

Restricted Area Permit and Protected Area Permit Regime in Sikkim

To visit Sikkim foreigners must obtain Restricted Area Permit (RAP) previously known as Inner Line Permit from Sikkim Tourism Officers on the strength of valid Indian Visa.

The RAP is issued free of cost by:-

- 1) Ministry of Home affairs, Government of India, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi
- 2) All Foreigners Registration Offices.
- 3) All Indian Mission Abroad
- 4) Immigration Offices at Airports at Mumbai, Kolkatta, Chennai and New Delhi
- 5) Deputy Director, SNT Complex, Siliguri, Tourism Department phone no: 0353 - 2512646
- 6) Assistant Director – Tourism Department, Sikkim House, Panchasheel Marg, New Delhi, Tourism Department, phone number : 011- 41680421/011-26115346
- 7) Assistant Director – Tourism Department , Sikkim Tourism Office, 4/1 Middleton Street, Kolkatta, Phone Number : 033 22817905
- 8) Assistant Director– Tourism Department , Melli, Near Melli Police Check Post, South Sikkim, Mobile No: 9775453611, 03595-248536,
PLS NOTE: ILP issuing time is from 8 am to 8 pm everyday.
- 9) Assistant Director, Tourism Department, Sikkim Tourism Office, Rangpo, East Sikkim phone no: 03592-240818
- 10) Resident Commissioner, Government of Sikkim, Sikkim House, New Delhi
- 11) Deputy Commissioner, Darjeeling, West Bengal
- 12) Deputy Secretary/ Under Secretary, Home Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkatta

The Nationalities of Pakistan, Bangladesh, China, Maymmar and Nigeria will not be issued Permit without the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

Protected Area Permit (PAP) for various places in Sikkim are issued as follows:-

East District:-

- 1) Tsongo –Baba Mandir-permit are issued by Police Check Post for Domestic Tourist. Foreign tourist are allowed till Tsongo Lake, permit is issued by Tourism & Civil Aviation Department and Police check post.
- 2) Nathula Pass – Permit is issued by Tourism Department and Police Check Post for domestic tourist.

West District:-

- 1) Dzongri Trek – Permit is issued by Adventure Cell of Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Sikkim
- 2) Singalila Trek – Permit is issued by Adventure cell of Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Sikkim

North District:-

- 1) Yumthang – Permit is issued by Police check post for Domestic Tourist and for foreigners permit is issued by Tourism Department and Police Check Post
- 2) Yumesamdong - Permit is issued by Police check post for Domestic Tourist and for foreigners permit is issued by Tourism Department and Police Check Post
- 3) Thangu-Chopta Valley – Permit is issued by Police Check post for Domestic Tourist and for Foreigners permit is issued by Tourism Department and Police check post. Foreigners must apply through a Sikkim Tourism registered Travel Agent in groups of two people or more for visiting these areas.
- 4) Gurudongmar – Permit is issued by Police check post for domestic tourist and for foreigners permit is issued by Tourism Department till Thangu.
- 5) Green Lake Trekking Permit is issued by Tourism Department after obtaining a valid permit from Ministry of Home Department, New Delhi.

South District:-

Restricted Area Permit is a valid permit for trekking anywhere in the South District for Foreign Tourist.

Alpine Mountaineering Expedition permit is issued by Tourism Department after obtaining valid permit from Home Department , Government of Sikkim , Gangtok, for the following peaks as per the Home Department Notification no: 25/Home/2006 dated 20/3/2006

Tinchenkhang 5603 metres (West Sikkim)

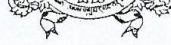
Jopuno 5935m (West Sikkim)

Freys peak 5830m(West Sikkim)

Lama Angden 5868m(North Sikkim)

Brum Khangse 5433m (North Sikkim)

National park and Wildlife Sanctuary entry permits is issued by Forest Department at Gangtok.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOTOR BIKING TO PAP REGIME IN SIKKIM

A person interested to undertake motor biking to Protected Areas in the State of Sikkim shall apply to Home Department in the prescribed application form (to be obtained from Home Department) with the following attested documents in two sets :

1. Passport size photographs of the applicants including Co-Rider/Tour guide.
2. Identity proof of documents of the applicants and Co-Rider/Tour guide.
3. Driving Licence.
4. Pollution Control paper of Motor bike from the concerned Authority.
5. Insurance documents of Motor bike.
6. For hired/borrowed Motor Bike an affidavit of authorization from the owner/the authorization certified by the RTO of the concerned State.
7. Foreign Nationals has to be in a group of two or more and should apply through a recognised Local Travel agency and are to be accompanied by a local tour guide with the required documents.
8. The application form with the supporting documents are to be submitted one day in advance to the Home Department.

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