
Life on the farm

Activities available at Nellithota and surrounding areas:

- ❖ Single or multiple-day forest treks
- ❖ Wildlife and bird watching
- ❖ Working in the areca orchard and organic home garden as desired
- ❖ Learning about the local plant life and herbal medicines
- ❖ 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 two comfortable rooms connected to the family home; or a larger room for groups
- ❖ Three home-cooked vegetarian meals per day, plus snacks
- ❖ Clean toilet, heated bathwater, electricity in rooms, 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 (best time!)



Essential information

Getting There:

Nearby railheads: Kumta; Ankola; Haveri; Hubli

Nearest airports: Hubli; Belgaum; Goa

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

From Sirsi town, 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. 600/day including meals. Guide fees will be separate. No pets, please.

To make reservations, please contact:

Savitri & PP Hegde

“Nellithota”

Mathighatta, SIRSI 581402

Karnataka, India

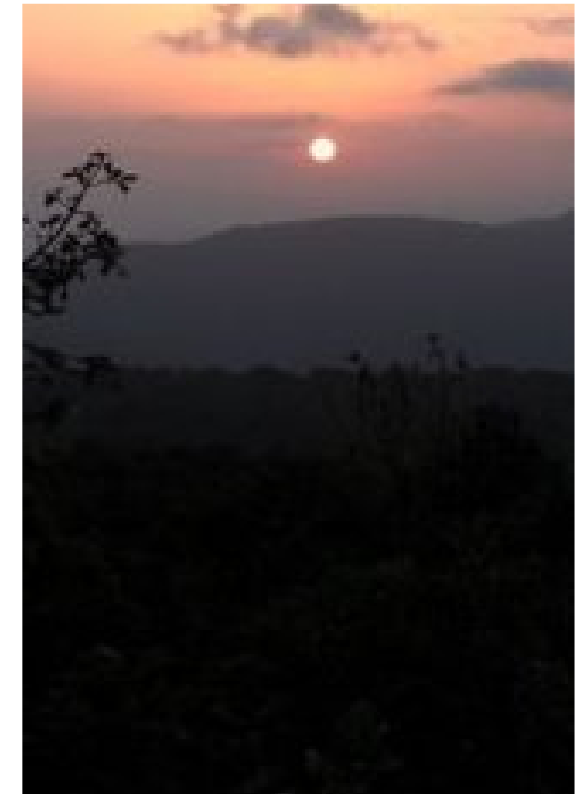
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Savitriamma and P.P. Hegde are active members of Vanastree - the Malnad Forest Garden and Seed Keepers' Collective. The collective promotes diversity in home gardens, seed saving, organic agriculture, forest conservation, and ecologically responsible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



Nellithota Forest Retreat

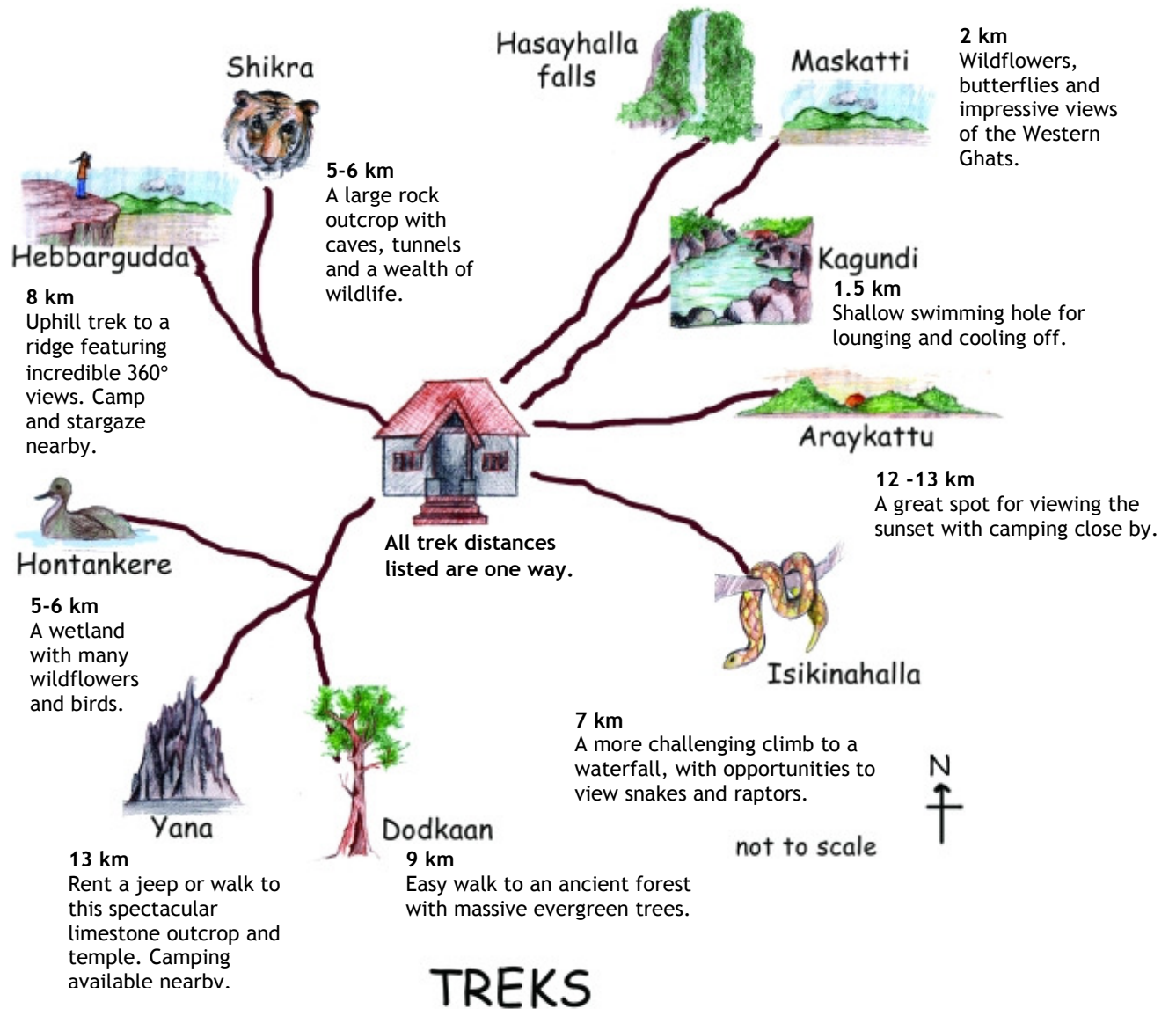


Mathighatta Village, Sirsi

About Nellithota

The Western Ghats of Uttara Kannada district are world-renowned for their biodiversity and rich natural heritage. Nellithota, the forest home of Savitri and P.P. Hegde, offers the beauty of the this mountain region with traditional Indian hospitality. The family has been farming here, near the village of Mathighatta, for generations. Their homestead features a plentiful garden and orchards, where visitors can learn hands-on about organic agroforestry or simply sit back and enjoy. The surrounding jungle contains natural and cultural treasures accessible through treks of various lengths; but innumerable varieties of birds, plants and wildlife are literally just at the back door.

Visitors to Nellithota will have the rare experience of sampling fresh, local cuisine, exploring undiscovered stretches of jungle, and observing everyday agricultural life in the *malnad* region. Nellithota is an ideal place for singles, families, or groups. Getaways may be quiet and peaceful or action-oriented, based on the visitors' preferences. The Hedge family enjoys sharing their home and their region's natural wealth with guests, and always make them feel welcome with spontaneity, warmth, and humour. Kannada, or a little English or Hindi work here - but language is not the important thing as you will see!



Trek lengths vary and many alternate routes are possible. Overnight camping trips are also available. Enquire with the host family for options.