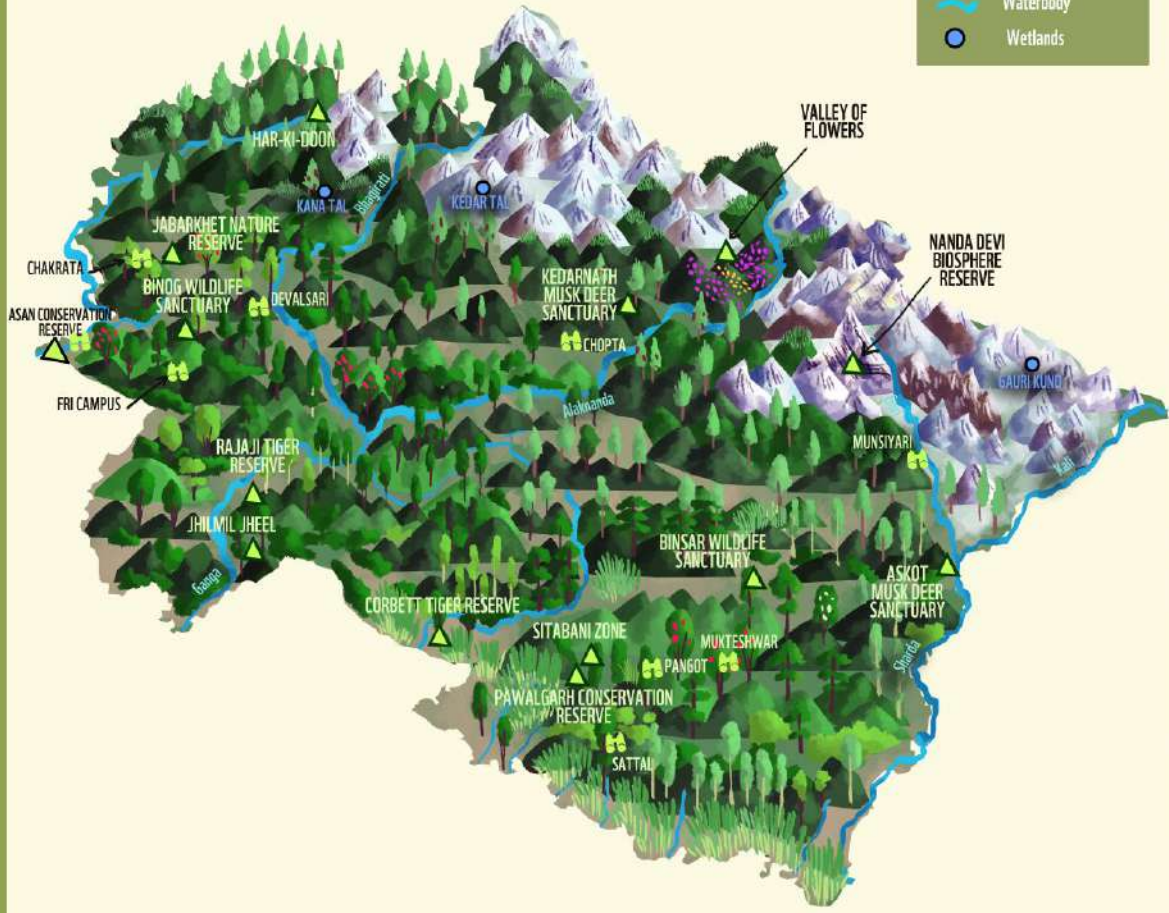




UTTARAKHAND



- Protected Area
- Birdwatching Hotspot
- Waterbody
- Wetlands



Uttarakhand is home to a multitude of life-nurturing rivers which cradle in the lap of the snowbound Himalayas and flow through the Terai plains of the country. Its diverse topography supports a wide variety of dense forests of Oak and Deodar with an affluent wildlife species. From the snow-clad peaks of Himalayas to the moist Alpine scrub, sub-Alpine forests, dry-temperate and humid-temperate forests of Shiwaliks, to Upper Gangetic moist deciduous forests, and the dry grasslands of the Terai, the state supports rich biodiversity with many endangered species finding refuge in the forests of Uttarakhand. A hilly-plain state, the elevation in Uttarakhand ranges from about 190m to 7800m gives it the state a unique advantage of harbouring all the major climatic zones. Along with the endangered mega species, the state supports a multitude of valuable species such as the Musk Deer, the Himalayan Monal, the Golden Mahseer, the Cheer Pheasant and the King Cobra. An extensive network of perennial and seasonal streams, as well as the excellent natural rivers which ensure a rich floral biodiversity in the region. The state consists of 42 wetlands that have been prioritised for conservation on the basis of set parameters which consists wetlands above 2500m asl and below 2500m asl. The stunning meadows of the Himalayan range offer the best naturally grown medicinal plants in the country.

WWF-India initiated its work in Uttarakhand in the year 2000, addressing the conservation of priority species. Over the years, the work has grown into scientific research, community-based conservation efforts and environment education.

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