

Elephant Park Project

Who are we and what do we do?

The Elephant Camp Xieng Lom was established in 2003 to protect the Asian elephant in Laos. As forests disappear, the elephants which used to help with logging can be neglected. Our aim is to give these elephants a brighter future. So far six elephants have been freed from logging work and given a new home in the park. Experienced mahouts (elephant keepers) and vets help the elephants adapt to their new environment, with sick or older elephants given special attention.



Our project brings the elephants a more comfortable retirement by providing professional medical care, nutritious food, caring staff and a natural environment. It also provides jobs to local people and supports the community, as well as helping support rural development in Luang Prabang. Most importantly, our project provides both communities and local businesses with an example of sustainable tourism and how to successfully link conservation with tourism. The Elephant Park Project is located 15km outside Luang Prabang on the banks of the Nam Khan River.

As well as protecting the Asian elephant, all tours, including trekking, biking and water sports activities, benefit the communities in the area. Local activity guides, cooks, mahouts and maintenance staff at the Elephant Park come from the surrounding villages. The Elephant Park has also funded construction of the community's water supply. Profits from the project and the tours into the area also help to fund nearby villages and schools. The Elephant Park has established a local project called "Fair Trek" designed to include nearby communities in its activities. In the future, the project plans to open a training centre for younger elephants and will convert elephant dung into biogas, fertilizer and even paper.

Helping Lao elephants have a more meaningful retirement



What can you experience?

- Take a scenic ride on an elephant from and to Tad Sae waterfall and help to create a future for more of these animals.
- Learn how to care for the elephants with some basic “mahout training” and get to know the elephants personally.
- Stay overnight in the Project area (Lodge or Bungalow) and enjoy elephant washing and bathing combined with other activities such as biking, trekking, river tours.
- Enjoy lunch overlooking the river and the Elephant Camp and learn more about the Asian and Lao elephants in our Elephant Lodge House.
- Donate to our biogas fund, to help us put the dung to good use.
- Sponsor an elephant’s food and care for \$250 per week, or just \$35 per day.
- Take part in one of our community based activities at “Fair Trek” and support villages besides your visit to the elephants.
- To visit the elephants and arrange activities, ask your hotel, guesthouse or tour operator to arrange a trip.

