

Ethnomedicinal Forest

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is an important component of the Pitchandikulam Medicinal Plant Conservation Park.

Some features of the Ethnomedicinal Forest:

- Stone signages show the different elements of the ecosystem and explain the medicinal uses of individual species and also groups of plants that cure poisonous bites, bone fractures, headaches and stomach problems.
- Seed collection in Auroville sanctuaries, remnant forests and sacred groves with local people particularly traditional healers.
- Many of the TDEF species have not been propagated in nurseries before. Various treatments are tried in order to develop standard methods of germination for more than 180 species grown in Pitchandikulam..
- Live hedges of more than 50 species are grown around the forest forming a protective, productive edge and providing a fauna habitat and corridor.
- Rare, Endangered or Threatened (RET) species from the Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest and other floristic zones of south India are represented in the forest.

Many

visitors and groups enjoy the opportunity to wander and explore the pathways winding through the forest. Open seated areas provide space for medicinal herbal preparation workshops and other group activities or meetings.