

**Lesson–National Parks**

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**Jim Corbett National Park**, located in Uttarakhand, was established as Hailey National Park in 1936. The name was later changed in memory of Jim Corbett, a British-Indian naturalist. It is India's oldest national park, and it is here that Project Tiger was launched in 1973.



**Keoladeo Ghana National Park**, also called Bharatpur National Park, was formerly a hunting area for the kings of Bharatpur, Rajasthan. It was declared a national park in 1981. Several birds, including the rare Siberian crane, migrate to this area for the winter, earning this park the name of 'Bird Paradise'.

**Kaziranga National Park**, located in Assam, is famous for its efforts to conserve the one-horned Indian rhinoceros. It is home to a number of threatened species and migratory birds. First established in 1908 as a reserved forest, it became a national park in 1974.



**Bandipur National Park** is situated in the Nilgiri hills in the state of Karnataka. Along with Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, and Nagarhole National Park in Karnataka, Bandipur National Park creates India's biggest biosphere reserve, the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

**Quick quiz**

Name the countries where these national parks are found.

1. Yellowstone National Park \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jasper National Park \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fiordland National Park \_\_\_\_\_