

Wildlife Tourism : A Boon for Forest Conservation

Wildlife photography for me is a way through which I can present to people the beauty of the Indian jungles. I have been practising Wildlife Photography for the past 4 years visiting various tiger reserves across India and now look forward to sharing my experiences through my photographs. In my recent visit to the beautiful Panna Tiger Reserve, I have realised the importance of ethical wildlife tourism.

Responsible Wildlife tourism has an important role in wildlife conservation by encouraging people to relish and protect rather than ruin the natural environment. Tourism helps in garnering self-generated income for poachers and locals by employing them as forest guides, workers and drivers. But tourism has an adverse effect on wildlife too. Tourists leave a trail of trash and unethical behaviour by not following rules in the forest. The national park is the home of the animals and humans are just mere observers. We must make sure that we provide enough space for animals to move freely and support conservation. This is because-

"What we can see, we can love, And what we can love, We will fight to protect."

Quote by - Suyash Keshari (Wildlife Conservationist, Photographer and Presenter)