

Mae Takhrui

National Park

Covering an area of 356.66 square kilometres in San Kamphaeng, Doi Saket and Mae On districts of Chiang Mai province along with Ban Thi and Mueang districts of Lamphun, Mae Takhrui National Park is origin to the main tributaries of the Ping River. The national park offers scenic views such as waterfalls, cliffs and hot springs. Presently, it is in the process of being a national park of Thailand.



Getting There

- From Chiang Mai, take Highway 118 to Doi Saket district. Continue 15 kilometres to the national park office located between km. 33-34.

Geography

The park features rugged limestone mountain range between 400-2,031 metres above mean sea level. The region is mostly comprised of deciduous dipterocarp forests.

Climate

The rainy is from May-October and winter from November-February. Summer months are March-April.

Flora and Fauna

Mixed deciduous and deciduous dipterocarp forests blanket the national park with various plants, including *Tectona grandis*, *Xylia xylocarpa*, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*, *Dipterocarpus alatus*, *D. obtusifolius*, *D. tuberculatus*, *Michelia floribunda*, *Shorea siamensis*, *Diospyros pubicalyx*, *Vitex* sp. and *Calamus* sp. There are *Pinus merkusii* and *P. kesiya* plants spreading along the upper line of the mountain.

The national park is home to wildlife such as Macaque, Sambar, Tiger, Siamese Hare, Gibbon, Northern Red Muntjac, Southwest China Serow and various species of birds such as Parrots, Egrets, Bulbuls, Hawks and Owlets.

Attractions

◆ **Reservoirs and Dams** include Mae Takhrui Reservoir, Mae Kuang Udom Thara Dam and Mae Tip-Mae San Dam.



◆ **Tat Moei Waterfall.** Soaring 15 metres in height, Tat Moei is very spectacular, especially in the rainy season when its flow is swollen with runoff. The waterfall is about 16 kilometres away from Park headquarters and reaching it requires a 3 kilometres. hike through forests.

◆ **Mae Takhrui waterfall.** This is a single-level waterfall, 6 kilometres way from Park headquarters. Along the way, there are various kinds of plants, mushrooms and wild flowers.

◆ **Doi Langka.** With an altitude of 2,030 metres above mean sea level, this is the fifth-highest mountain in the country. The climate is fresh and cool all year round. Wide open grassy plains sweep across the mountain top. The area is especially beautiful between February and March, when *Rhododendron* sp. is in full bloom. Phu Langka Luang lies 50 km. north of Park headquarters.