



Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary

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In the first incident of frontline forest workers losing their lives in a [wildfire](#) this year, four forest department personnel lost their lives in a firefighting operation in **Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary** in Almora.

- The **Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the **Kumaon Himalayas of Uttarakhand**.
 - In 1988, the sanctuary was established to conserve the **rich biodiversity** of the region.
 - It boasts a remarkable **variety of flora** due to its diverse topography and altitudinal variation. The sanctuary is primarily covered with a dense forest of [oak and pine](#).
 - The sanctuary has over **200 species of birds** including **Eurasian jay, koklass pheasant, monal pheasant**, and [Himalayan woodpecker](#).
- Binsar was the erstwhile summer capital of the **Chand Dynasty rulers**, who [ruled Kumaon](#) from the 7th to 18th century AD.
- According to locals, Binsar was named after the **Bineshwar Mahadev temple**, a 16th-century temple dedicated to [Lord Shiva](#).

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