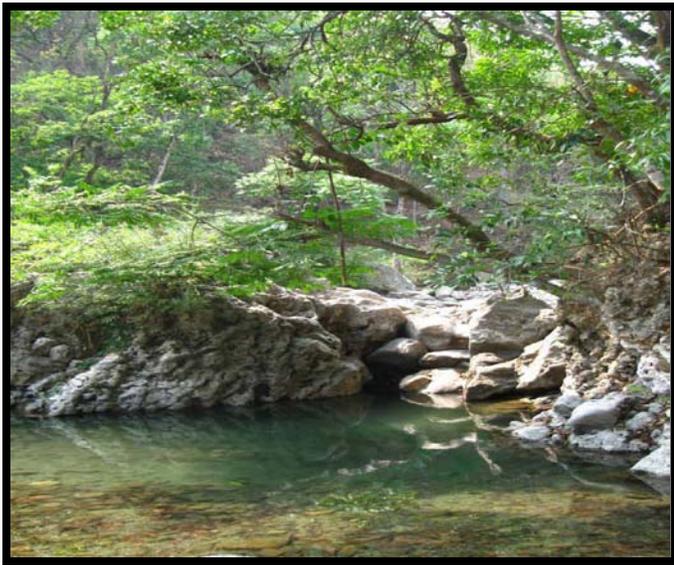


Nandhour Wild life Sanctuary

Nandhour Wild life Sanctuary is the newly declared Wild life Sanctuary in the State of Uttarakhand. It is the seventh Wild life Sanctuary in the State and lies in the two districts- Nainital and Champawat. It comprises 269.95 sq. K.m. areas of Reserve forests of Haldwani and Champawat forest division.

The natural uniqueness of the area has been recognized since a long time ago. It has captured the imagination of many with its diverse wildlife and breathtaking landscapes.

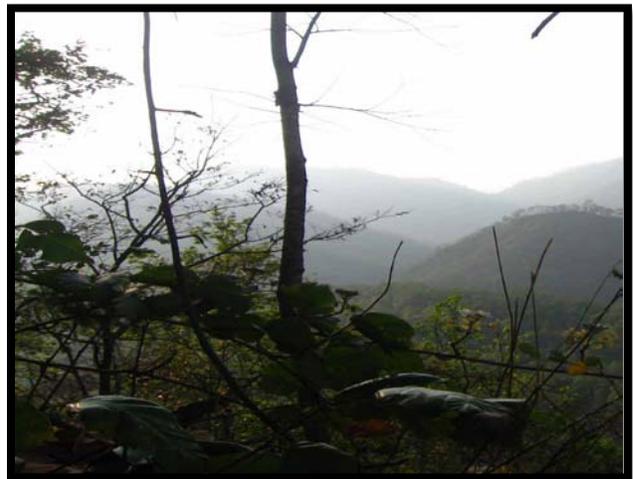


Its geographical location between the Himalayas and tarai, the Nandhour river streams, and ridges crisscrossing the terrain, present Nandhour Wild life Sanctuary with a remarkable variety of landscapes. This vivid mosaic of habitats-wet and dry, plain and mountainous, gentle and ragged, forest and grassland- support numerous plants and animal species. The most famous of the Nandhour wild residents are Royal Bengal Tigers and the Asiatic Elephants, but with about 325 species of birds, Nandhour is one of the richest bird regions of India.

The diverse geographical feature of Nandhour Valley and its habitat along with its resident flora and fauna form distinct ecosystem. While ascending mountains, a number of different types of plant communities can be seen. The lower areas are usually broadleaved forest but higher up, coniferous trees appear. The lower area consists of sal and associated forest. Sal (*Shorea robusta*) is a handsome tree that grows up to 35 mtr. tall and has a majestic, shining foliage. Sal is the main tree species of Nandhour and often grows as dense forest. These sal forest forms an important wild life habitat.

Climate- The weather in the sanctuary is temperate. The temp may vary from 5⁰c to 30⁰c during the winter, and some mornings are foggy. Summer temp. normally do not rise above 40⁰c. Rainfall ranges from light during the dry season to heavy during the monsoon.

Location- The Nandhour Wild life Sanctuary is situated 25 k.m. away from Haldwani in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand.



Route- The town of Haldwani is the Headquarter of Nandhour Wild life Sanctuary. There are over-night trains available from Delhi to Haldwani. Train are also available from Lucknow, Bareilly and Kolkata on reaching Haldwani, one can hire a taxi to reach Nandhour Wild life Sanctuary.

Haldwani is also well connected by road with Kanpur, Lucknow, Bareilly, Ranikhet, Almora, Nainital, Dehradun and New Delhi. One can also drive from Delhi (300 k.m.) to Haldwani.

Best time to Visit- Mid November to Mid June.

Nearest Railway Station – Haldwani (25 K.m.)

Nearest Airport – Pant Nagar (50k.m.)

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