

TRICHY CIRCLE

ABOUT TRICHY CIRCLE

Trichy Forest Circle Comprises of Seven Revenue districts namely, i.Ariyalur, ii.Perambalur, iii.Trichy, iv.Pudukkottai, v.Thanjavur, vi.Thiruvavarur, and vii.Nagapattinam and functioning with effect from 22.05.1971 vide G.O.No.1360 Agriculture Department dated: 28.04.1971.

The Trichy Circle is bounded on the North by Villupuram Circle, with revenue district Cuddalore, Villupuram and Salem Districts, in the East. It embraces Bay of Bengal, on the South by Virudhunagar Circle with revenue district, Ramnad Sivaganga and West by Dindugal Forest circle with revenue district of Karur, Dindugal, Namakkal District.

The Circle is essentially a flat deltaic terrain from west to East. There are no hills of any prominent height (Except Pachamalai Hills).

This Forest Circle enjoys a tropic hot monsoonal climate with a mean annual rainfall of 900 mm to 1150 mm & maximum and minimum atmosphere temperature 39° to 20°c

FOREST AREA

Name of the Division	Name of the District	Geographical area in Ha.	RF Area		RL Area		Grand Total	% of Forest Area
			Total Nos.	Total Ha.	Total Nos.	Total Ha.		
Trichy	Trichy	4,40,383	86	45272.27	4	1030.33	46302.6	10.51
Thanjavur	Thanjavur	3,60,286	19	959.06	2	68.56	1027.62	0.29
Thiruvavarur	Thiruvavarur	4,75,850	11	12057.73	2	10.58	12068.31	2.54
Pudukkottai	Pudukkottai	4,66,329	77	20641.36	3	1710.07	22351.43	4.79
Perambalur	Perambalur	1,75,736	24	16329.61	0	0	16329.61	9.29
Ariyalur	Ariyalur	1,94,931	55	9133.57	1	3.87	9137.44	4.69
Nagapattinam	Nagapattinam	3,53,638	39	5280.36	3	285.51	5565.87	1.57
Total		24,67,153	311	109673.96	15	3108.92	112782.88	4.57

FOREST TYPES

Ariyalur, Perambalur, Pudukkottai & Trichy districts having major the forest type is

- i) Southern Tropical Dry mixed deciduous forest-5A/C3
- ii) A Southern Tropical forests- 6A/C-2

And Thiruvarur, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam District can be divided into three regions from the flora point of view. There are (1) the “alluvial regions” or Reverie land and mostly covered by Teak Plantations. (2) The lateritic region certain mostly thorny scrub jungle tropical thorn forests, and Tropical dry evergreen forest etc, (3) The coastal region contains the Casuarina Plantation Mangroves and the scrub jungle.

IMPORTANT TOURIST SPOTS

III. Tourist spots:-		
1)	i)	Ariyalur-Karaivetti Birds Sanctuary.
	ii)	Gangai kondancholapuram Temple
2)		Perambalur:- Nil
3)		Trichy:-
	i)	Butterfly Park and Nakchatravanam near Srirangam.
	ii)	Trichy Zoo, work are progress
	iii)	Mukkombu
	iv)	Srirangam Temple
	v)	Kallanai Dam
	vi)	Pachamalai Eco-tourism spot (Details Enclosed)
4)		Pudukkottai
		Chithannavasal cave Paints in rocks
5)		Thanjavur
		Pragatheeswarar Temple
6)		Thiruvarur
	i)	Vaduvoor Birds Sanctuary
	ii)	Uthayamarthandam Sanctuary
	iii)	MuthupettaiMangro forest
7)		Nagai
		Kodiyakarai Sanctuary. (Details Enclosed)



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1.	Name of the Site	:	Keelakarai village in Pachamalai Hills
2.	Name of District	:	Tiruchirappalli
3.	Name of Range/Division/Circle	:	Thuraiyur Range/Tiruchirappalli Division/Tiruchirappalli Circle
4.	Location	:	Keelakarai village in Pachamalai Hills
5.	Nearest Bus stand with distance	:	Thuraiyur 35 Kms
6.	Nearest Railway Station with distance	:	Tiruchirappalli Railway Station with 85 Kms
7.	Nearest Airport with distance	:	Tiruchirappalli AirPort with 90 Kms
8.	Characteristics of the site	:	Pachamalai Hill Station
9.	Tourist Attraction [Places]	:	Eco – Tourism Pachamalai Hills view, Waterfalls, Trekking Trials and Medicinal Gardens etc.,
10.	Facilities available	:	Rest House - Dormitory, Tree Top Model Guest House , Children Park and Kitchen etc.,
11.	Visiting Hours [Holidays if any]	:	6.00 AM TO 5.30 PM
12.	Eco-Tourism Package [Tariff]	:	Two days
13.	Transport facilities with charges	:	Rs.40/- Thuraiyur to Pachamalai
14.	Lodgings/Rest houses/Food facilities with charges	:	Gust House with food facilities @ Rs. 3000/- for 4 Nos.
15.	For Further Details	:	The District Forest Officer Tiruchirappalli Division Phone No. 0431-2414265 Email.dfotry@gmail.com Forest Range Officer Thuraiyur Range email : rothuraiyur@gmail.com

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KODIAKARAI - ECO TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE



District : Nagapattinam; Project: TBGP ECO Tourism ; Division : Nagapattinam

1.	Name of the Site	:	Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary Kodiakarai village in Vedaranyam
2.	Name of District	:	Nagapattinam
3.	Name of Range/Division/Circle	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range :Vedaranyam • Division :Nagapattinam wildlife • Circle :Tiruchirappalli
4.	Location	:	Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary Kodiakarai village in Vedaranyam
5.	Nearest Bus stand with distance	:	Nearest Bus stand Kodiakarai to Vedaranyam - 12 Km
6.	Nearest Railway Station with distance	:	Nagapattinam Railway Station 60 km
7.	Nearest Airport with distance	:	Tiruchirappalli AirPort 130 Km
8.	Characteristics of the site	:	Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary Kodiakarai
9.	Tourist Attraction [Places]	:	Eco – Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramarpadam • MuniappanKovil • Shervarayan temple • Chola Light House • Trekking in dry evergreen forest between Ramarpadam Modimandapam for a distance of 0.5 km.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Walk / Trek for a distance of 7 km From Chola Lighthouse to Kodiakarai Jetty • Black buck sighting by vehicle or trekking for a distance of 5 km between Gate No.3 and the Chola Lighthouse. • Bird watching on the mud flats in the sanctuary and in the mangrove / salt swamp areas. • Turtle watch (Seasonal : Dec – March) etc.,
10	Facilities available	:	Rest House – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Buck Forest Rest Houses • Flamingo Rest House • Thambusamy Forest Rest House
11.	Visiting Hours [Holidays if any]	:	8.00 am TO 5.30 pm
12.	Eco-Tourism Package [Tariff]		One days
13.	Transport facilities with charges		Rs.50/- Kodiakarai to Sanctuary Areas.
	Lodgings/Rest houses/Food facilities with charges		Gust House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/Ac Rs. 700/- for 2 Nos. • Ac Rs.950 - for 2 Nos
	For Further Details		Wildlife Division, Collectorate, Campus Nagapattinam - 611 002, Tamil Nadu Phone No: 04365- 253092 E-mail.wlwngp@gmail.com Forest Range Officer Vedaranyam Range Phone No. 04369-272424 E-mail : forestrangeofficevedaranyam@gmail.com

TROPICAL BUTTERFLY CONSERVATORY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

Tiruchirappalli Forest Division

(BUTTERFLY PARK AND NAKSHATRAVANAM ATUPPER ANAICUT R.F. NEAR SRIRANGAM IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI FORESTDIVISION)

Conserving Butterflies will improve our whole environment for wildlife and enrich the lives of people now and in the future. To inspire appreciation, respect and a connection with Butterflies and nature through conservation and education, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced on 15.09.2012 the establishment of Butterfly with financial outlay of **Rs.7.35** core at Srirangam. Tropical Butterfly Conservatory is located in the Upper Anaicut reserve Forests in Srirangam with an extent of 25 acres. The area falls in river Cauvery and

Kollidam drainage basin. This park has various section which not only attracts the butterflies but also has high potential to attract various tourist people.

This park has an outer conservatory area to provide and facilitate an enabling environment for butterflies to breed, procreate and complete its lifecycle on a perpetual basis under near natural conditions. Hence the nectar plants, host plants, roosting plants and mud puddle are developed. During the hot months of the year, the relative humidity in the park premises could be very low and thereby causing inconvenience to the visitors as well as the butterfly population. Therefore larger ponds are developed. Rest rooms, shelter, water supply, signages, walk paths and fabrication of larger than life models of Butterflies and insects, children's play area, Geyser jet, etc are some of the components which create best ambience and facilities to the visitors. Indoor Conservatory has also been constructed by PWD to show case non-scheduled butterflies under controlled conditions to the visitors, The Nakshatravanam is a part of the park and has 27 number of trees / plants species corresponding to 27 Nakshatra's and 12 trees / plants of corresponding 12 Rasi are established. Well laid out lawn, floral patches with children play equipments is the recreational centre of the tropical butterfly conservatory. The Park has been inaugurated by the Late Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 13.11.2015.



