



Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary

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Recently, the Supreme Court **stayed the construction of four proposed dams inside [Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary](#)** in Haryana's Yamunanagar district as the construction will not only negatively impact the **wildlife and local community but also harm the ecosystem.**

- It was established in 1988 to protect the local wildlife and biodiversity and was declared a National Park on 8th December 2003.
- It is situated in the foothills of the **Shivalik ranges** of the Himalayas and is contiguous to [Rajaji National Park \(Uttarakhand\)](#) and **Simbalbara National Park (Himachal Pradesh)**.
- It is spread across **13,209 acres** and is rich in biodiversity, featuring dense **sal and khair forests** and grassland patches supporting diverse plant and animal life.
- It is home to many species of animals, including **leopards, sambar deer, barking deer, hyenas, jackals, Indian porcupines, Indian pangolins, and langurs** and several species of birds, such as the red junglefowl, grey partridge, Indian peafowl, and white-throated kingfisher

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