



# Anamudi

Coordinates: 10°10′09″N 77°03′38″E﻿ / ﻿

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Template:Attractions near Munnar **Anamudi** (Malayalam pronunciation: [aːnəmoɖi], അനമുടി) is a mountain located in the Indian state of Kerala. It is the highest peak in the Kerala and South India, at an elevation of 2,695 metres (8,842 ft)<sup>[1][2]</sup> and a topographic prominence of 2,479 metres (8,133 ft)<sup>[3]</sup> It lies on the border of Devikulam Taluk, Idukki district and Kothamangalam Taluk, Ernakulam district.<sup>[5]</sup> The name Anamudi literally translates to "elephant's forehead," a reference to the resemblance of the mountain to an elephant's head.<sup>[6]</sup>

The first recorded ascent of Anamudi was by General Douglas Hamilton of the Madras Army on May 4, 1862, but it is likely that there had been earlier ascents by local people.

Anamudi peak is one of only three ultra prominent peaks in South India. It is also the peak with the greatest topographic isolation within India.<sup>[7]</sup>It is the highest point in India south of Himalayas. Thus it is known as "**Everest of South India**".<sup>[8]</sup>

## Climatic zones and biomes

Anamudi is the highest peak in the Western Ghats in India,<sup>[9]</sup> having an elevation of 2,695 metres (8,842 ft)<sup>[1][2][4]</sup> Anamudi is also the highest point in South India.<sup>[10]</sup> This gives Anamudi its relatively large topographic prominence of 2,479 metres (8,133 ft), the associated key saddle being over 2,000 kilometres (1,200 mi) away at 28°35′20″N 76°27′59″E﻿ / ﻿ in Haryana state just to the west of Delhi.<sup>[3]</sup> The peak is the highest point of the Periyar river basin.<sup>[11]</sup>

### Anamudi

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Anamudi, on the right, as seen from the Munnar-Udumalpettai highway

#### Highest point

Elevation	<span>2,695</span> <span> </span> <span>m (8,842</span> <span> </span> <span>ft)</span> <sup>[1][2]</sup>
Prominence	<span>2,479</span> <span> </span> <span>m (8,133</span> <span> </span> <span>ft)</span> <sup>[3]</sup>
Isolation	<span>2,115</span> <span> </span> <span>km (1,314</span> <span> </span> <span>mi)</span>
Listing	Ultra <div>List of Indian states and territories by highest point</div>

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#### Naming

English translation	Elephant mountain
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Language of name	Malayalam
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#### Geography

The peak is not exceptionally dramatic in term of steepness or local relief and is a Fault-block mountain.<sup>[12]</sup> It is located in the southern region of Eravikulam National Park at the junction of the Cardamom Hills, the Anaimalai Hills and the Palani Hills. The nearest town is Munnar, 13 kilometres (8.1 mi). The easiest route to the summit of Anamudi is a technically easy hike on grass slopes, starting from a rolling hill plateau with a base elevation of about 2,000 metres (6,600 ft). The north and south slopes are gentle, while the east and west slopes are steeper, with more difficult rock faces.

Anamudi and the Eravikulam National Park surrounding it is home to the largest surviving population of the Nilgiri tahr(*Nilgiritragus hylocrius*). Asian elephants, gaur, Bengal tigers, and the Nilgiri marten (*Martes gwatkinsii*) are some of the species of animals found here .<sup>[10]</sup> The Anamudi peak<sup>[13]</sup> area is also habitat of a unique frog *Raorchestes resplendens*.<sup>[14]</sup> This newly discovered species is located in the Eravikulam National Park and is restricted to less than three km<sup>2</sup> on the summit of Anamudi.<sup>[15]</sup> The summit of the Anamudi is vegetated with



Location of Anamudi Peak in Kerala

- ☒ Show map of Kerala  
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**Location** Border of Kothamangalam Taluk, Ernakulam district and Devikulam Taluk, Idukki district, Kerala, India<sup>[5]</sup>

**Parent range** Anaimalai Hills, Western Ghats

**Geology**

**Age of rock** Cenozoic (100 to 80 mya)

**Mountain type** Fault-block

**Climbing**

**First ascent** General Douglas Hamilton in 1862

**Easiest route** hike

patches of stunted *Arundinaria densifolia* and *Gaultheria fragrantissima* (wintergreen), *Anaphalis* sp., *Impatiens* and some species of *Eriocaulon*.<sup>[16]</sup>

## Gallery

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Anamudi as seen from an aircraft. The peak is in the center of the image with a small white cloud seen behind it's rounded summit



Anamudi, on the right, as seen on the descent towards Cochin International Airport from the Delhi-Kochi flight



Anamudi, Mannamala and Meesapulimala - the three highest peaks of the Western Ghats - all visible from a plane on the descent towards Kochi airport

## See also

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- Eravikulam National Park
- Munnar
- Pallivasal
- Pogeyan

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