

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA

Present: Dr. Pramod G. Krishnan IFS

Sub:- Calving Season of Nilgiri Tahr – Closure of Eravikulam National Park for Visitors – Orders issued – reg.

Ref:- 1. Letter No. E-72/2026 of the Wildlife Warden, Munnar dated 13/01/2026
2. Letter No. KFWFDK/32/2026-CCFWLandFDPTR/A1 dated 14/01/2026

ORDER No. WL4-381/2026 dated 23-01-2026

Vide reference read 1st above, the Wildlife Warden, Munnar has reported that three calves of Nilgiri Tahr were sighted near Narikollimala slope at Rajamala of Eravikulam National Park on 12/01/2026. It indicates the beginning of calving season of Nilgiri Tahr in the National Park.

The newly born Nilgiri Tahr calves are highly vulnerable to disturbance and human presence experienced at Rajamala through tourism may affect their chances of survival. As per the approved Management Plan (Visitor Management para 7.4) of Eravikulam National Park, it is prescribed to close the Park for a period of two months in February and March depending on the beginning of the calving season with prior intimation. Accordingly, vide reference read 2nd above, the Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Kottayam and Field Director, Periyar Tiger Reserve has recommended to close the Eravikulam National Park for visitors for two months from 1st February 2026 to 31st March 2026 as stipulated in the approved Management Plan.

Considering the above circumstances and in accordance with the Section 33 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, I, Pramod G. Krishnan IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala do hereby order to close Eravikulam National Park for visitors from 1st February 2026 to 31st March 2026.

Signed by
ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
Pramod G Krishnan
Date: 23-01-2026 09:39:52
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala

To

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Field Director, Kottayam for information
2. The Wildlife Warden, Munnar for compliance and report.

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force for kind information
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (IT), Thiruvananthapuram for publishing in official Web Site.

3. Director, Forestry Information Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram for wide publicity.