

NATIONAL PARK · THAILAND · SURAT THANI

Khao Sok

at a glance

A rainforest where a lake of 185 square kilometres was dammed in 1987, and where limestone cliffs have risen from the water ever since, as if from a fjord.

94_mHEIGHT
(308 ft)**761_m**

CREST LENGTH

185_{km²}

LAKE AREA

5,639_{million}STORAGE CAPACITY
_{m³}

BEFORE YOU GO

**738.74 square kilometres**

That is the size of the park according to the tourism authority, including the area north of the Rajjaprabha Dam.

**Since 1980, as Thailand's 22nd national park**
Khao Sok was declared in 1980.**The headquarters is in Khlong Sok**

The park office is at 34 Mu 6, Khlong Sok, in Phanom district, Surat Thani province. The trails into the forest start here.

**Six months of rain, three cool, three hot**

The tourism authority sums up the country's climate like this: six months of rainy season, three months of dry, cooler air in winter and ...

**Rivers rise quickly in heavy rain**

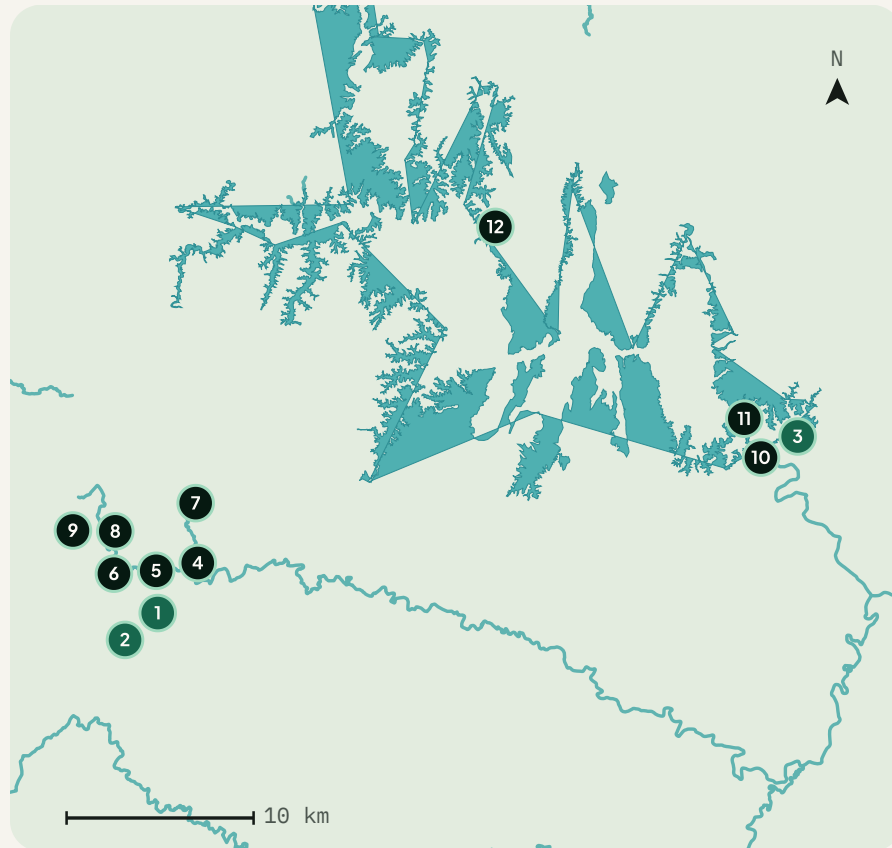
The park authority closes trails and entire parks when heavy rain is expected to cause flooding.

**Rare animals, protected areas**

According to the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Asian elephant, sun bear and clouded leopard live in the park; 95 species are on the IUCN ...

**Fees and opening hours, up to date**

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/thailand/khao-sok



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| 1 Checkpoint at the park entrance | 7 Sip Et Chan Waterfall |
| 2 Mae Yai Waterfall | 8 Ton Kloi Waterfall |
| 3 Visitor centre by the lake | 9 Tang Nam |
| 4 Khao Sok headquarters | 10 Rajjaprabha Dam |
| 5 Wing Hin | 11 Viewpoint at the dam |
| 6 Bang Hua Rad | 12 Cheow Lan Lake |

Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



CHEOW LAN LAKE



THE SUNKEN FOREST



RAFFLESIA KERRII

THINGS TO DO

Longtail boat on Cheow Lan Lake

Boats leave from the pier at the dam onto the lake, past limestone cliffs that, in the tourism authority's ...

The trail along the Sok

From the headquarters the main trail follows the river to Wing Hin, then past the Bang Hua Rad ranger post to ...

65 per cent rainforest, 25 per cent reservoir

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity divides the park into moist evergreen forest on around 65 per cent of the ...

Plants found only here

The centre lists the sedge *Khaosokia caricoides*, the balsam *Impatiens sirindhorniae* and *Rafflesia kerrii* as ...

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Diamond Cave and Coral Cave

Two caves on the lake shore, both reachable only by boat.

Rare birds

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity counts 296 bird species in the park.

Wildlife in numbers

95 mammal species, 96 reptile species, 46 amphibian species, 296 bird species and 118 fish species: that is ...

The oldest rainforest in the world?

This claim appears in many tour descriptions, including one of the operators linked here.

TOURS AND GETTING THERE • AD



PRIVATE BOAT TRIP • 4-6 HOURS

Khao Sok: private longtail boat on Cheow Lan Lake, early or in the afternoon

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DAY TRIP TO THE LAKE • 7 HOURS • FROM PICK-UP IN THE KHAO SOK AREA.

Khao Sok: day trip from the headquarters to the reservoir, park entry included

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FROM HOTEL PICK-UP IN KHAO LAK

From Khao Lak: half-day rainforest hike from the Khao Sok headquarters

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HIKE • 4 HOURS

Khao Sok: half-day hike to the Wing Hin and Bang Hua Rad waterfalls, with pick-up in Khao Sok village

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