

The **Asan Wetland Conservation Reserve** is located at the confluence of River Yamuna and Asan near Dhalipur village, some 38 kms from Dehradun. The 444.40 ha. area of Asan Wetland was declared the first Conservation Reserve of the country vide Govt. of Uttarakhand G.O. No. 2414/X-2-2005-19(1)/2004 dated - 5 Aug. 2005 and dedicated to the Nation by H.E. the President of India on 14 Aug. 2005.

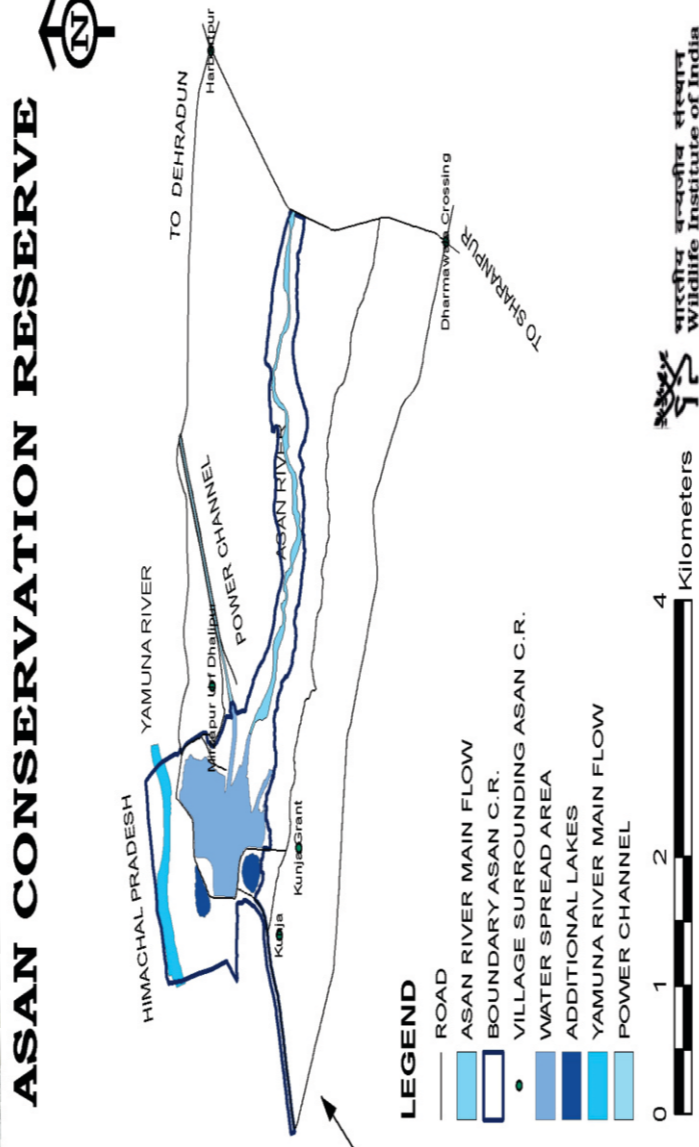
Asan Conservation Reserve was created with the following objectives: (i) to conserve the wetland habitats along the Yamuna and Asan rivers, (ii) to conserve and provide protection to the migratory water-birds in the conservation Reserve, (iii) to provide a legal framework to achieve the above, and (iv) to involve people in management and provide an opportunity of local employment with the help of conservation and ecotourism activities.

Asan provides an ideal habitat to a large number of migratory and resident waterfowl. During winters, it is not unusual to count as many as 8000 waterfowl with high species diversity as the Asan has both shallow and deep water areas. More than 251 bird species have been recorded in this area including 80 water-birds. This area is one of the best sites for congregations of Brahminy Ducks.

Considering the importance of this wetland, the International body for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) & Bird International have declared it as an Important Bird Area of India (IBA).

Asan Wetland is an ideal Eco-tourism destination and Bird Watchers' Paradise. It is an important conservation and education center for students as well as for researchers.

Map of Asan Wetland Conservation Reserve *Visit Asan Wetland - Bird Watcher's Paradise*



Prominent Species: Indigenous –

- 1- Indian Spot-billed duck
- 2- Cattle Egret
- 3- Little Egret
- 4- Intermediate Egret
- 5- Little Cormorant
- 6- Indian Cormorant
- 7- Pall's Fish Eagle
- 8- Little Blue Kingfisher
- 9- Stork billed Kingfisher
- 10- White throated Kingfisher
- 11- Common Moorhen
- 12- White Breasted moorhen
- 13- River Lapwing
- 14- Red wattled Lapwing
- 15- Little Ringed Plover
- 16- Little Grebe
- 17- Purple Swamp hen
- 18- Pied Kingfisher
- 19- Little Stint
- 20- White browed wagtail
- 21- Indian Roller
- 22- Spotted owl
- 23- Marsh Hairier
- 24- Indian Pond Heron
- 25- Plain martin
- 26- Red-rumped Swallow
- 27- small Minivat
- 28- Black Kite
- 29- Baya weaver
- 30- Sand Martin

Migratory

- 1- Ruddy Shel Duck
- 2- Mallard
- 3- Common Teal
- 4- Red-crested Pochard
- 5- Common Pochard
- 6- Northern Shoveler
- 7- Grey leg goose
- 8- Bar-headed goose
- 9- Gadwall
- 10- Eurasian widgeon
- 11- Northern Pintail
- 12- Tufted duck
- 13- Purple heron
- 14- Red-naped Ibis
- 15- Woolly necked Stork
- 16- Painted Stork
- 17- Comb duck
- 18- Common coot
- 19- Brown headed Gull
- 20- Redshank
- 21- Greenshank
- 22- Ferruginous duck
- 23- Black winged stilt
- 24- Great cormorant



Painted Stork

Woolly Nacked Stork

Purple Heron

Northern Pintail

Common Pochard

Bar-headed Goose

Red-Crested Pochard

How to Reach

38 kms from Dehradun on Herberput-Paonta road at the confluence of Yamuna hydel canal and Asan River.

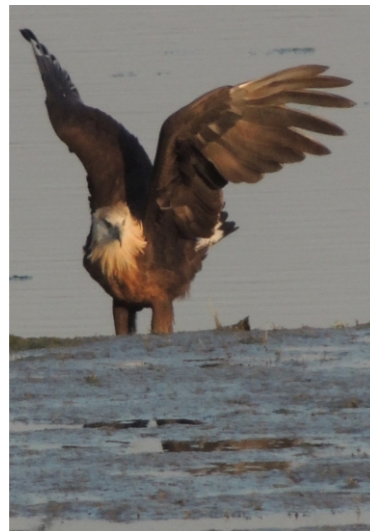
Nearest Railway Station - Dehradun (38kms)
Nearest Airport - Jolly Grant (52kms)

Best Time to Visit

November to February

Accommodation

Forest Rest House
Rooms at GMVN complex
Tubular huts & camping area



Conservation Significance

On the banks of Yamuna, a 40 year old nesting site of Vulnerable Pallas's Fish Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucorhynchus*) is situated on a Semal tree.



Things to Remember

- Wear light colour clothes to blend with the surroundings.
- Keep the noise level down as noise can disturb the birds
- Don not approach, threaten or feed the birds
- Do not smoke
- Do not throw garbage around the reserve. Use dustbins
- Do not try to get into the water
- Do not carry any plastics
- Remember to bring water, hat, camera, binoculars and notebook.



For reservation and Further details, contact

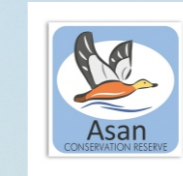
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