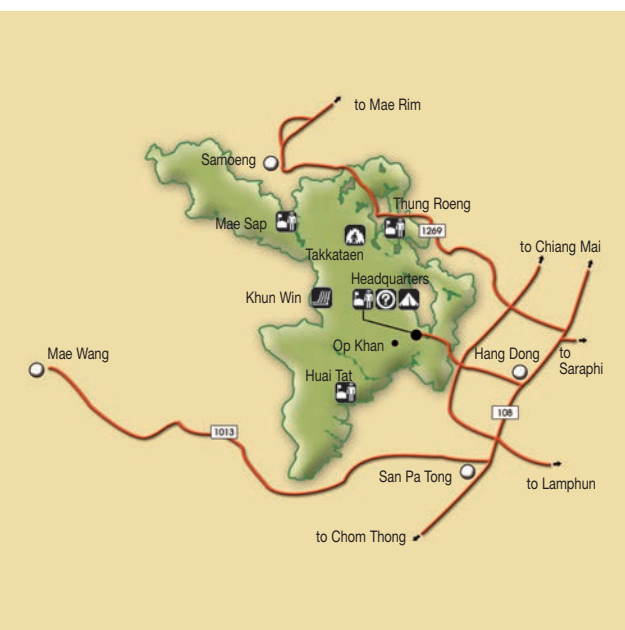


Op Khan

National Park

Op Khan National Park covers an area of 236.11 square kilometres in Samoeng, Hang Dong and Mae Wang districts of Chiang Mai Province. There are beautiful breathtaking views of natural scenery, including waterfalls, cliffs and caves set amidst scenic mountains. Today, Op Khan's area is in the process of being named as a national park of Thailand.



Geography

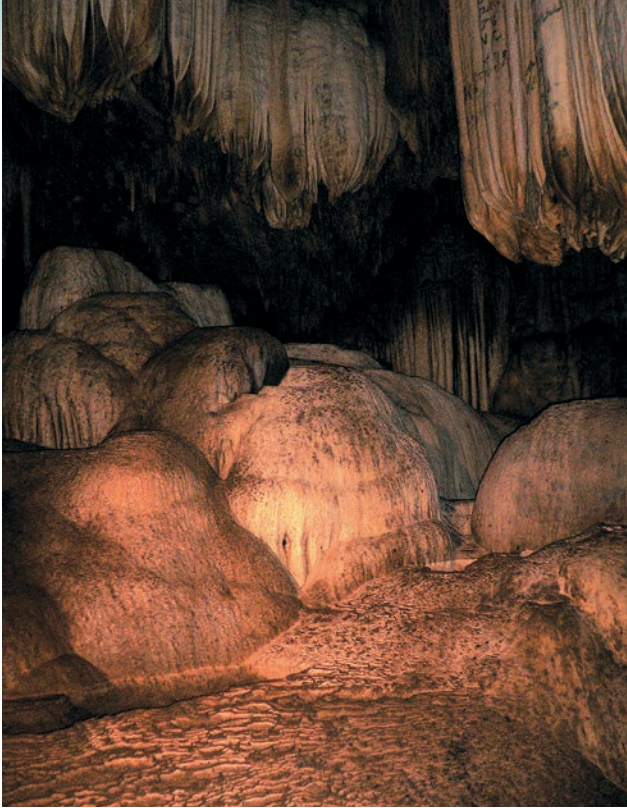
The national park features rugged mountain range. The highest peak, Khun Tian Sung is at 1,550 metres above mean sea level. The range feeds many rivers, namely Mae Khan, Mae Wang, Mae Tian and Mae Win.

Climate

Generally, the temperature is highest and more humid in the summer months and much lower in the

Getting There

- From Chiang Mai, take Highway 108 (Chiang Mai-Hot) for 11 kilometres. Turn right at the Hang Dong District Office to Nam Phrae-Op Khan road. Follow for 11 kilometres to the national park headquarters.



winter season. The rainy season (monsoon) is a short period.

Flora and Fauna

Mixed deciduous, deciduous dipterocarp and dry evergreen forests make up the national park where various plants such as *Invingia malayana*, *Anisoptera costata*, *Tectona grandis*, *Lagerstroemia calyculata*, *Schleichera oleosa* and various types of bamboo are present.

Many wildlife species can be found such as Southwest China Serow, Northern Red Muntjac, Fishing Cat, Lesser Oriental Chevrotain, Common Palm Civet, Wild Boar, Small Asian Mongoose, Finlayson's Squirrel, Pig-tailed Macaque and Malayan Porcupine as well as various types of birds such as Indian Roller, Coppersmith Barbet, Sooty-headed Bulbul, Green-billed Malkoha, Greater Coucal, Scally-breasted Munia and Asian Brown Flycatcher.

Attractions

◆ **Op Khan.** A small, natural river which flows through s-curves along a picturesque gorge.

◆ **Op Hai.** A small, natural river like the Op Khan.

◆ **Takkataen Cave.** The large cave offers spectacular views of stalagmites. Also nearby are Nam Sum and Huai Hok caves.

◆ **Mae Tian Waterfall.** This waterfall has one level. Nearby are Mae Sapok and Khun Win waterfalls, the latter has 3 levels and 60 metres high.

◆ **Mae Sapok Waterfall,** a small waterfall with a nice picnic area.

◆ **Khun Win Waterfall,** a beautiful waterfall with 3 levels. The first level is 10 metres high and the third level is 15 metres high.

