

## **Greens clean up forest area along Yercaud Ghat Road**

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Volunteers removing plastic wastes along the Yercaud Ghat Road in Salem on Sunday.

Nature enthusiasts in Salem have embarked on a mission to keep the forest area along the Yercaud Ghat Road free from plastics.

Twenty volunteers from Salem Nature and Wildlife Trust and other organisations, on Sunday, removed plastic food wrappers, water bottles and plastic covers along the Ghat Road.

The volunteers, including young and old, removed about eight to 10 sacks of plastic waste from the area.

V. Gokul from Salem Nature and Wildlife Trust said, “we gather here every Sunday to remove the waste dumped in the forest area along the Ghat Road.

Due to lack of awareness, waste is thrown into the forest areas by tourists. They must understand that these plastic wastes would harm the wildlife.”

Green enthusiasts are also contemplating ways to work along with authorities and reduce plastic items carried to the hill station, by distributing eco-friendly replacements to plastic bags.

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