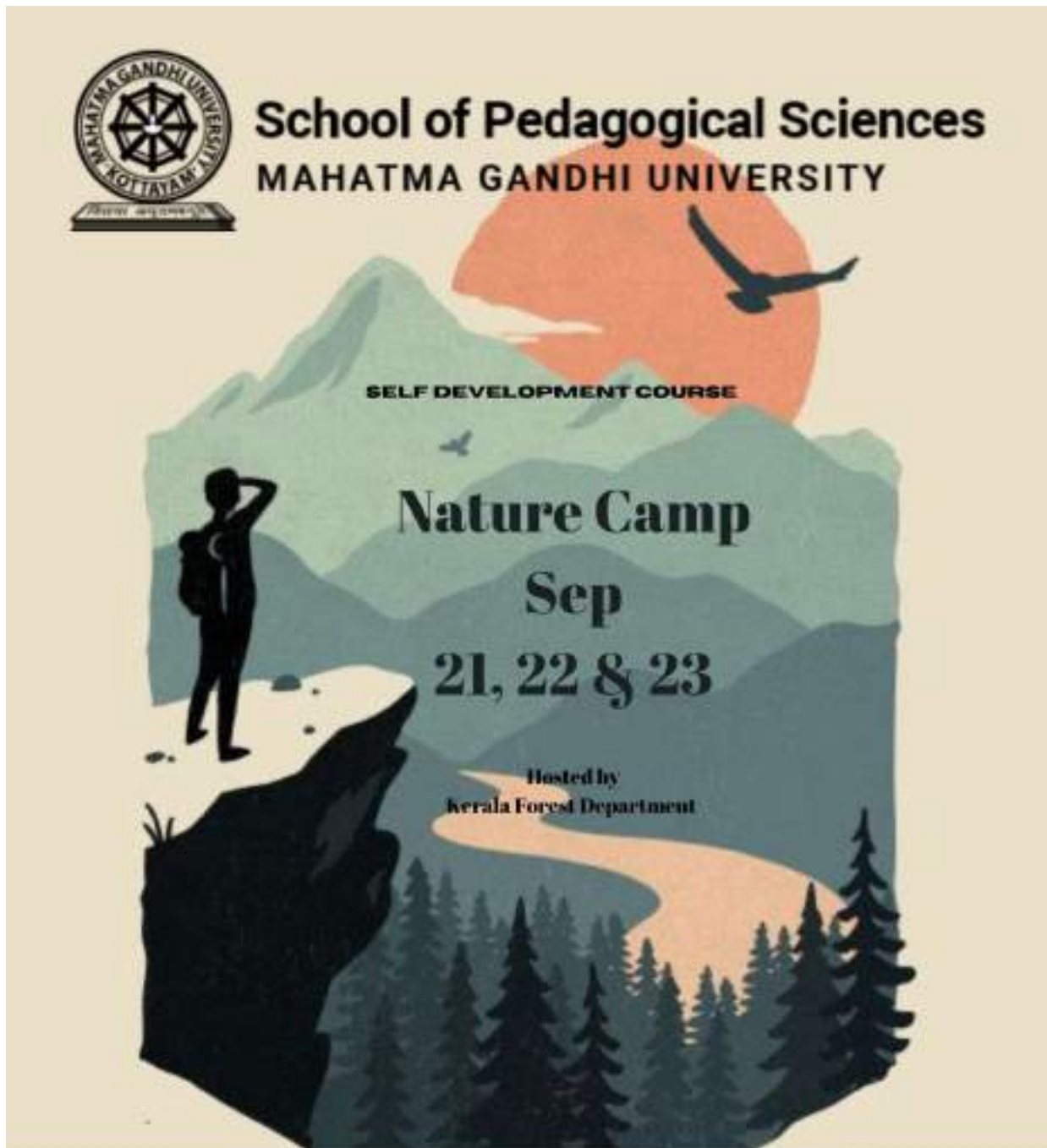


**School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University  
Report of Nature Camp dated 21-23 September 2023**



**IDUKKI  
WILDLIFE  
SANCTUARY**



School of pedagogical Sciences

# NATURE CAMP

@Idukki Wild Life Sanctuary

## INAUGURATION

@SPS SEMINAR HALL

21/09/23

THURSDAY

12.30 PM

JOURNEY STARTS AT 1.15 PM



Idukki  
Wildlife  
Sanctuary





School of Pedagogical Sciences, in collaboration with the Forest Department, Government of Kerala organized a three-day nature camp at Idukki Wild Life Sanctuary. The camp was held from September 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, as part of the MEd second-semester self-development course on “eco-friendly practices”. The camp was conducted under the support and guidance of the Prof Asha JV and Prof Jaya Jaise and was attended by MEd first year students from the School of Pedagogical Sciences (SPS). The faculty members Dr Muhammed KV, Dr Ismail Thamarasseri and librarian Ms Priya K accompanied the students. The nature camp was a transformative experience that combined academic learning with hands-on environmental education and eco-friendly practices.

The initial general body meeting of the camp was conducted on 19/09/2023 Tuesday at 11:45 am in the exam hall under the guidance of Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Dr Muhammad KV and librarian Ms Priya K. Students and various camp committee members attended the meeting. The meeting aimed to organize and coordinate the upcoming nature camp effectively.



On 21/09/23, students gathered at the M.Ed. first-year class for the camp inauguration. As a good start, Ms Anjali Dev rendered the prayer song. Ms Amalu Raju anchored the program.

The Hon Head of the Department, Prof Asha JV inaugurated the program and gave us needed support and guidance. Later, camp co-ordinator Prof Jaya Jaise felicitated the gathering. Assistant Professor and faculty in charge of the nature camp Dr Ismail Thamarasseri also conveyed a felicitation note. Mr Abdul Rashid student camp co-ordinator delivered the vote of thanks and all set for the journey.



#### **DAY 1 [21/09/23]: ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION**

The journey commenced from the university at 1:45 p.m., and as the bus rolled away from the urban landscape, a sense of anticipation filled the air. By 4:20 pm team arrived at the Kulamav Dam viewpoint. Photography was not permitted in this location. The team resumed the journey



at 4:35 pm and headed to Painavu. The journey towards Painavu allowed us to soak in the scenic beauty of the area. Verdant forests and meandering rivers provided a soothing backdrop for the journey.

By 5:35 pm the team reached Nature Education Centre, Vellappara (Nagampara Office, Kottayam Range). As the evening approached, a warm cup of tea and snacks brought participants together, setting the tone for the camp's camaraderie.



The inauguration ceremony was held in the NEC hall at 6:15 p.m. Head quarter section forest officer, Mr KR Santhosh gave a detailed idea on the camp and activities. Then the camp was inaugurated by DFO Mr G Jayachandran. It was a momentous occasion. His words of wisdom and insights into the local ecosystem kindled a sense of responsibility toward the environment. After the inaugural speech, Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, faculty in-charge gave a talk on School of Pedagogical Sciences and conveyed facilitation followed by the self-introduction of students.

The evening continued with an engaging class by Mr Jaison Joseph by 7:00 p.m. We absorbed knowledge about the region's flora and fauna, gaining a deeper understanding of the intricate web of life in the wilderness. He also provided basic and important knowledge regarding national parks, forests, mountains and wildlife protection acts in India and Kerala.

After a hearty dinner featuring local cuisine, we retired to our cosy accommodations around 8:45 pm beneath the canopy of stars, eager for the adventures that lay ahead.

## **DAY 2 [22/09/23]: EXPLORATION AND EDUCATION**

The second day began with an early morning (6.45 a.m.) trek to the Idukki and Cheruthoni reservoirs. The cool morning air and the serene beauty of the water bodies created a sense of tranquillity and wonder.







Returning from the trek, participants enjoyed a hearty breakfast of upma around 9.00 a.m., which fuelled us for the day's activities.



The trek to the Idukki reservoir forest area was a highlight of the day. It started at 10: 15 a.m. The team were guided by Ms Amala K Babu, BFO, and Mr Dileep. Participants ventured into the heart of the forest, surrounded by lush greenery and the sounds of nature. In between the journey, the team got a leech bite. First-aid team assisted the students under the careful guidance of Ms Arunima Babu.

Reaching Nakshathra Vanam, the celestial garden, was like stepping into a magical realm. Unique plants and exotic flora adorned the landscape, sparking curiosity and appreciation for biodiversity. By 12:30 the students left the place.





After a stimulating day of exploration, participants returned to the nature stay place, where a delicious lunch awaited around 1:00 p.m. The afternoon allowed for some well-deserved rest, as participants lounged amidst the natural beauty, reflecting on the day's experiences. By 3:15 p.m. it had another informative session by retired DFO Mr Paul P Isaac. His class shed light on the importance of environmental conservation, instilling a sense of responsibility and awareness. He gave a wide range of information regarding the rare species of forest flora and fauna. He also gave awareness regarding the environmental issues currently happening around us and also suggested possible solutions. In between the class, the team had a 15-minute tea break. The session ended by 6:00 p.m. in which the last few minutes were served for interaction.



After dinner, we gathered at the hall for a cultural program at 8:45 p.m., where the students shared their talents and joy, creating a sense of unity and cultural exchange. This session was beautifully handled by Ms Arya MP. In this session, it had a musical game, spot dance and truth or dare. There were also beautiful performances by Ms Ayswaria V Suresh, Ms Vismaya KK, Ms Amalu Raju, Mr Sudin BL, Ms Veena K Kumar and Ms Anjali Dev. The total program concluded with a group song which was the highlight of the total event.

### DAY 3 [23/09/23]: WRAPPING UP

The final day began with an adventurous Jeep trek to Vaishali Para around 6:45 a.m. The bumpy ride through rugged terrain led participants to a vantage point with breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and valleys. At a point, the team went off from the jeep and started trekking. All the way to the hill was filled with scenic beauty. The area was protected by the Kerala Forest Department and not permitted to the public. The team felt proud and happy to watch these views.



Returning to the campsite around 8.00 a.m., participants enjoyed a leisurely breakfast. By 9:45 a.m. the team engaged in a road cleaning activity that was not only a practical contribution to the local community but also a lesson in environmental stewardship. At the end of cleaning, the team were awaited with a boating site, which was of greenery and dam view. Around 11:00 a.m. the students are returned to their dormitory.





After reaching back the team had a concluding ceremony in which the students were asked to say their opinion and suggestion regarding the camp. Some of us shared our opinions in front of the forest camp officer and our respected teachers. After this Mr KR Santhosh, Headquarter Section Forest Officer replied to our opinions. The students were asked to write the same in a form given by the organisers.

Around 1:00 p.m. the team had our lunch and later started the return journey and reached the university around 5:30 p.m. As the group bid farewell to the serene wilderness, the journey back to the university was marked by reflection on the profound experiences of the past three days.



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# NATURE CAMP

SCHOOL OF  
PEDAGOGICAL  
SCIENCES

M. Ed FIRST YEAR  
STUDENTS

21<sup>st</sup> To  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
SEP

@ IDUKKI  
WILD LIFE  
SANCTUARY

HOSTED BY  
DEPARTMENT  
OF FOREST  
KERALA  
GOVERNMENT

## Day:- 1

4 Pm :- Reporting Time

5 Pm:- Tea break

6 Pm :- Documentary

## Day:- 2

7 AM :- Trekking

2 PM - Lunch

3 PM - Program

4 PM - Tea Break

6 PM- Cultural program

## DAY:- 3

6 AM - bird watching

9 AM - break fast

11 AM - vote of thanks

1 PM :- LUNCH

2 PM - Returning







Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary extends over the Thodupuzha and Udumpanchola Taluks of Idukki District, spreading over 77 sq. km and is about 450 - 748 m above sea level. The Idukki Reservoir formed by three dams - Cheruthoni, Idukki and Kulamav - extends to 33 sq. km. The tropical evergreen and deciduous trees add to the charm of the place. The sanctuary abounds with wildlife.

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## School of Pedagogical Sciences MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

**MEd 2022-2024 Batch, Field Trip, 21,22&23 September 2023**

### **ITINERARY**

<b>SL.NO</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event/ Programme</b>	<b>Point of Contact</b>	<b>Materials/ tools / Info</b>
1	21/09/2023 1:30 PM	Assemble at seminar hall , Ground floor, SPS MGU	Abdul Rashid A P	Seminar hall Arrangement
2	21/9/2023 1:35 PM	Orientation/ Intro talk by Prof Asha JV & Prof Jaya Jaise		
3	21/9/2023 1:45 PM	Start of the Journey from SPS	Bus driver	Bus with first Aid, Drinking water
4	21/9/2023 3:30 PM	Tea Break		
5	21/9/2023 4 PM	Re-Start of journey		
6	21/9/2023 5 PM	Reaching at Idukki wild life sanctuary	Wild Life Officer	
7	21/9/2023 5:15 PM	Fresh up/cool off time	Officer	
8	21/9/2023 6 PM	Briefing Meeting	Wild Life Officer	
9	21/9/2023 9 PM	Dinner		
10	21/9/2023 10 PM	Bed time		



11	22/9/2023 6 AM	Wake up/ Fresh up		
12	22/9/2023 6:45 AM-9 AM	Trekking (Idukki dam)	Guide	First aid
13	22/9/2023 9 AM	Breakfast		
14	22/9/2023 10AM-1PM	Trekking continues	Guide	First aid
15	22/9/2023 1 PM	Lunch time		
16	22/9/2023 1-PM 3-PM	Rest		
17	22/9/2023 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	Class	Guide	
18	22/9/2023 4:30 PM	Tea time		
19	22/9/2023 6 PM	Cultural Programs		
20	22/9/2023 9 PM	Dinner		
21	22/9/2023 10 PM	Bedtime		
22	23/9/2023 5:30AM	Wake up and fresh up		
22	23/9/2023 6:30AM-9 AM	Trekking	Guide & Driver	Jeep with first aid
23	23/9/2023 9 AM	Breakfast		
24	23/9/2023 10 AM	Cleaning		
25	23/9/2023 1 PM	Return Journey Starts	Bus driver	Bus with first aid
26	23/9/2023 4 PM	Tea Time		
27	23/9/2023 5:30 PM	Reaching back at SPS, MGU		

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<b>Food &amp; Refreshment</b>	<b>Nayan Christy Francis, Aneesha TP</b>
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<b>Documentation</b>	<b>Ramdas, Sheril</b>
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<b>Safety and security</b>	<b>Denyvarghese , Johncy p john</b>
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