



Van Vihar National Park

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- Van Vihar National Park is located in **Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)**.
- It is situated next to the famous **Upper Lake of Bhopal** also known as the “**Bada Talab**” which is a **Ramsar Site** and one of the two lakes of Bhoj Wetland.
- It has the unique distinction of being a **combination** of National Park, a Zoo, Rescue Centre for wild animals and Conservation Breeding Centre for selected vital species.
 - It is the **only place in central India** where its rescue centre harbours a number of Lions and Tigers rescued from the circuses, Sloth Bears rescued from the madaris, Tigers, Panthers and Bears rescued from the zones of human-wildlife conflict.
 - It is also a designated co-ordinating zoo and Conservation Breeding Centre for the **Hard Ground Barasingha, the state animal of Madhya Pradesh** and two species of Gyps Vultures.
- It is a natural habitat for a variety of herbivores and carnivores namely, tiger, white tiger, leopard, hyena and sloth bear, chital, sambhar, blackbuck, blue bull, chousingha, common langur, rhesus monkey, porcupine, etc.