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Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary is the conglomeration of three Reserved Forests, viz. Kuldiha, Tenda, Devgiri & other Protected Forests. The tourists visit this paradise to have a glimpse of the majestic Blue Mountains, dense foot hill forests, frothing rivers and brooks as well as the diverse floral and faunal composition in a conducive environment. It is not only a compact mass of hills, valleys & streams but a bounty of natural beauties of trees, climbers, orchids, ferns, mosses, fungi, animals, birds and micro-fauna.

Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary, spreading over an area of 272.75 sq. km. is situated in the South Western part of Balasore District under Nilagiri Sub Division in the State of Odisha and more significantly is located in the tri junction of Mayurabhanj, Keonjhar and Balasore district. It has been declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary on 4th January, 1984 under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. Subsequently, various effective steps have been taken for maintenance of essential ecological processes and life support systems, preservation of genetic bio-diversity, sustainable utilization of species and eco-system.

FLORA


FAUNA

The Wildlife Sanctuary supports a diverse faunal composition and is a repository of 32 species of Mammals, 149 species of Birds, 45 species of Amphibians & Reptiles along with many species of Butterflies & Odonates. Elephants & Gaur are the mega herbivores, besides Chital, Sambar, Porcupine, Pangolin, Giant Squirrel, Sloth Bear, Wild Fg etc. and carnivores like Leopard, Leopard Cat & Wolf etc. Prominent avifauna such as Owls, Red Jungle Fowl, Gray Hornbill, Eagle, Lapwing, Kingfisher and reptiles as Indian Rock Python, Cobra, King Cobra, Monitor Lizard, and Indian Flap Shelled Turtles are also found.
HOW TO REACH

By Road -
From Bhubaneswar to Nature camp site inside Kuldhia Wildlife Sanctuary is 235 Km. From Bhadrak the distance is 95 Km.

By Train -
Bhubaneshwar to Balasore 206 Km. From Bhadrak to Balasore 70 Km.

By Air -
Nearest Airport is Bhubaneswar (Biju Pattnayak International Airport), it is 206 kms from Kuldhia.
(N.B.-Distance by road from Balasore Railway station to Rishu (Gohirabhola) inside Kuldhia Wildlife Sanctuary 40km./1hr. 00)

ENTRY GATE

Through Balianal Forest Check Gate via Nilgiri - Sajaranfgh - Gohira Chhak.

ENTRY PERMIT

One has to apply & obtain the Entry Pass/Permit from Range Officer, Kuldhia (at Nilgiri). The entry pass/permit is to be produced at entry/exit points at forests. Check Gates on demand.

TIMINGS

Open all days of the week
9.00 AM - 6.00 PM

BEST TIME TO VISIT:
November to May when animal sightings are maximum (It is usually closed during monsoon days).

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

(a) Gohirabhola, the natural Salt Lick for viewing herbivores including elephants
(b) Kalama chaturi, a rocky bed for over viewing the entire hill range
(c) Historic Watch Tower at Khemkat.
(d) Winged guests of winter
(e) Watch Towers at view points to have a glimpse of the majestic forest & wild animals.
(f) Giant Squirrels
(g) Boating in Rissa reservoir

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Chandipur Beach - Famous for miraculous sea beach and Casuarina forest, 15 Km from Balasore
Remuna - The famous temple of 12th century of Lord Khira Chora Gopinath
Panchalingeswar - Named after five Sivalingas shrine, about 25 Km from Balasore
Devkund - Waterfall inside Similipal and a picnic spot of Mayurbhanj District

Chandipur Beach Panchalingeswar
AMENITIES
Guide, Accommodation, Canteen

ACCOMMODATION
Tented accommodation is available in Eco-Tourism destinations at Rusia Nature Camp within the Sanctuary.
There are also Hotels at Nilgiri & Balasore.
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