Vasota Fort
This fort lies deep in the forest of the Koyna reserve at a height of about 340 feet above mean sea level. The fort is covered by thick forest and a number of water bodies. Its history dates back to Raja Bhos in 1729, when Raja Bhos of Kolhapur’s Shahu dynasty constructed it. This fort was captured by Chhatrapati Shivaji in 1665. During the Peshwa rule, the fort was used to imprison British soldiers.

Jungli-Jagird
This is a small and little known fort near the Koyna dam. It is situated in the thick forests with abundant wild life. From Mumbai you have to proceed to Karad by rail or by bus. Take the morning bus from Karad to Chiplun and alight at Koyna Nagar. Then head to Nagaon (11 km). From Nagaon walk north west to a min gauge which is about 15 m long and 1 m wide. There is a large creak due to the earthquake. This is the entrance to the fort. The Kumbharli gate joins the Chiplun to Nagaon and Koyna by a motorable road.

South of Jungli-Jagird and the Koyna dam lies the most unknown and dense forests in the range. Immediately after the Karad - Helewak - Kumbharli gate - Chiplun road, lies Bhagawadi. Going further south, it goes on through some of the thickest wild life areas. The track goes from Helewak to Bhagawadi (11 km.), Patharpur (5 min. - Rundy 13 km.) on a kuchha road along the ghat to Charan (15 km.) - Photos (12 km.) - Umpar (15 km) to Lavela (16 km.). Lavela is on the Koyna - Kolhapur - Ambajogai road. South of the road is the Parba - Vindhyan range.

The southernmost motorable road to Parba ghat, south of this range.

This is a relatively unknown and unexplored area, ideal for adventure trekkers.

The Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary
The sanctuary has dense forests with three major sections, Vasota, Meherkorder and Indavi Miti. The sanctuary is enclosed with natural protective boundaries. Shivswargar Lake on one side, and the slopes of the Western Ghats on both the sides. This protective cover has allowed diverse flora and fauna to flourish in the sanctuary. You could find tigers and panthers; gaurs and sambars; bisons and mouse deers; pheasants and cockies; common langurs and Indian Gaurs Squamata. Many species of birds are found here, for example the Brown Dappled Woodpecker, Asian Fairy Bluebird are Crowed Goshawk including hundreds species of trees.

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Location: Koyna Nagar is situated at about 764 m (2,468 ft) above sea level, in the Satura District of Maharashtra. It is situated at the banks of the Koyna River.

Climate & Clothing: Koyna Nagar is nestled in the Western Ghats and hence has a tolerable climate for most of the year. However, one can enjoy nature at its best from June to October.ottons are the recommended attire. Don’t forget to pack a strong pair of trekking shoes.

GETTING THERE

By Rail:
Nearest Railway stations are Chiplun and Karad.

By Road:
Mumbai-Karad-Koyna Nagar. State transport buses ply from Karad to Chiplun and hence at Koyna Nagar.
Koyna Nagar - Kolhapur - 160 kms. (approx.)
Koyna Nagar - Chiplun - 38 kms. (approx.)

By Air:
The nearest airports are Kolhapur, 151 kms. and Pune 220 kms.

ACCOMMODATION
Koyna Nagar offers a wide range of 3 star hotels to budget resorts and itinerant lodges.

Further information can be obtained from:

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