

Programmes at BNHS Conservation Education Centre (CEC), Mumbai. January - March 2023



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Wildlife Watch From Hide

The BNHS Conservation Education Centre (CEC) Mumbai invites you to enjoy the peace and calm of the dense forest of Mumbai from a hide. This opportunity gives you a chance to listen to the melody of nature and a chance to observe behaviour of some shy forest birds and even some wild animals!!

This is a fund-raising initiative for the BNHS Conservation Education Centre (CEC), Mumbai.

Dates: 1st January 2023 till 28th February 2023

(1st March to 31st March 2023, hide timing will be till 06:00 pm)



Rules/ guidelines:

1. The hide is behind the centre, we currently have five chairs for each slot.
2. Advance information to CEC and confirmation of your session is compulsory.
3. Fees Rs.300/- for a session in the hide from 07am to 11am or 02pm till 05.30 pm. This includes entry fee to CEC, camera charges or parking charges. The session timings may change as per sunset timings (Number of hides may also change).
4. Keeping quiet is of utmost importance for watching wildlife from a hide. Otherwise, the chances of seeing any wild animals/ birds diminish.
5. BNHS do not guarantee the sightings of any wild animal or bird species during the session in hide. Every sighting entirely depends on the silence maintained and luck.

Phone numbers for confirmation of your session at CEC waterhole.

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Following is a list of birds seen by bird watchers at the waterhole (activity seen in mentioned in brackets):

1. Indian Paradise Flycatcher (bathing)
2. White-spotted Fantail (bathing)
3. Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (bathing)
4. Black-naped Monarch (bathing)
5. Rufous Woodpecker (watering),
6. Asian Emerald Dove (watering),
7. Spotted Dove (watering),
8. Red-whiskered Bulbul (watering, bathing)
9. White-browed Bulbul (watering, bathing)
10. Puff-throated Babbler (watering, feeding)
11. Tawny-bellied Babbler (watering, bathing)
12. Indian Scimitar Babbler (bathing)
13. White-throated Kingfisher (bathing)
14. Asian Koel (watering, feeding)
15. Greater Coucal (watering, feeding)
16. Ashy Drongo (feeding)
17. Jungle Crow (watering).
18. Jungle Babbler (feeding)
19. Common Tailorbird (feeding)
20. Purple-rumped Sunbird (feeding)
21. Loten's Sunbird (feeding).
22. Red Spurfowl (feeding).

Wild animals: Following is a list of wild animals seen at waterhole coming to drink water during daytime: Leopard, Spotted Deer and Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer), Bonnet Macaque, Rhesus Macaque, Indian Monitor Lizard, Palm-Squirrel, Grey Langur.

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Tree Walk

Sunday, 8th January 2023

The BNHS Nature Reserve is situated on the periphery of Sanjay Gandhi National Park. With the onset of winter the old foliage is replaced by the new buds with varieties of beautiful flowers. The forest turns into different colours unlike the monsoon. Join this Tree Walk and learn about the trees.

Time: 08:00 am - 10:30 am

Fees: Free of cost

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SGNP Bird Monitoring

15th January 2023 Sunday (Tentative)

(A CITIZEN SCIENCE INITIATIVE BY BNHS and SGNP)

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In Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary Area:

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Be a scientist for a day (Kids special)

Sunday, 15th January 2023



Have you ever dreamt of to becoming a scientist?

The Conservation Education Center of BNHS gives you an opportunity to get into the shoes of a scientist and wear the hat of a data collector, for a day! On the day we will be learning about how scientist conduct research about trees, birds and butterflies. You as a participant will get to learn to observe, record and analyze the data in a scientific manner. This will sharpen your analytical and observation skills, which are useful for wildlife studies. You will learn to use field guides, data sheets, camera traps, GPS units and nature journaling. The survey will address three research parameters; species diversity, species abundance and species seasonality. The programme is open to 10 to 18 years old with basic computer skills. Certificates will be given to all those who successfully complete their activities. We hope this experience will inspire to become a wildlife biologist and naturalist.

Time: 07:15 am - 04:00 pm

Fees: Rs. 1150/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 1250/- (for others).

Fee includes: CEC entry fees, BNHS expertise, breakfast, lunch and tea, writing material, certificate of participation.

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Sálim Ali Point Trail

Sunday, 22nd January 2023

This nature trail offers opportunities to trek in dense forest where you can see birds, plants, butterflies, insects and may witness signs of wild animals and upon reaching the point you can experience the scenic beauty of forested mountains and Vihar lake.

Time: 07:30 am - 10:00 am

Fees: Rs. 450/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 550/- (for others).

Fee includes: CEC entry fees and BNHS expertise.

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Brunch with Birds

Sunday, 22nd January 2023

As birdwatchers, we know that watching birds in nature around us can be a great source of joy, instill peace and calm into our daily lives, and teach valuable skills of patience and observation. Join us for the 'Brunch with Birds' in CEC.

Time: 07:30 am - 11:30 am

Fees: Rs. 750/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 850/- (for others).

Fee includes: CEC entry fees, brunch and BNHS expertise.

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Toast with Trees

Sunday, 5th February 2023

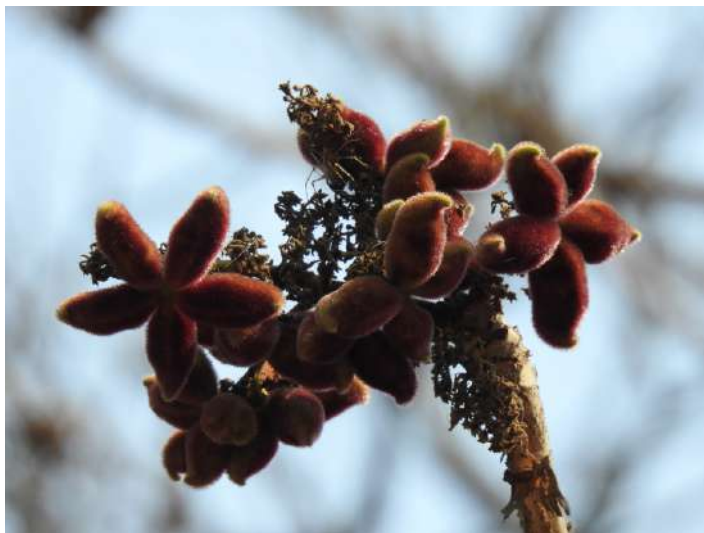
Every season the trees have something beautiful to teach. Join us in this walk to get to know more about trees apart from that they produce their own food and oxygen, We will learn about native and non- native trees, what are the importance of them in our life directly - indirectly.

Time: 08:00 am -10:00 am

Fees: Rs. 450/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 550/- (for others).

Fee includes: CEC entry fees, Tea and BNHS expertise.

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Bangurda Point Trail

Sunday, 12th February 2023

Being the longest trail in the BNHS Nature Reserve, Bangurda Trail (BT) is unique on its own. This untouched area harbours beautiful flora and fauna. Take this walk and uncover the secrets of nature.

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Forest Walk

Sunday, 19th February 2023

Take a stroll in the BNHS Nature Reserve and experience the serenity of the forest.

Time: 07:30 am - 09:30 am

Fees: Rs. 350/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 450/- (for others).

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Natural Colour Making Workshop for Holi (Limited Seats)

Sunday, 26th February 2023

Colour colour which colour do you want?

Enjoy a forest walk with us to know more about plants from which colours can be extracted. Learn how to make colours from commonly available flowers, fruits and vegetables. These natural colours are not only good for skin but also for the environment.

Time: 08:00 am - 11:00 am

Fees: Rs. 750/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 850/- (for others).

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Special Trail (Free) on the occasion of 'World Wildlife Day'

Saturday, 4th March 2023

Every year we celebrate World Wildlife Day to raise awareness about the wild flora and fauna. In CEC we will celebrate the day with the special trail, free of cost (limited seats) to raise awareness about wild flora and fauna of Mumbai's forest.

This year the theme is '**Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation**' which provides the opportunity to highlight the people, who are making a difference in conservation.

Time: 08:00 am - 10:00 am

Fees: Free of cost (Limited seats)

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Walk in the Woods

Sunday, 12th March 2023

"A nature walk is a great way to 'unplug,' observe, and explore nature while enjoying the outdoors. Join us for a 'Walk in the Woods' at BNHS Nature Reserve.

Time: 07:30 am - 09:30 am

Fees: Rs. 350/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 450/- (for others).

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**Special Trail for School Student on the occasion of
'International Day of Forest'
Sunday, 21st March 2023
(Theme: Forests and health)**

Do you know? Forests are home to about 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity, with more than 60,000 tree species. In Mumbai, we are blessed with the forest and on this day we will be appreciating the beauty of the forest with school students, also we will be discussing about the importance of forest, native and non-native plants.

Every year we celebrate 'International Day of Forest' to raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests.



Summer Flower Walk

Sunday, 26th March 2023

It is said that nature gives you more than what it takes. The same goes with learning and education through nature related activities. Activities with initiation with the onset of summer as a forest enters in the warm mode, a myriad of wild flora and fauna awaits to be explored. Join us as we get to learn about our beloved biodiversity in BNHS Nature Reserve.

Time: 07:30 am - 09:30 am

Fees: Rs. 350/- (for BNHS members) and Rs. 450/- (for others).

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CEC Mumbai

Rules and Regulations

- CEC is open from 07:00 am till 05:30 pm. Staying back after 05:30 pm in CEC premises is strictly prohibited.
- Entry fee for BNHS Non-members on weekdays is Rs. 150/- and on weekends and public holidays is Rs. 200/-.
- BNHS members carrying valid BNHS membership cards (hardcopy) are exempted from CEC Mumbai entry fees. Anyone without a valid BNHS membership card will be treated as non-member.
- Private groups are supposed to inform and confirm about their visit with names and total number of participants to CEC, three days prior to the visit.
- Payments can be done in advance for visits of private groups (Contact CEC for further details).
- All visitors are supposed to follow the existing nature trails only, to avoid trampling and damage to the flora and fauna.
- Littering or throwing any kind of garbage is prohibited.
- Any kind of unethical and illegal behavior in the CEC campus won't be tolerated.
- Collecting anything which belongs to the forest is illegal and prohibited (flora and fauna).
- Entry to any rooms (except washrooms) in CEC without permission is strictly prohibited.

How to reach CEC

- If you have a private vehicle, you may directly come to BNHS Gate Number one (Location is given below)
- If you are taking public transport: Take a bus number - 343 headed to Dadasaheb Phalke Chitra Nagari aka Film City (not Santosh Nagar) from Goregaon (East) BEST depot. Alight at the last stop, opposite Reliance Media Works and walk straight (don't turn right). Along this narrow-tarred road, walk past the small Waghoba (Tiger Deity) temple situated on the right side. Immediately ahead you will see a BNHS gate (Number Two) on the right side. After passing through this gate, a five-minute walk along a demarcated nature trail will bring you to the CEC building.
- If you are coming by a rickshaw, you can directly reach BNHS CEC through gate number one. (Location given below)

Location: Conservation Education Centre, BNHS, Goregaon East.

<https://goo.gl/maps/tqrkRLfJB6Djdg5o7>

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Upcoming Events !

(Email cec-mumbai@bnhs.org for further queries)

1) Naturalist Training Programme

2) BNHS Online-cum-Field (Hybrid) Courses Batch 2023-24

CEC Field visits and camps (Only for registered course participants)

January

1) Leadership Course in Biodiversity Conservation – Field camp at Bharatpur and Chambal, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

February

1) Basic Course in Ornithology – Field camp at Andaman.

March

1) Basic Course in Ornithology – Field camp at Pangot-Sattal, Uttarakhand.

Note: These field visits/camps are only for the online-cum-field (hybrid) course participants.

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