

# A Study on Ecotourism and Wildlife Protection, with a Focus on Uttarakhand

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**Abstract:** *In Uttarakhand, ecotourism and biodiversity conservation work hand in hand to protect the area's unique natural history while fostering environmentally conscious travel. The preservation of Uttarakhand's distinctive flora and fauna, which includes uncommon and endangered species like the Bengal tiger and snow leopard as well as numerous birds and plant species, is a key component of biodiversity conservation. Protecting habitat, creating wildlife corridors, enforcing anti-poaching laws, and supporting community-based conservation projects are the main goals of the efforts. Uttarakhand's conservation efforts greatly benefit from ecotourism, which provides visitors with intimate nature encounters while reducing its negative environmental effects. Guided hikes, wildlife safaris, bird watching excursions, and nature walks are examples of ecotourism activities that let visitors enjoy the area's natural beauty while helping the local people. In order to guarantee that ecotourism activities are in line with conservation objectives, the government of Uttarakhand works with a number of organizations, encouraging ecotourism practices like waste management, energy conservation, and community involvement. Uttarakhand strives to preserve its biodiversity while offering guests unforgettable experiences and a sustainable means of subsistence for the local people, all while finding a balance between conservation and tourism.*

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