

THE HIDDEN GEM OF KERALA: EDAKKAL CAVES

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Ms. Parvathy Shankar, Ms. Niranjana Dethu, and Ms. Aswathy Mani, first-year B.Ed students at N. S. S. Training College, Changanacherry, prepared an informative video on Edakkal Caves in Wayanad, one of Kerala's most unique and exquisite tourist destinations, as a part of EBSB Club programs. They gathered information from people who had visited those locations as well as browsing the internet for this video. The video begins with an introduction to Wayanad before delving into the beauty and historical significance of the Edakkal caves. The video concludes with a message urging everyone to visit these breathtaking locations at least once in their lives.

If there is a place in Kerala where you can experience the ultimate charm and the extraordinary creativity of nature, it is the one and only Wayanad, fondly hailed as the “Ooty of Kerala“. Owing to its immense beauty as well as historical and cultural significance, Wayanad attracts a lot of nature lovers and historians. They lie 1,200 m above sea level on Ambukutty Mala, near an ancient trade route connecting the high mountains of Mysore to the ports of the Malabar coast.

The Edakkal Caves are among the oldest human settlements ever discovered. Inside the caves are pictorial drawings and engravings that indicate the presence of ancient human settlements in the region. The Edakkal cave paintings are remarkable in their sheer scale and complexity, but their origins are shrouded in mystery.

The Edakkal Caves in Wayanad is a natural wonder which dates back to 6000 BC and still amazes the tourists especially those people who are interested in stone age history. Moreover, it is the only place in India where you can find stone-age carvings. It is also discovered that Edakkal Caves have some links with Indus Valley Civilization. The rock carving and the unique symbols that indicate the remnants of Harappan culture which was recently discovered from Edakkal Caves by the State Archaeological Department is proof for this. The oldest ones date back 8,000 years. The petroglyphs have excellent formations that are great to see. Though the trek is quite difficult, the cool and serene ambiance of the place, as well as the breathtaking view of the scenic Wayanad Hills and the surrounding peaks, leave you dumbfounded.