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“A Walk in the Wild” Todgarh Raoli Wildlife Sanctuary”

This is the TodgarhRaoli Wildlife Sanctuary
home to leopards and well known for its sloth bears and
grey jungle fowls.

Here, the Dept. of Forests, Govt. of Rajasthan made 2 Tourist Lodges in 2007.



These cottages were to be managed by the people who lived abutting the forest. The idea was that profits from wildlife tourism should go to the local people who would become a part of the conservation process.

THE EDC

To make local people a part of the conservation process
a Govt. of Rajasthan Order in year 2000,
created a new concept of the EDC or the Eco Development Committee.
It sought Conservation of Biodiversity in Protected Areas
through cooperation of the local people
by strengthening their rural economy.
It also stated that the success of this concept
is dependent on active participation of the local people.

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यह कि वन विभाग द्वारा राज्य में वन्य जीव एवं प्रबन्ध हेतु वृहत कार्यक्रम चलाया जा रहा है तथा इस उद्देश्य हेतु अनेक वन्य जीव रक्षित क्षेत्र (पी.ए.) अर्थात् राष्ट्रीय उद्यान, बाघ परियोजना क्षेत्र एवं अभयारण्य बनाये गये हैं इन क्षेत्रों की जैव विविधता को संरक्षित रखने के लिए इको डवलपमेंट प्रोजेक्ट्स चलाये जाते हैं जिनका उद्देश्य रक्षित क्षेत्र की जैव विविधता पर पड़ने वाले दुष्प्रभाव में कमी लाना स्थानीय लोगों को संरक्षण में सहयोग आर्जित करना तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्र को आर्थिक दृष्टि से सुदृढ़ बनाना है। इको डवलपमेंट प्रोजेक्ट्स का सफल क्रियान्वयन काफी हद तक स्थानीय लोगों की सक्रिय सहभागिता एवं जुड़ाव पर निर्भर है।

To engage participation of the local people
these eco cottages were mandated
to be managed by the EDC or
the Eco Development Committee
of the abutting village of Dudhalia
with the help of an NGO.



Dudhalia EDC Members

Although the
cottages
are Spartan
they offer all the
creatures comforts
for a forest stay.



Since 2007, the eco cottages are being managed by a team of EDC Members.

Gopal Lal
is the Caretaker
and the Cook.
He is also the one
who takes the
calls for making
Reservations
of the cottages.
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Gopal
makes simple
vegetarian
meals at short
notice and has a
repertoire of
rural sweet
dishes.





Pratap is another EDC member who is a TEK or “Traditional Ecological Knowledge” Expert.



Pratap takes you for a walk in the wild showing you the beauty of a seed, a flower, a fruit, a root, a leaf...

A Walk in the Wild with Family & Friends



There is breakfast, lunch and evening tea
under the jhompa
where a vegetarian cuisine is served.



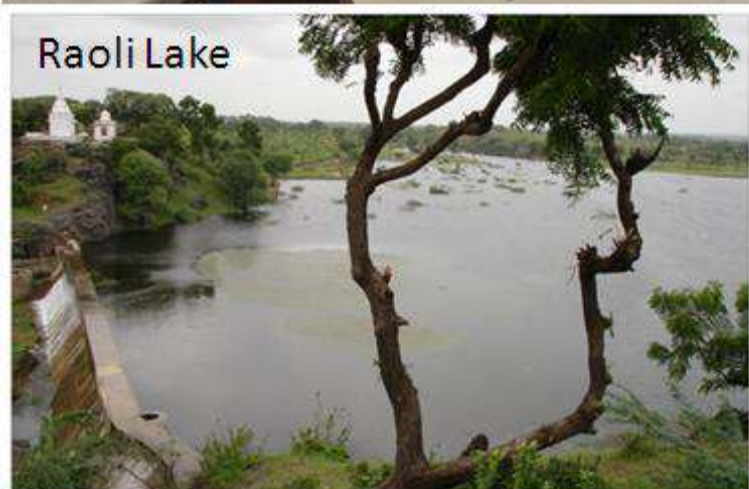


Excursions



Pragya Shikhar, Todgarh Town

Raoli Lake



Bhil Beri Falls



Goram Ghat Train Ride



Government, the Village People & Ecopanions

Walk the Wild is a unique program
that brings together 3 participants –
the Government, the People and an NGO –
in a collaborative effort
with the objective of conserving wildlife resources
while providing income to the local people.
Ecopanions began by helping
to manage these facilities on a daily basis
as well as bring clientele from nearby cities and towns.
Ecopanions has a creative relationship with the people
and the Dept. of Forests, Govt. of Rajasthan.
Your taking the “Walk in the Wild”
will go a long way in empowering the local people
and help make a dream come true.
Thank you.

You take the walk
&
We'll walk the talk.

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