

Huai Nam Dang

National Park

Huai Nam Dang National Park was established in 1995 as Thailand's 81st national park. It covers an area of 1,252.12 square kilometres in Mae Taeng and Wiang Haeng districts, Chiang Mai provinces and Pai district, Mae Hong Son provinces. The national park offers scenic views of the natural mountain range and early morning sea of clouds can be seen from this viewpoint.

Geography

The mountain range is mostly highlands of verdant forests that are the source of tributaries and various streams. The national park is origin to a number of streams such as Huai Mae Yen Luang, Huai

Mae Hi, Huai Mae Ping, Huai Mae Chok Luang, Huai Nam Dang and later join to the Pai, Mae Ping Noi and Nam Dang rivers.

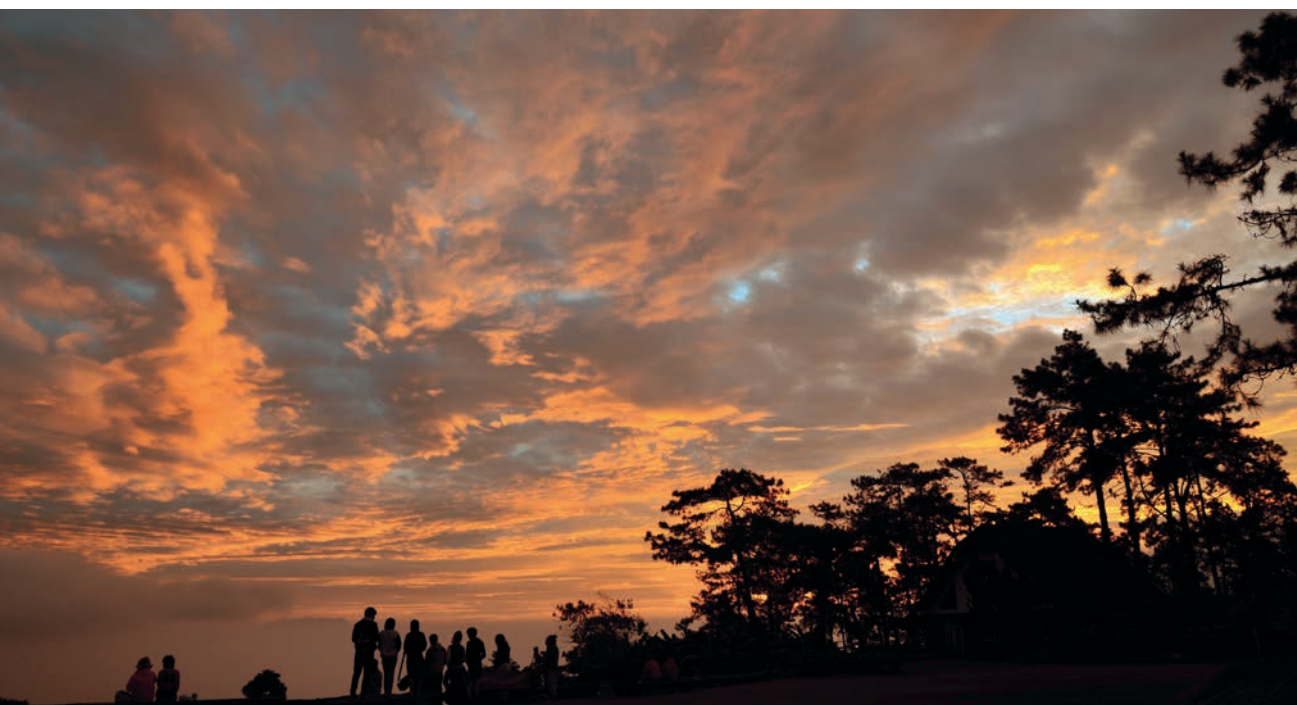
Climate

There are three seasons being rainy season from May to October, winter from November to February, and summer from March to April.

Flora and Fauna

Mixed deciduous, deciduous dipterocarp, and evergreen forests make up the national park with various plants such as *Hopea odorata*, *Dipterocarpus alatus*, *Michelia floribunda*, *Toona ciliata*, *Mangifera* sp., *Ailanthus triphysa*, *Lagerstroemia tomentosa*, *L. calyculata*, *Alphonsea glabrifolia*, *Xylia xylocarpa* and *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*.

Huai Nam Dang national park is home to wildlife such as Asian Elephant, Sambar, Tiger, Malayan Porcupine, Common Palm Civet, Wild Boar, as well as many species of birds such as Thick-billed Green-





pigeon, Vernal Hanging-parrot, Richard's Pipit, Rufous-throated Partridge, Hill Myna, Ashy Bulbul, Black-crested Bulbul and Striped-throated Bulbul.

Attractions

◆ **Doi Kio Lom Viewpoint** offers spectacular scenery of Doi Chiang Dao from this stop. You enjoy watching the sunrise and sea of clouds in the morning especially in winter season.

◆ **Doi Chang Viewpoint** is located 20 kilometres beyond the Doi Kio Lom viewpoint and can only be accessible by four-wheel drive vehicles. The scenic views of the natural mountain range and early morning sea of clouds can be seen from this stop.

◆ **Huai Nam Dang Waterfall.** This 4-level waterfall originates from the Huai Nam Dang stream. There are a number of rocky outcrops in the waterfall's basin. The water is 50 metres high and 40 metres wide and mostly covered by rainforest vegetation.

◆ **Mae Yen Waterfall.** A large waterfall with abundance of water all year-round. It originates from Huai Mae Yen Luang.

◆ **Rafting on the Mae Taeng River.** From both sides of the Mae Taeng River exist various plants and a number of bird species such as Kingfisher, Wagtail, Coucal, Malkoha, Minivet, Bulbuls, Swallow, Sunbird and Raptors. You can take a rafting trip down the river. The total trip takes about 3 to 4 hours, beginning

at Pang Pa Kha village or Pa Khao Lam village and ends at Sop Kai village.

◆ **Pong Nam Ron Tha Pai or Tha Pai Hot Spring.** This warm pool is located at Pai district, Mae Hong Son province. The 80 degree Celsius pool is about 30 kilometres from the national park headquarters.

◆ **Pong Nam Ron Pong Dueat or Pong Dueat Hot Spring.** The warm pool is located at Mae Taeng district of Chiang Mai province, in an area that consists of 3 to 4 large warm pools with temps from 90-99 degree Celsius. The nature trail or natural study route is approached about 1,550 metres distance.

◆ **Mae Lat Waterfall.** Being 40-50 metres high, Mae Lat waterfall is located at Saen Hai sub-district, Wiang Haeng district in Chiang Mai provinces.

◆ **Mae Hat Waterfall.** The waterfall is 40-50 metres high from ground level. The 4 levels waterfall is located at Mueang Haeng sub-district, Wiang Haeng district.

Getting There

■ From Chiang Mai take Highway 107 for 30 kilometres. At Mae Malai junction turn left to Highway 1095 (Mae Malai-Pai route) to between km. 65-66, then turn right and take a 6 kilometres road accessing to park headquarters.

