

Research

Every year many students from colleges and institutions come for their training and research projects. SBZP also provides research facilities and gives special attention to issues which help improve zoo management and animal welfare. Special training for zoo officials, managers and animal keepers are organised for the boost in their expertise.

Visitation

The park is visited by over 1.2 million visitor each year and park officials interact with every one of them.

Climate

Average maximum temperature in summer- 47°C and average minimum temperature in winter- 6°C.

Summer ranges from March to early June, Monsoon from mid-June to mid-October and Winter from early November to end of February.

How to reach

Situated 327 km from Ahmednagar, 100 km from Rajkot and 60 km from Sasan eco-tourism center, on Rajkot-Junagadh highway, N.H. 8B (Ahmedabad-Somnath), outside Majevdi Gate, Junagadh: 362001.

Nearby Airports: Rajkot-100km, Ahmedabad-327 km, Bhavnagar-205 km.

Railway stations: Junagadh railway terminus on Western Railway branch of India.

Bus terminus: Junagadh, Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation and private travels.

SBZP is open throughout the week (excluding Wednesday) from 09:00 hours to 18:00 hours from March to November and 09:00 hours to 17:45 hours from December to February.



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Sakkarbaug Zoological park

To complement and strengthen conservation efforts of wild fauna in Gujarat and reinforce national efforts in preserving the country's biodiversity, Sakkarbaug Zoological Park (SBZP) also aims at exhibiting wild animals for the upliftment of conservation-education, research and recreation.



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Conservation Breeding Programme Sakkarbaug - a specialist Zoo



According to a popular belief, the name Sakkarbaug has originated from 'Sakkar' meaning sugar and 'Baug' meaning garden, a garden having wells of sweet water.

SBZP was established in 1863 and stands to be one of the oldest zoos in the country. It is categorised as a 'large zoo' based on the recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, wherein number of species, number of endangered species, animals housed and the annual visitation rates of the zoos are taken into consideration. SBZP extends over 84 hectares and is situated under the foothills of Mount Girnar in Junagadh city. It houses around 34 spp. of mammals, 50 spp. of birds and 13 spp. of reptiles, adding upto more than 1000 individuals.

'Conservation' is a prioritised objective of SBZP. To protect and augment viable populations of endangered species in the wild, SBZP has been announced as a 'Co-ordinating zoo' for ex-situ conservation breeding programme of Asiatic lion, Asiatic wild ass, Indian wolf, Four-horned antelope (chowsingha) and the Cheetah. It has also been declared as a 'Participating zoo' for conservation breeding of vultures like White-rumped and Long-billed and antelopes like the Chinkara. The zoo has successfully bred Chital and Sambar to support wild prey base of large carnivores in their respective habits whenever needed. Many other endangered species like the Sanghai (Manipuri dancing deer) and Blackbuck. Zoo also have rescue and rehabilitation center for wildlife.



Orientation centre

Zoo Attractions



Bird Section



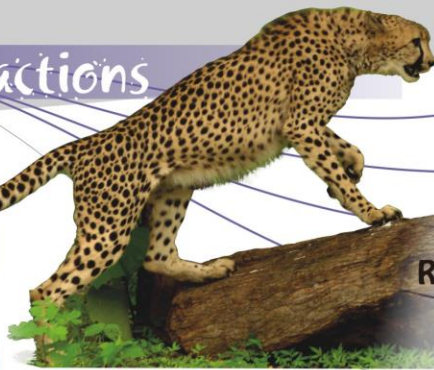
Canine Section



Herbivorous Section



Big cats section



Wild Ass



Aquarium



Sloth Bear



Reptile Section



Hippo



Diversity at SBZP

SBZP is rich in floral and faunal diversity. It provides an ideal habitat for many free ranging species as well. The new extension of the park is connected to Girnar forest and possesses all the floral and faunal components present there. Asiatic lions and leopards are free ranging large carnivores in Girnar forest and visit the new area of SBZP quite frequently. The new area is a heaven for birdwatchers having more than 132 spp. of birds. SBZP has 120 spp. of trees, herbs, shrubs and timber plants.

Education and Awareness



SBZP is involved with educational activities from the past many decades, providing basic knowledge about nature and wildlife conservation through formal and informal methods. Nature-education Camps, Wildlife Week celebration and Nature-competitions for all age groups are among the many activities that the park undertakes. The park also celebrates World Forestry Day, World Environment Day, Biodiversity Day, Ozone Day, Animal Welfare Fortnight to enhance awareness for preserving nature in not only zoo visitors but outsiders as well. Rallies, one day camps for schools and senior citizens propagate conservation messages. Special groups of children with certain disabilities are invited to interact with zoo officials and enjoy their day around animals. Such activities encourage zoo personals, students and visitors to carry on the good-will of conservation.