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The Magical Dalma



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Introduction

The Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary situated in East Singhbhum and Saraikela-kharsawan district of Jharkhand, along NH-33, is spread over about 193 sq. km. This sanctuary is a favoured abode of Indian elephants due to availability of water even during summers. Leopard, Barking Deer, Sloth Bear, Monkey, Giant Squirrel are also found.

The nearest airport is at Ranchi which is about 131 kms and takes two & half hour to reach Dalma. The nearest railway station to Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary is at Jamshedpur/Tatanagar. Jamshedpur town is about half an hour driving distance away.

The sanctuary boasts of about 160 odd elephants during May-June. One three room forest rest at Pindraber, one two room forest rest house & one two room bamboo hut at Makulakocha provide ample space for tourists. Besides there are many good hotels on NH-33 at 15 minutes driving distance.



Forest Rest House, Pindraber, Dalma

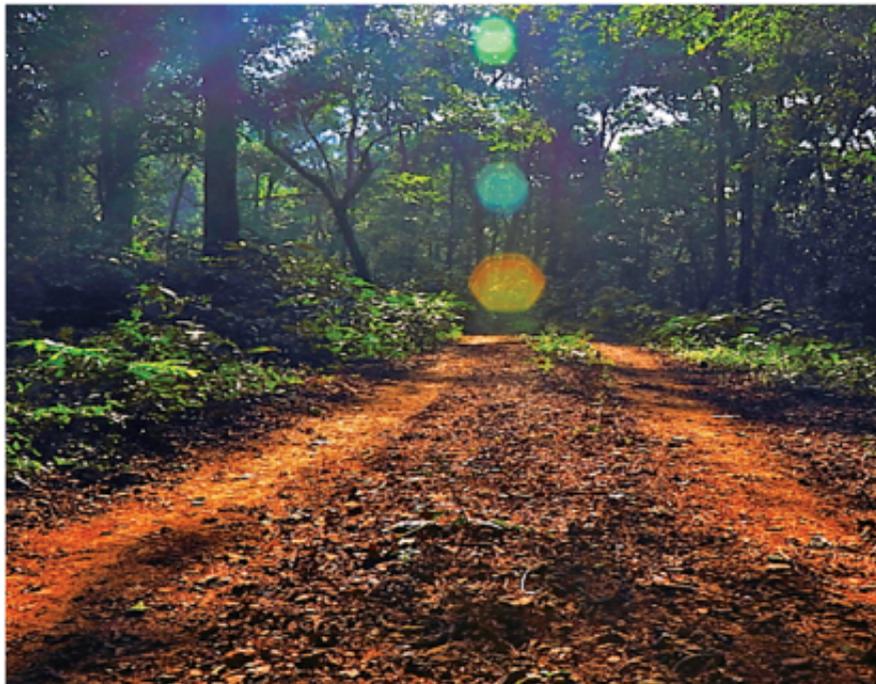


Bamboo Hut, Makulakocha, Dalma









Physical features

Location	Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, Saraikela-Kharsawan and East Singhbhum Districts of Jharkhand, India
Latitude	22°46.30"N to 22°57.00"N
Longitude	86°03.15"E to 86°2.30"E
Altitude	928 m above M.S.L
Area	193 sq. km.
Shape	Oval-shaped, elongated in East West direction
Gradient	Undulating terrain
Veg. type	Dry deciduous
Soil	Sandy-loam, Clay-loam
Rainfall	1400 mm
Most appropriate time to watch elephants	Late April to early June
Season to visit	October to June

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