
Life on the farm...

Activities:

While at *Nellithota*, visitors can participate in a variety of activities like:

- Single or multiple day forest hikes and treks
- Birdwatching and viewing of other wildlife
- Working in the areca orchard and organic home garden
- Learning about the local plant life and herbal medicine
- Cooking traditional *malnad* meals and helping with seasonal food processing
- Lounging, relaxing, swimming in a natural pool, reading, daydreaming

Visitors will be provided with:

- A choice of 2 comfortable rooms connected to the family home OR
- A forest cottage complete with kitchen and other basic amenities
- Traditional vegetarian cuisine (3 meals per day + snacks)
- Clean toilet, heated bathwater, electricity in rooms, filtered or boiled drinking water
- Experienced and knowledgeable local guides for treks

Climate:

Summer (March-May): 18-35° C (hot and humid!)

Monsoon (June- September): 15-28° C

Winter (October-February): 12-27° C



Essential information...

Getting There:

Nearest Railhead: Kumta / Ankola / Haveri / Hubli

Nearest Airport: Hubli / Belgaum / Goa

Buses (ordinary and deluxe) directly to Sirsi are available from all railheads, airports, and other places.

From Sirsi, transport to Mathighatta (39 km) is available by bus or hired vehicle. You can also directly drive to Mathighatta in your vehicle.

Charges per person are Rs. 350/day all inclusive. Guide fees will be separate.

To make reservations, please contact:

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Savitriamma and P.P. Hegde are active members of the Malnad Forest Garden and Seed Keepers' Collective. The collective promotes diversity in home gardens, seed saving, organic agriculture, forest conservation, and ecologically responsible livelihoods. You will be helping with all of these endeavours by being a guest at Nellithota.



Nellithota Forest Retreat



Mathighatta Village, Sirsi



Nellithota:

A farm in the jungle

Nellithota, the beautiful forest home of Savitri and P.P. Hegde, is nestled in the middle of the Western Ghats, surrounded by their home garden and areca orchard, along with all of the natural and cultural treasures the hilly jungle region has to offer. The family has been farming here for generations, and visitors will actually live in the midst of a typical orchard home in the *malnad* region and experience everyday life here. This is an ideal place for singles, families with or without children, and groups. One can have a quiet getaway or plan to have an action-oriented time here. The family loves having people over, and since not many people know of Nellithota, it does feel like home with a lot of spontaneity, warmth, and humour. Kannada, or a little English/Hindi work here - but language does not matter at all as you will see!



Treks:

*Trek lengths vary and many alternate routes are possible. Overnight treks are also available. Inquire with the host family or guide for options. Distance given is for the round trip.

Kagundi: A beautiful and relaxing swimming hole.

Maskatti Viewpoint: A must-do for those seeking big views.

Hasayhalla Falls: A breathtaking 150 m waterfall.

Hontankere: Wetland haven for birders.

Shikra: An amazing jungle trek with big rewards.

Kotaygudda: A lookout point that is good for spotting hornbills.

Dodkaan: Find massive trees in this old evergreen forest.

Hebbargudda: One of the highest points in the area with a 360° view.

Isikinahalla: Offers everything outdoor enthusiasts crave.

Araykattu: A good spot for relaxing and watching the sun set over the Ghats.

Yana: A stunning pair of limestone outcrops held sacred as the home of Shiva.

