

Difference Between Wildlife Sanctuary and Biosphere Reserve and National Park

All three of these parks provide a safe haven for wildlife and natural habitats. Each of these parks is unique and provides refuge to its own ecosystems, native animals, and plants. Wildlife sanctuaries are smaller than national parks and are privately owned.

National parks are owned by the government and are larger in size. Biosphere reserves are located in regions worldwide where both natural and cultural heritage are protected. These locations are also home to unique and rare species of animals and plants.

Wildlife Sanctuary	National Park	Biosphere Reserve
Species Oriented	Natural Habitat for Wild Animals	Eco-system Oriented
Boundaries are not fixed	Fixed boundaries according to legislation	Fixed boundaries according to legislation.
The average size is 100-500 sq km	Size range is 0.61 to 7818 sq km.	The size range is over 5670 sq km.
Tourism destination	Tourism destination	Tourism not allowed
Except the buffer zone, no interference	Limited interference.	Except the buffer zone, no biotic interference.
Fewer Regulations	High Restrictions	Moderately Restricted

National Park vs Wildlife Sanctuary vs Biosphere Reserve

One difference between Wildlife Sanctuary and Biosphere Reserve is that wildlife sanctuary can be owned by both the Government and private entities, however biosphere reserves are only government-owned. And one major difference between biosphere reserve and national park is

that in national parks little human activities are allowed and restrictions are partial whereas in a biosphere reserve, no human activity is allowed.

- Multiple National Parks, Sanctuaries, and Reserves may be included in Biosphere Reserves. One of the best examples of this is the Nilgiri Biosphere, which is often a contiguous area, including Bandipur National Park, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Silent Valley National Park, Nagarhole National Park, and Mukurthi National Park.

National Park Wildlife Sanctuary and Biosphere Reserve

Go through the basic definitions and examples of all three reserves to be able to differentiate between wildlife sanctuary and national park and biosphere reserve

Wildlife Sanctuary

A wildlife sanctuary is an area, usually a part of a large park, that is mainly dedicated to protecting a certain type of animal in the region. It is off-limits to the general public, usually with large warnings of "no trespassing" to protect the animals from people who may try to hurt them. In a wildlife sanctuary, visitors are allowed to go close to the animals without any threat of being attacked by them.

Wildlife sanctuaries can be a great place to go on vacation, see animals in their natural habitat, and interact with them. Some wildlife sanctuaries are also rehabilitation centers. In this case, injured animals are brought here for medical treatment, and once they can be re-released into the wild, they are taken to a designated area and let go.

National Park

A National Park is a large area of land and water set aside for recreation and nature. They are preserved and protected for future generations and are major tourist attractions. There are many types of National Parks, from forests to the ocean, with various wildlife, ecosystems, and history. And they can be found all over the world.

Biosphere Reserve

A biosphere reserve is an area of land mostly untouched by humans. It's meant to be a place to learn about wildlife and nature before humans start to develop it. For example, we can see how animals that are native to the area adapt to the environment with their behavior, diet, and appearance of their body parts. We can learn about the habitats of plants and animals. It's also a way to preserve it and keep it as a safe haven for animals that need a safe place to live.