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Way Kambas National Park was located in the Middle Lampung and East Lampung Regency, Lampung Province, Sumatra Island, Indonesia. Way Kambas National Park was delegation of the ecosystem of the plain forest that consisted of the forest of the freshwater swamp, savanna of the tall grass/scrub, and the coastal forest in Sumatra Island. Moreover, Way Kambas National Park was the place of the Sumatra Elephants training centre and become the first elephant training centre in Indonesia. In this place wild Sumatra Elephants were trained and made for the performance like the game of football, swam, et cetera. The touris could ride the elephant by being accompanied by the elephant coach to go out around the area or in the middle of the forest.

In Way Kambas, the elephant that originally became the pest and the enemy for the farmer, was changed by means of trained to become the domesticated elephant, obedient, and the follower. The attraction that was shown by these Way Kambas elephants was very unique, ridiculous and occasionally exhilarating.

In the game of the ball, these elephants were given by measuring facilities of the big skin ball and the goal. Whereas when dancing, these elephants were accompanied with "Jaipong" or "Dangdut" songs, so as to be seen funny because they could shake his hip was proper for the style of a dancer. For the exhilarating performance, the tourist could lie in the previous land the elephant will take a step on this lying body.

To reach Way Kambas only needed time 2 hours from the Bandar Lampung City. The road was asphalted in the good condition. Was available the network of the adequate transport and every time had public transport. The place that was easy to be covered to go on a trip.