
Route Guide - Rideekanda Forest Monastery

Welcome to Rideekanda Forest Monastery! Below is your step-by-step guide for reaching the monastery using public transport, taxi services, or direct travel from Katunayaka International Airport.

1. Traveling Directly from Katunayaka International Airport

1. Take a **taxi** from **Katunayaka International Airport** to **Yatawatta Town** (near the clock tower).
 - 📍 Google Maps: [Yatawatta Town Location](#)
 2. Recommended taxi drivers from the airport:
 - **Lucky** : +94702273876
 - **Ayesh** : +94762194415 / +94752194416
 - PickMe or Uber Taxi App also reasonable
 3. **Approximate taxi charges**: LKR **18,000–25,000** (depending on the vehicle type).
 4. From Yatawatta Town to the monastery, a Tuk Tuk will be required for the final off-road stretch (7km). (**Normal Tuk Tuk charge**: LKR **1,500.**)
 5. If you cannot find a Tuk Tuk, contact **Mr. Ajith** at **+94740005456**.
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2. Traveling by Taxi or Private Vehicle

1. Use Google Maps to navigate to **Yatawatta Town** (near the clock tower).
 - 📍 Google Maps: [Yatawatta Town Location](#)
 2. From Yatawatta Town, take a **Tuk Tuk** to reach the monastery(7km).(**Normal Tuk Tuk charge**: LKR **1,500.**)
 3. **Important**: The last few kilometers are **off-road**; **Cars** cannot reach the monastery. A Tuk Tuk is necessary for the final stretch. only **Vans and SUVs with high ground clearance** can make it directly to the monastery.
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3. Traveling from Kandy via Public Transport

- Take a bus from **Kandy** to **Matale Town**.
- From Matale Town, board a **Matale–Kurunegala bus** (Bus Route No: 556).
- Get down at **Yatawatta Town** (near the clock tower).
 - 📍 Google Maps: [Yatawatta Town Location](#)
- From Yatawatta Town, hire a **Tuk Tuk** to reach the monastery(7km).(**Normal Tuk Tuk charge**: LKR **1,500.**)
- If you cannot find a Tuk Tuk, contact **Mr. Ajith** at **+94740005456** to arrange one.

4. Traveling from Kurunegala via Public Transport

1. From the **Kurunegala Main Bus Stand**, take a **Kurunegala–Matale bus** (Bus Route No: 556).
 2. Get down at **Yatawatta Town** (near the clock tower).
 Google Maps: [Yatawatta Town Location](#)
 3. From Yatawatta Town, hire a **Tuk Tuk** to reach the monastery(7km). (**Normal Tuk Tuk charge: LKR 1,500.**)
 4. If you cannot find a Tuk Tuk, contact **Mr. Ajith** at **+94740005456**.
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Arrival Time Recommendation

To ensure a smooth and stress-free arrival, we **highly recommend arriving in the morning or early afternoon**. This allows sufficient time to navigate the off-road access and settle into your accommodations comfortably.

The **retreat program usually begins in the evening** of the first day, so timely arrival is important for orientation and initial participation.

 **For any travel assistance: Contact Mr. Ajith at +94740005456.**

We look forward to welcoming you to **Rideekanda Forest Monastery** for a peaceful and enriching retreat experience.
