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CM to inaugurate Pallikaranai ecological park

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Chennai: An ecological park created on 2.5 acres inside the Pallikaranai marsh will be inaugurated by chief minister M K Stalin on Friday.

A senior forest department official said the park has a 2km walking path for bird watchers. Already, there are four watch towers in the marshland. One of them is located on the Thoriappakkam- Pallavaram Radial Road. One on the eastern side of the marsh and one on the northern side. Members of the public can get permission from the forest department to view the birds from the towers, said the official.

The marshland attracts a large number of rare birds, especially during the migratory season (October to March).

The marshland was originally spread over 7,000 hectares of area. Several parts of the marshland were taken over for setting up IT parks, educational institutions and housing projects. Now, the marshland is left with one tenth of its total area, which is about 695.85 hectares.