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BM Trippin' Tales: Forest department offers treks to explore Kappatagudda

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Kappatagudda, located near Gadag, is renowned for its diverse flora and fauna, making it a popular destination for trekkers. The hill also features numerous windmills, adding to its distinctive landscape. The Forest Department is currently offering guided treks to Kappatagudda, which will be available until September. Many tourists visit the hill daily to experience its natural splendor. After visiting the Kapata Malleshwara temple, they make their way to the hilltop. The trekking experience is enhanced by introducing visitors to the scenic beauty of Kappatagudda and exploring its uncharted areas.

The Forest Department initiated the trekking program at Kapata Gudda on July 5, 2023, with a grand opening ceremony. Due to an increasing number of tourists visiting Kappata Gudda, the Forest Department has organised this program to cater to the growing demand. Two trekking routes, spanning four kilometres and six kilometres, have been identified, both starting at the base of the hill and culminating at the Kapata Malleshwara temple. These routes traverse through the Doni and Kadakola villages, providing stunning views of the surrounding landscape.

To participate in the guided treks, individuals must register in advance with the Forest Department and pay a small fee, which covers the services of an experienced guide and a certificate of completion. Each trek, guided by knowledgeable guides, will take approximately three hours to complete. During the journey, participants may even have the opportunity to spot a few wild animals.

A minimum group of 20 people is required for the guided tours. The trek will commence at 6.30 am from Doni and Kadakola villages and will conclude at the Kadakola Forest, where arrangements have been made for trekkers to rest and refresh. Forest Department officials have pointed out that the trekking program will offer a unique and unforgettable experience for the tourists.