**Male Mahadeshwara Betta** is a pilgrim town located in the [Hanur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanur" \o "Hanur) taluk of [Chamarajanagara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chamarajanagar" \o "Chamarajanagar) district of southern [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka). It is situated at about 150 km from [Mysuru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mysore" \o "Mysore) and about 210 km from [Bengaluru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengaluru" \o "Bengaluru). The ancient and sacred temple of Sri Male Mahadeshwara is a very popular Shaiva pilgrim centre and one of the most powerful shiva temple. It draws lakhs of pilgrims from the states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The area of the present temple surroundings is 155.57 acres (0.6296 km2). In addition, the temple has lands at Talabetta, Haleyuru and Indiganatha villages. Amidst dense forest, the temple attracts not only the pilgrims but also nature lovers. The height of the hill is about 3000 feet above sea level.