

Goa Forest Department
Wildlife & Eco - tourism, Wing

PRESS NOTE

The South West monsoon season in Goa from June to September witnesses an increase in foot falls to forest areas every year. The visitors/tourists from the State and outside undertake forest treks in the monsoon besides visiting the numerous waterfalls that spring to life in this season. Most of the treks/waterfalls are located in the Wildlife Protected areas like Madei Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhagwan Mahaveer National Park & Wildlife Sanctuary, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary and Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary.

The guidelines for the benefit of prospective visitors are indicated below,

- i) All the Forest areas, Sanctuaries and National Parks that are visited by tourists are deemed as 'No Plastic' and 'No Alcohol' zones.
- ii) Carrying and consumption of alcoholic drinks on the trekking routes and/or approach routes to the waterfalls is strictly prohibited. The staff of Forest department are authorised to frisk the visitors and check their belongings for the same. Entry inside the forest areas to anyone found violating the guidelines shall be denied.
- iii) All the visitors are expected not to litter the forest area or the waterfall sites with leftover eatables, wrappers, empty containers and the like. They are requested to bring back the same while returning.
- iv) Applicable entry charges of Rs. 20/- per head for Adult & Rs. 10/- per head for Child besides the prescribed fee of Rs. 30/- for still camera & Rs. 150/- for video camera shall be payable by the visitors to the Forest staff against receipt at each entry point.
- v) Movement of visitors to the waterfalls through forest area shall strictly be on foot and 2 wheelers/4 wheelers will not be permitted.
- vi) Bathing/Frolicking in waterfalls may be risky. Please observe all precautions and take care of young and children.