



1st Singalila Rhododendron & Bird Festival, 05-08 April 2024, in Singalila National Park, Darjeeling

Applications in prescribed format are invited from interested participants for 1st Rhododendron & Bird Festival to be held from 05 to 08 April, 2024 at Singalila National Park, Darjeeling, West Bengal. For online Application click on the link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jnVGWFYHlzT44FkAh5NzgzYyYJ_9RcR2-9celx1JLzU/edit or mail us singalilabirdfest@gmail.com by 22nd Feb, 2024.

For details please visit: <http://www.wildbengal.com>

<https://www.westbengalforest.gov.in>

**Divisional Forest Officer
Darjeeling Wildlife Division**

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1. Participation Fee: Rs.15,000.00 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) Only.

On receiving selection letter from our side, the applicant shall have to deposit the fee of Rs.15000.00 (Rupees fifteen Thousand) only to the designated bank account through electronic transfer only and then the participation will be confirmed.

2. Selection of candidates to participate in the Bird festival will be done by screening committee. Decision of the screening Committee will be final with regard to selection of candidates.

3. If any participant fails to join the festival after making payment the following will be the refund policy:

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| 1) Cancellation before March 18 th | = 75% Refund |
| 2) Cancellation from March 18 th to March 24 th | = 50% Refund |
| 3) Cancellation from March 25 th to March 31 st | = 25% Refund |
| 4) Cancellation on or After 1 st April 2024 | = No Refund |

4. In case of cancellation of the festival due to any unforeseen circumstances or Government order, FULL REFUND of Participation fee will be made by this authority.

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION FORM SUBMISSION: 22nd FEB 2024

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

Who can participate in the festival?

Any individual of more than 18 years of age having good physical fitness and keen interest in nature can attend the festival. Maximum 15 participants will be accommodated and selection will be subject to the decision of a screening committee. Willing participants can submit the registration form via provided link or email. Date of submission of participation fee will be informed through e mail.

Where is the festival site?

The Singalila Rhododendron & Bird Festival will be held covering entire Singalila National Park with main staying place in trekkers hut at Garibas

Where do I have to report on Inaugural day?

All the participants shall report at Manebhangyang Nature Interpretation Centre for

registration on 5th April 2024, latest by 2:00 pm.

What about Accommodation?

The participants will be provided basic accommodation in trekkers hut and in tented houses either single or sharing basis.

What about the food arrangements?

Food & Drinking Water shall be provided at trekkers hut by the organizing committee.

Is there any Pick up and drop facilities?

Pickup facilities on 5th April will be provided from Ghoom, in Darjeeling and transport to Garibas will be provided by the organizing committee.

Drop facilities on 8th April will be provided from Garibas to Ghoom, Darjeeling.

What do I have to bring?

All the registered (Selected) participants are requested to bring their hand books on birds, binoculars, photography equipment's, sleeping bag, winter wears, water bottle, torch, first-aid kit. Carrying personal Sleeping Bag is must, as the temperature significantly drops 2-3⁰C in the site and nights are chilly.

When do I arrive at Hills?

Since the location of bird festival is a high latitude place, it is advisable for participants to arrive one day early to Darjeeling and get themselves acclimatized to altitude and climate. Sudden movement of person from plains to high altitude may lead to high altitude sickness and may fall sick.

How do I Register?

By Online only

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jnVGWFYHlzT44FkAh5NzgzYyYJ_9RcR2-9celx1JLzU/edit or mail us to singalilabirdfest@gmail.com

How do I proceed after selected by selection committee of Singalila Rhododendron & Bird Festival?

Have to submit their participation fee only in designated bank Account, that will be informed later via email by organizing committee of 1st Singalila Rhododendron & Bird Festival. Participants have to share their bank transaction details & Journey Details thereafter.

The **participation fee amounting to Rs.15,000.00 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) only per person** for the entire programme needs to be deposited only in designated bank account by the finally selected participants confirmed via their email. No other mode of payment will be accepted except for electronic transfer in designated bank account which will be provided later. **The participation fee includes food, drinking water, accommodation, nature guide charges, birding kit.**

What is the cancellation and refund policy?

Participant desiring cancellation of his/her registration shall have to inform the authority by email to singalilabirdfest@gmail.com from his/her registered email id well in advance and **positively on or before 5 PM of 31st March 2024**. If any participant fails to join the festival after making payment the following will be the refund policy.

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The Divisional Forest Officer, Darjeeling Wildlife Division reserves the rights to cancel or reschedule any scheduled festival event mentioned in the program details.

How do I contact 1st Singalila Rhododendron and bird Festival organizers?

Through email: singalilabirdfest@gmail.com

Through Mobile: Shri Sameer Gazmer, WBFS,
ADFO Darjeeling Wildlife Division,
Mobile no: 9641807603 (call/whatsapp)
&
Shri Roshan Rai, Range Officer,
Singalila South Range.
Mobile no: 9064550925 (call/whatsapp)

Postal Address:
**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer,
Darjeeling Wildlife Division,
Bengal Natural History Museum,
Meadow Bank Road, Darjeeling
West Bengal, India, Pin - 734101**
