

Chapada dos Guimaraes



Further Links

- Spectacular scenery
- Beautiful waterfalls
- Great birdlife
- Peaceful atmosphere
- Some say this place has mystical links!

Situation

Chapada dos Guimarães National Park is in the central region of Brazil, in Mato Grosso state. In fact it is the very centre of South America!

Activities

Walking and exploring the trails to the waterfalls. Bird watching. Swimming.

Chapada dos Guimarães National Park is a fabulous landscape formed by several table mountains, the biggest being mount São Jerônimo which is 836 metres. The Guimarães Plateau is 2400 feet higher than the Pantanal. The vegetation here is known as Cerrado which is savannah or Brazilian scrub. This Cerrado separates the rainforest habitats of the Amazon from the wetland plains and riverine forests of the Pantanal.

As such it offers an important biome for wildlife and nature enthusiasts to see a different range of fauna and flora. There are lots of colourful flowers and low twisted trees, as well as gallery forest with many plant species.

The Cerrado is one of South America's lowland endemic centres for birds and there are also some interesting mammal species such as maned wolf, pampas deer and gato-palheiro (pampas cat).

There are some impressive geological formations here giving rise to a landscape of orange-red sandstone cliffs with canyons and caves, steep escarpments, rivers and waterfalls. The most famous waterfall here is known as the Bride's Veil and falls some 282 feet.



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