

Rest shelters are also provided along the trail as a welcome relief from sun, rain and weary legs.



Something Else Worth Knowing:

The park, which covers 224 square kilometres of natural forests, was selected as an ecotourism pilot project to demonstrate the sustainability of responsible forest management.

The project brought together six adjoining forest communities, known as Community Forest User Groups, (CFUGs), which have largely depended on forestry resources for their livelihoods, the majority of whom are women.

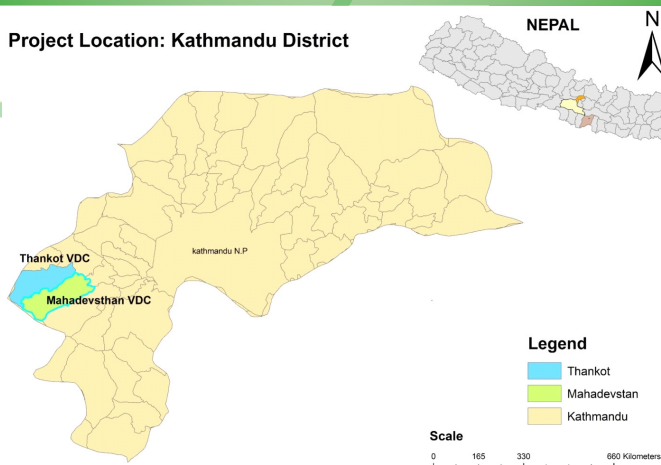
The chief beneficiaries of your visit

are the women and other poor and marginalized members of these six communities who have contributed their time and energies to the construction and maintenance of the 10 kilometre forest trail and park facilities.



This Initiation has been designed for Students, independent hikers, nature lovers, domestic and international tourists and can be link with Chandragiri Cable car.

Project Location: Kathmandu District



Entrance Fees: Rs. 50 (foreign visitors), Rs. 20 (Nepalese).

Children under 12 free.

Opening Hours: 7:00am – 5:00pm, seven days a week.

Closed June 15th to August 15th.

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CHANDRAGIRI ECO-TRAIL AND NATURE PARK



The Chandragiri Eco-trail and Nature Park in the scenic Mahabharat mountains offers weary travellers a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of nearby Kathmandu.

Ten kilometres of mountain trail worms 1500 metres upward through virgin forests of unspoiled natural beauty.



For true nature lovers this ecologically preserved forest offers a wide variety of flora and fauna, including 53 species of butterflies, 10 species of birds.



There are also jungle cats, golden jackals, common leopards, Chinese pangolins and Indian civets among its many inhabitants. And, sheltered beneath the vast canopy of conifers, (which include the indigenous

Schima-castanopsis, *Pinus species*, *Alnus nepalensis species*) a wide variety of plants and brilliant local flowers are often spotted.



PARK FACILITIES include:

- view towers
- four designated picnic areas within easy walking distance from main entrance
- rest shelters
- toilet facilities
- drinking water
- staffed welcome center, one at the park entrance another along the trail
- children's Park



Two viewing towers, ideal for bird-watching reveal breath-taking views of the Kathmandu Valley against a backdrop of the Himalayan range. The first tower is a short 20 minute walk from the park entrance, and the second, at the very summit, gives a panoramic 360 degree view from an altitude of 2732 metres.

