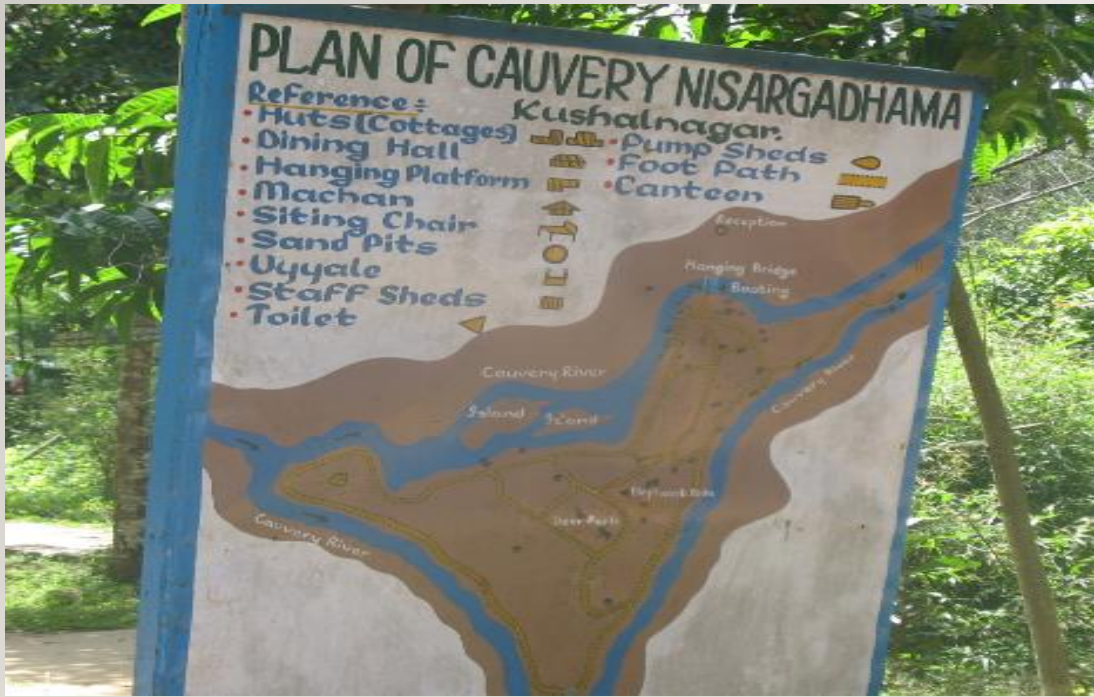


ABOUT NISARGADHAMA FOREST, COORG







NISARGADHAMA IS A BREATHTAKING AND BEAUTIFUL ISLAND THAT IS LOCATED JUST OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY, 2 KILOMETRES AWAY FROM KUSHALNAGAR TOWN AND AROUND 30 KILOMETRES FROM MADIKERI. THIS FANTASTIC ISLAND IS FORMED BY THE RIVER KAVERI IN THE DISTRICT OF KODAGU, KARNATAKA IN INDIA AND SPREADS OVER A TOTAL AREA OF 64 ACRES. ESTABLISHED IN 1989 AS A TOURIST SPOT BY THE FOREST DEPARTMENT, THE PICTURESQUE PICNIC SPOT IS ADORNED WITH LUSH FOLIAGE OF THICK BAMBOO GROVES, TEAK TREES AND SANDALWOOD, WITH LOVELY RIVERSIDE COTTAGES.

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IT WOULD BE IN NO WAY AN OVERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT NISARGADHAMA IS INDEED A PARADISE ON EARTH FOR ALL NATURE LOVERS. IN FACT, NISARGADHAMA IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR TOURISTS AND VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEND A FEW MOMENTS IN PEACE IN THE LAP OF NATURE WITH THEIR LOVED ONES. THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF NISARGADHAMA MAKES IT ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN COORG AND ALSO A FAMOUS PICNIC SPOT, NOT JUST FOR THE PEOPLE OF COORG, BUT ALSO FOR TOURISTS AND NATURE ENTHUSIASTS FROM ALL ACROSS THE NATION.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM IN NISARGADHAMA TO ENJOY YOURSELF. TO BEGIN WITH, THE ISLAND IS PERFECT FOR A FUN PICNIC WITH THE CHILDREN. THERE IS A RABBIT PARK INSIDE THE SANCTUARY, WHICH IS A FAVOURITE SPOT AMONGST FAMILIES. THERE IS ALSO A DEER PARK THAT PROVIDES SPLENDID VIEWS OF THE HERDS OF DEER. THERE ARE RABBITS, DEER AND PEACOCKS PLAYING AROUND HERE.

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CHILDREN CAN ALSO ENJOY THEMSELVES IN A PLAYGROUND THAT HAS BEEN BUILT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEM. YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE MINI ZOO OR TAKE A BOAT RIDE. THE PLACE IS ALSO AN EXCELLENT SITE FOR SEEING PARAKEETS, BEE-EATERS, WOODPECKERS AND A VARIETY OF BUTTERFLIES. PLANTS OF ESSENTIAL AND CRUCIAL MEDICINAL VALUE ARE ALSO FOUND HERE.

A GOOD OPTION IS TO GO FOR BOATING IN THE RIVER KAVERI WHILE AT NISARGADHAMA. AT PLACES, THE RIVER IS A LITTLE SHALLOW TOO, AND PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO THE RIVER AT A FEW SAFE POINTS. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO FIND PEOPLE ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN THE RIVER OR WALKING THROUGH THE SHALLOW PORTIONS. EVEN THOUGH THE OLD HANGING BRIDGE IS NOT FUNCTIONAL ANYMORE, IT CONTINUES TO STAND THERE AS A MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION. IN PLACE OF THE OLD BRIDGE, A NEW HANGING BRIDGE IS NOW ~~USED TO CROSS THE RIVER.~~

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APART FROM THE ABOVE-LISTED ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE NISARGADHAMA, THERE IS AN ELEPHANT RIDE AVAILABLE FOR THE ADVENTUROUS ONES TOO. ONE OF THE LESS KNOWN ATTRACTIONS IS THE DUBARE ELEPHANT CAMP WHICH IS A PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE FOREST DEPARTMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE JUNGLE LODGES AND RESORTS. THE CAMP IS LOCATED AT THE EDGE OF DUBARE FOREST AND HOUSES AN INCREDIBLE NUMBER OF TRAINED ELEPHANTS.



PILIKULA NISARGADHAMA

PILIKULA NISARGADHAMA (OR NISARGA DHAMA)[1] IS A MULTI-PURPOSE TOURIST ATTRACTION, AT VAMANJOOR, EASTERN PART OF MANGALORE CITY IN KARNATAKA, MANAGED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OF DAKSHINA KANNADA. IT IS A MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION OF MANGALORE. IT ATTRACTS LARGE NUMBER OF TOURISTS DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MULTIPLE FACILITIES.

- Etymology
- In the Tulu language, "pili" means tiger and "kula" means lake. The name Tiger Lake is because tigers used to come to this lake to drink.
- The state of Karnataka also has a nature preserve called Kaveri Nisargadhama, near Kushalnagar.
- Facilities
- The Pilikula Nisarga Dhama Society has developed this area to offer scenic beauty and peace. Pilikula has a huge lake encircled by gardens. Swans and ducks swim in the lake and sometimes occupy the gardens. Boating facilities are available in the lake. Couples prefer pedal boats; larger parties use motor boats that carry 10 to 15 people.



- Cauvery Nisargadhama is a series of small and large islands on the Cauvery river near to Kushalnagar town in Coorg district of Karnataka. Established in 1989, it has been attracting tourists for decades now. The 64-acre island, surrounded by the Cauvery river, can be accessed by walking across a hanging bridge. Nisargadhama is also famous for its hanging bridge which connects the island and helps travelers to cross the Cauvery river. A new bridge has been constructed now just beside the old and shaky hanging bridge, the picturesque picnic spot with lush foliage of thick bamboo groves, sandalwood, and teak trees has lovely river-side cottages. There are many tourist attractions there in Nisargadhama. The place offers boating, treetop shelters, and elephant riding and many more. If you are lucky then you can see the animals like deer, elephants, and peacocks, other wild animals. To add to the beauty of the resort waterway Kaveri flows solely in and around Nisargadhama which is really a fantastic scenic beauty. Elephant rides and boating are some of the other attractions. There is a deer park, children's park and orchidarium in the resort. Medicinal plants are also grown. Tourists are allowed to get into the water at a few shallow and safe points along the river.



AN ISLAND SURROUNDED BY THE CAUVERY RIVER, NISARGADHAMA IS A PICTURESQUE PICNIC SPOT NEAR KUSHALNAGAR IN THE DISTRICT OF KODAGU IN KARNATAKA. THIS BEAUTIFUL ECOLOGICAL PART IS STRATEGICALLY SITUATED BETWEEN 25 KMS FROM MADIKERI AND 3 KMS FROM KUSHALNGAR. CAUVERY NISARGADHAMA AS THE NAME SUGGESTS IS AN ECO-TOURISM PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE FOREST DEPARTMENT IN 1988.

NISARGADHAMA OFFER THEIR NUMEROUS TOURISTS, A SERENE AND TRULY UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES OF RELAXATION IN EXQUISITELY CALM AND BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS. A RIDE ON THE ELEPHANT AMIDST THE DENSE BAMBOO GROVES PROVIDES AN ENTERTAINMENT FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE.

