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## Lakkam Waterfalls



**Interesting Facts About Lakkam Waterfalls**

Lakkom Falls is enchanting in a number of ways. Discover some of its open secrets which will inspire you to travel here next:

1. The waterfall has a total height of 50 feet!
2. Mainly cascading in nature, Lakkam Waterfalls has several cascades which are not accessible to travellers, even if they try trekking close to the route it follows.
3. If you visit the Eravikulam National Park, you might be able to find the originating source of the Lakkam Waterfalls on the Eravikulam Plateau.
4. The falls roll down for a total distance of 13 km, culminating at the Pambar River.
5. Tiny fish swim about in the pool where all the water from the Lakkom Falls collects. When you walk in this pool, the fish nibble away at your feet. This is not dangerous, however. It is more like getting a foot spa without even having to pay for it.



**Things to Keep in Mind While Visiting Lakkam Waterfalls, Munnar**

Before you pack your bags for this part of Kerala, take note of some information which will help you enjoy the Lakkam Waterfalls in their full glory:

- 1.** The best time to visit the falls is during monsoon or winter. The winter months of October to March are the best as the waterfalls are intact and the weather is quite pleasant, even though afternoons can be quite sunny. The rainy season, which lasts from July to October, makes the waterfall swell to its maximum capacity. However, very heavy rains also make the national park and the falls inaccessible.
- 2.** To access the Lakkam Waterfalls, buy your tickets at the ticket counter and head to the stairway to walk up several steps, crossing about 100 metres to get closer to the falls. While the steps start out as ordinary steps, once you get closer to the waterfall, they start to look more like boulders which need a little bit of caution to climb. Nevertheless, the trail is very well documented and easy to follow even if you are walking all by yourself.
- 3.** If you plan to swim in the pool or even just soak your feet and stroll about in the cool waters, remember to wear waterproof footwear with a good grip. The floor of the pool is quite rocky and slippery. It is also better to carry a change of clothes.
- 4.** For the convenience of swimmers, there are separate changing rooms for men and women at the base of the Lakkam Waterfalls. A toilet is also at your disposal.
- 5.** It is not advisable to get very close to the falls as the force is tremendous, and it can cause one to hit oneself against a boulder and sustain injuries. There is a string that borders off the high-risk area from the general water pool. However, many adventurous tourists still take a chance and head further inwards.
- 6.** Some monkeys may greet you along the hiking trail. As they are usually hungry and quick to grab your food, it is recommended not to eat while you visit the Lakkam Waterfalls. However, there is a café before the trail begins. It is safe to consume snacks here, without the threat of monkeys.
- 7.** Another thing to watch out for is leeches. As this is a tropical forest area, there is a huge concentration of leeches along the trail. To prevent leeches from latching on to your legs and sucking your blood, you can apply a

chloroxylenol-based antiseptic liquid like Dettol or Savlon on your skin before hiking. If at all you get attacked by leeches, carry some turmeric powder to loosen their grip and make them fall off your skin.