

RANGE BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF NEYYAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

North: Starting from a point at Mlavetty on the watershed line between Neyyar and Karamana rivers about 2.41 km north-west of Neyyar Dam Site, the boundary runs more or less north-east along the watershed line up to a point on the boundary of Kottoor extension reserve forests about 2.41 km. South-east of Kottoor, i.e., cairn No.20 of the Kottoor extension reserve forest, the boundary goes north for about 20 m of cairn **A**, thence almost east for about 62.30 m to cairn **B**, thence more or less north for about **4.6m** passing cairns **C,D,E,F** and **H**, then slightly east for about 18.5m passing cairns **I,J,K &L**, thence north east for about 33.30m to cairn **O**, thence to north-west for about 349.16m to **cairns** passing **Q&R**, thence more or less north-east along the watershed line between Neyyar and Karamana rivers up to the state Boundary to Athirumala via Chattupara, Pottimala and Nachiyadikunnu.

East: Thence **runs** more or less southwards along the state boundary upto a point about 1.60 km northwest of Kanichimala.

South and West: Thence, towards northwest along the western catchments boundary of Neyyar Reservoir passing through Poomalai, Kurinjankani and Neyyar Dam till it meets the starting point.

The description of the boundary given above is the one mentioned in G.O.No.2305/F2/71/AD dated 18-03-71. For easy identification, the boundaries are further described as follows:

North: Starting from Mlavetty, a point about 2.41 kms north-east of Neyyar Dam Site, the boundary runs along the eastern boundary of Paruthippally Range of Thiruvananthapuram Division up to Karimalakani at 636 m, passing Chattupara at 491m and then along the common boundary of Neyyar and Peppara sanctuaries and it runs on a north-eastern direction along the watershed line between Neyyar and Karamana rivers passing Meppimalai at 710 m, Kannukunnu, Nachiyadikunnu at 985 m up to Athirumala at 1594m, the State boundary.

East: Starting from Athirumala, the boundary runs along the state boundary passing Agasthyamala at 1868m, Vavattimala at 1862m, Varayattumudi at 1416m, and the points of 662m and 701m upto Vengulamala at 756m.

South: From Vengulamala, the boundary runs along the State boundary up to Anamugham and then along the level of FRL to Neyyar Dam site.

West: From dam site the boundary runs along the FRL level up to Thooripara, a portion of Kottoor extension reserve, and then along the boundary of Nettukaltherikunnu reserve forests upto Mlavetty, the starting point.

The boundaries of the Sanctuary are demarcated on the outer periphery. But the boundaries with the tribal settlements are not yet demarcated completely. This has led to small-scale encroachments along the fringe areas of tribal settlements.