



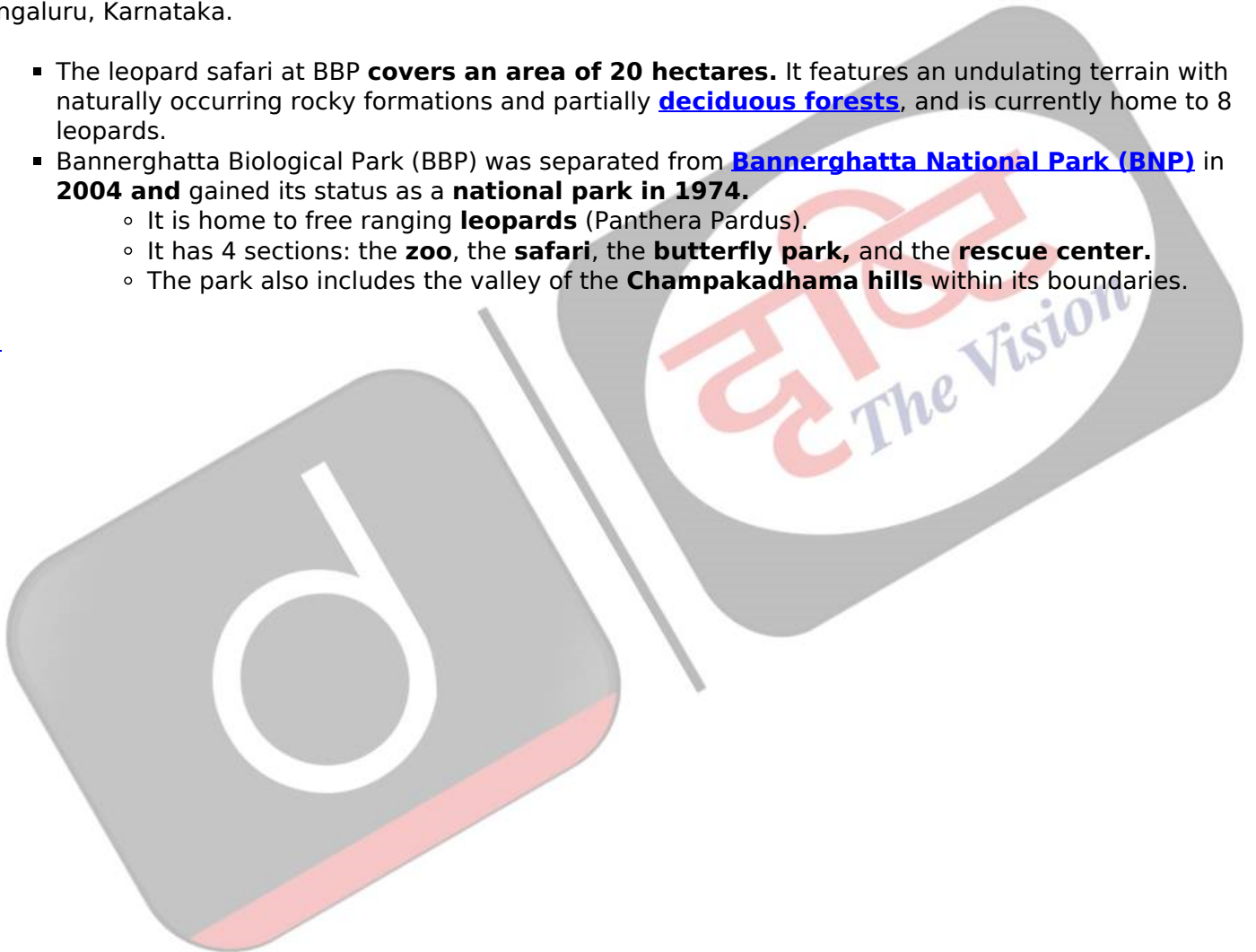
India's Largest Leopard Safari

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Recently, India's largest leopard safari has been inaugurated at [Bannerghatta Biological Park \(BBP\)](#) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

- The leopard safari at BBP **covers an area of 20 hectares**. It features an undulating terrain with naturally occurring rocky formations and partially [deciduous forests](#), and is currently home to 8 leopards.
- Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) was separated from [Bannerghatta National Park \(BNP\)](#) in **2004 and** gained its status as a **national park in 1974**.
 - It is home to free ranging **leopards** (*Panthera Pardus*).
 - It has 4 sections: the **zoo**, the **safari**, the **butterfly park**, and the **rescue center**.
 - The park also includes the valley of the **Champakadhama hills** within its boundaries.

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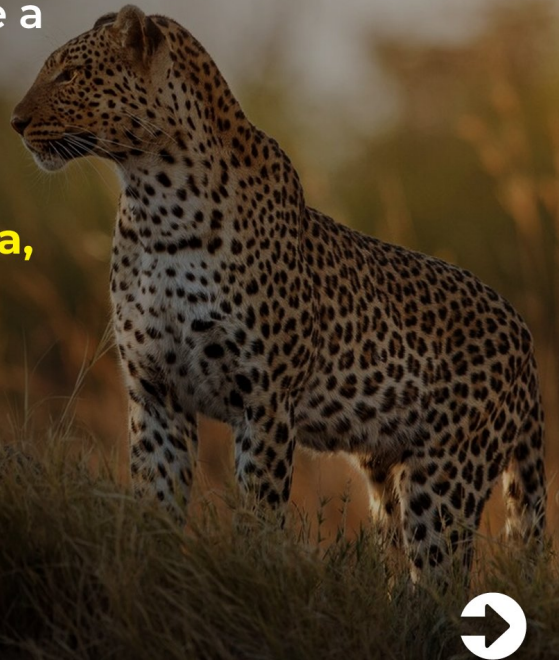




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LEOPARD

- › The leopard is the **smallest of the Big Cat family** and is known for adapting in various habitats.
- › A **nocturnal animal** feeds on smaller species of herbivores found in its range, such as the chital, hog deer and wild boar.
- › A **melanistic leopard** is often called a **black panther** and is mistakenly thought to be a different species.
- › **Madhya Pradesh** has the **highest number of leopards (3,907)**, followed by **Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.**



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