

Ecotourism centres in Nilambur opened

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Kozhikode: The ecotourism destinations under Nilambur (north) forest division in Malappuram, including famous Conolly's Plot teak plantation and Kozhippara waterfalls, were opened to the tourists on Tuesday.

The tourism destinations had been remaining closed ever since the Covid-19 lockdown in March.

However, the forest department has capped the number of visitors at the Conolly's Plot, which is one of the oldest teak plantations in the world, to 20 tourists at a time. "We are commencing ecotourism activities by strictly adhering to Covid-19 protocols. Though Conolly's Plot is spread over 2.2 hectares, we are limiting the number of visitors to 20 at a time," divisional forest officer, Nilambur (North) K J Martin Lowel, said.

As the hanging bridge across Chaliyar, which used to be the easy way of access to Conolly's Plot, was totally damaged in the floods, the forest department has made arrangement for a 16km jeep service from Areekode to reach Conolly's Plot. The jeep service will be operated by the VSS and apart from the ticket charges, the visitors will have to pay jeep fare of around Rs 160 per person.

The number of visitors to Kozhippara waterfalls has been restricted to 50 people at a time.