



# ORKKATTERI THALAPOLI SHIVA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



## LOCATION

**Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Eramala Gram Panchayat

**District**

Kozhikode



## ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Orkkatteri Town

**Nearest Bus station**

Orkkatteri Bus Stop – 3 Km

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Vadakara Railway Station – 8.8 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Calicut International Airport – 79.6 Km



## CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

December – January (*Makaram*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

4 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Orkkatteri Thalappoli is an annual festival associated with two temples at Orkkatteri near Vadakara. The idol of the first temple is that of *Kottiyoorappan* and the other is that of *Kodungalluramma*. The festival commences from 12 of *Makaram* (December-January) and lasts for four days. People belonging to all castes and communities participate in the festival the highlight of which is a cattle fair.



RELEVANCE-  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED

Over 10,000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Cattle Fair  
*Thalappoli*  
*Panchari Melam*  
*Theyyam*

## DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Orkkatteri Thalappoli is associated with annual festivities at two temples in Orkkatteri; the presiding deities being Lord Shiva and the mother Goddess *Bhagavathi*. A cattle fair is one of the main attractions during the celebration. Traditional musical renditions and *Theyyams* form an inevitable part of the four-day festival. The unique costumes, headgears and trance like performances transport onlookers to a mystical world. *Thalappoli*, a ritualistic procession of women carrying *thalam*s decorated with lamps, flowers, incense etc. can be witnessed as the celebrations draw to a close. This is symbolic of prayers for well-being and prosperity to the Goddess.

