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## Adventure tourism at Edamalakudy

Edamalakudy, the first tribal grama panchayat (local administrative unit) in Kerala, is set to become one of the best adventure tourism

destinations in the state. A project similar to the tiger trail trip in Thekkady will soon be launched in Edamalakudy.

Edamalakudy tribal

settlement is known for the Muthuvan tribals and is situated around 22 km from Pettimudi, which is the farthest spot one can go on a vehicle. Pettimudi is about 16

km from Munnar in Idukki district.

This new project undertaken by the Forest Department, aims to help the socially and economically backward tribal people in Edamalakudy. The trekking programmes are expected to attract many tourists to Edamalakudy.

The tour to Edamalakudy, lasting three to four days, will be an adventurous one and will start from Kochi. To reach Edamalakudy one will have to walk more than 18 km through a tricky path, which will take about a day. Temporary stays will be arranged en route for tourists to spend time on sightseeing.

Tourists can spot wild animals and enjoy the beauty of waterfalls on the way. Accompanied by Forests Department officials and tribesmen, the tourists will also be able to stay at the Edamalakudy forest camp. The Forest Department will purchase two jeeps for conducting the services. ■

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