
4.	No. of participants	Adult Male: Adult Female: Children( Below 5 years):
5.	Proposed date and Duration of Tour	
6.	Whether the institution has availed Nature Camps/Trekking earlier. If so, furnish details.	
7.	Whether any Nature Club / Eco Club is functioning under the institution; if so, give details.	

#### Undertaking

I/ We, (Name) hereby undertake on behalf of the said institution/team that we shall abide by the conditions as per the existing Acts/ Rules pertaining to Forests & Wildlife, orders of the Forest Officers in charge of the jurisdiction and maintain discipline throughout the course of the nature camp.

Date: .....

Sd/- Head of Institution/Team Leader

Place: .....

(Seal).

#### For Office use

S.No. of Tour.....

Date allotted .....

Name and Signature