

HISTORICAL PLACES TO VISIT IN MOODABIDRI

Moodabidri town (12.9101°N 75.003°E) is located 34 km northeast of Mangalore city (also called Mudbidri) in Dakshina Kannada district, Karnataka. Moodabidri comes from two words: Moodu and Bidiru. Moodu means East and Bidiru means bamboo. Moodbidri and its surroundings known for various historic temples, beaches and churches, this region has also emerged as a prominent hub of professional education. Several Jain temples (Basadis), some of them dating back to 10th Century A.D. built out of hard granite and with intricately carved pillars and other panels.

Transport Access Information

Nearest Airport -Mangalore (35 km), Mysore (260 km), Calicut (270 km)

Nearest Railway Station - Mangalore(35 km), Udupi(57 km), Bekal(91 km)

Moodbidri is an Ex-Mangalore / Ex-Mysore / Ex-Calicut / Ex-Bangalore Getaway.

Places to Eat

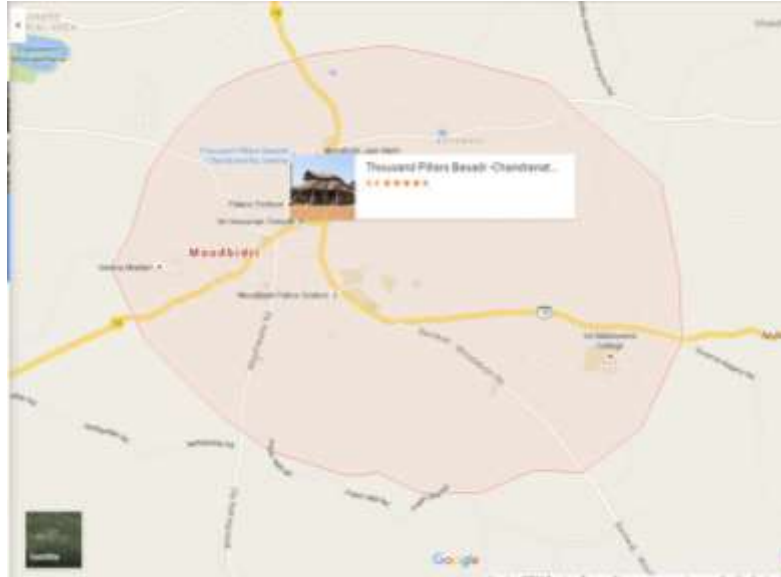
Moodabidri has several good restaurants, among the vegetarian restaurants notable ones are **Navami restaurant, Padival's restaurant, Pai's Parivar restaurant, Sri Laxmi restaurant and Laxmi launch home**. For non-vegetarian's notable are **Hotel Pancharathna International, Foodshopy, Topgear, Midtown Nishmitha's Parivar family restaurant and Kadal**.

Places to visit in and around Moodabidri:



Saavira Kambada Basadi

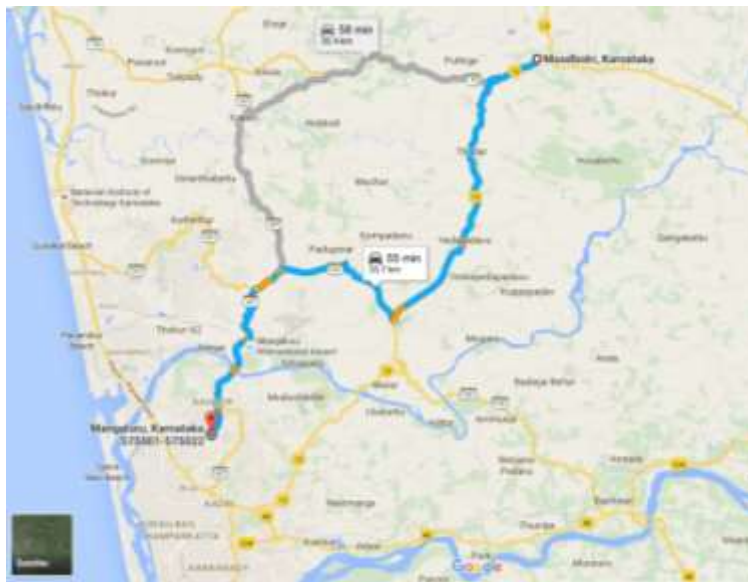
Saavira Kambada Basadi, also known as **1000pillar Jain** temple located in Moodabidri town itself. The temple was built by Devaraya Wodeyar (vijayanagara-Hampi), in 1430. The shrine has a 60 feet tall monolith manasthambha (erected by karkala bhairava Queen Nagala Devi).



There are other Basadi's namely **Ammanvara Basadi**, **Leppada Basadi**, **Vikram Shetty Basadi**, **Mahadeva Shetty Basadi**, **Chola Shetty Basadi**, **Koti Shetty Basadi**, **Derma Shetty Basadi** etc. Almost all are situated in and around Basadi road of Moodabidri.

MANGALORE

Mangalore (or Mangaluru) is a major commercial center in state of Karnataka. Manglore is a beautiful city with scenic spots along the seashore and by the riverside. Major tourist attractions include **Mangaladevi Temple** (the city is called as Mangalore just because of this temple, situated 3 Km. away from main city bus stand was built by the Ballal family of Attavar in memory of a Princess of Kerala), **Sultan Batheri** (situated in Boloor 6 km away from Mangalore City Bus Stand, was built in black stones by Tippu Sulthan to prevent warships to enter Gurpur river), **Kadri Manjunath Temple** (4 km away from Nehru Maidan bus stand is an ancient historic spot dating back to about 1068 A.D. with its nine tanks. The Lokeshwara bronze statue of the Kadri Manjunatha Temple is tipped to be the best bronze statue in India), **St. Aloysius Church** (situated 1 km away from Nehru Maidan bus stand, was built in the year 1899-1900 and the walls of the church are covered with the paintings of the artist Antony Moshaini of Italy), **Light House Hill-Garden** (situated 1 km away from bus stand with beautiful sea view and the sailing ships and boats on the sea), **Pilikula Nisargadhama**, **Gandhi park**, **Tagore park**, **Rosario Church**, **Milagres Church**, **Someshwara Beach**, **Ullal Beach**, **Panambur Beach** and **Sharavu Maha Ganapathi Temple**.



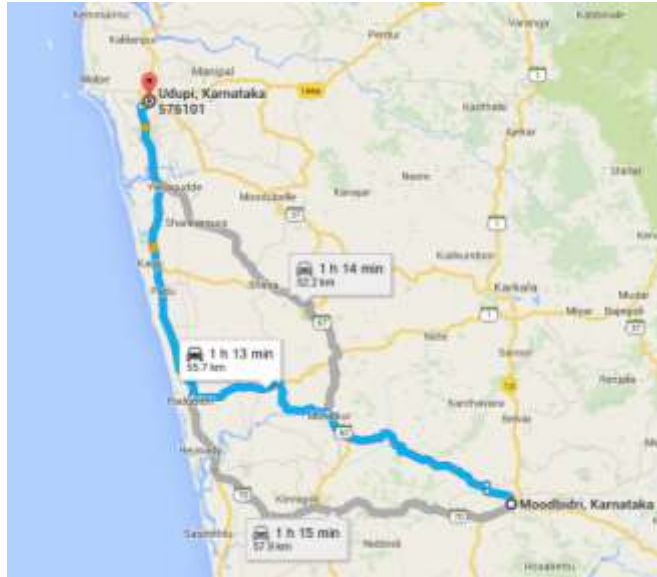
KARKALA

Karkala town located 18km from Moodabidri and well known for **Anatha shayana temple**, **Chaturmukha basadi**, **Venkateshwara temple**. Karkala is in north-east of Mangalore, known primarily for the statue of Lord Bahubali (Gomateshwara). The 45-feet tall statue is estimated to weigh 80 tons.



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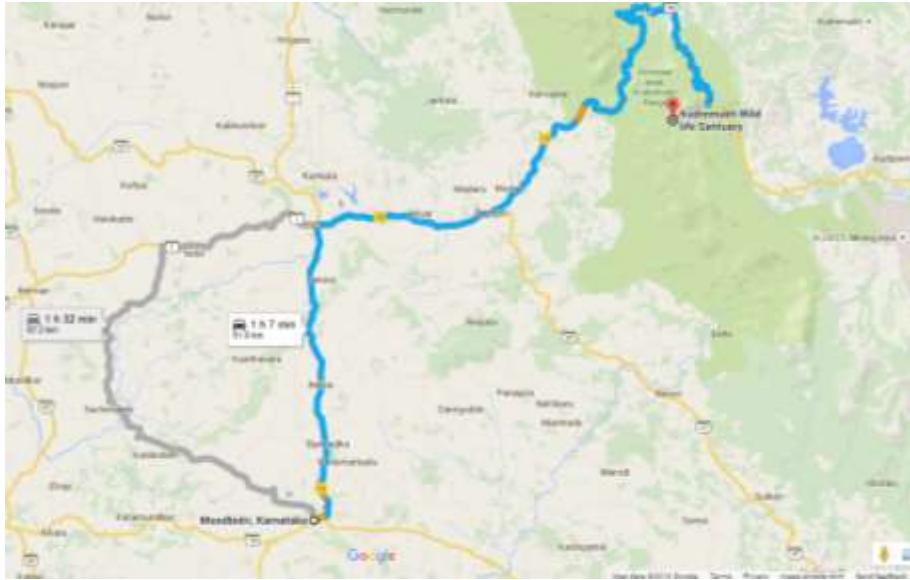
Udupi a land of ethereal beauty also known as an ancient temple city, located 57 km from Moodbidri, known for **Udupi Krishna mutt** (a holy temple of Sri Krishna and this is the birthplace of Sri Madhwacharya, founder of Dwaita Philosophy <http://www.udipikrishnamutt.com/>), **Guddattu Vinayaka temple** (Jaladhivasa Ganapathi unique temple runs back for about 700 years), **Suparsha Cave** (tri-shakti linga - Kali, Lakshmi, Saraswathi, the 3 separate lingas), Malpe Beach, Trasi Maravanthe Beach and Mattu Beach. Chandramouleshwara Temple is another Udupi Attractions which is dedicated to Lord Shiva and other places include Hasta Shilpa, Anatomy Museum, Heritage village, End Point, Anantheshwar Temple and Smrithi Bhavan.



KUDREMUKH NATIONAL PARK

The Kudremukh National Park is one of the most popular tourist places situated at a distance of 39 km from Moodbidri. The park is situated in the lush green environs of the Western Ghats and sprawls over an area of 600 sq km. The National Park has four mountain ranges namely, the Kudremukh, the Kerekatte, the Kalasa and Shimoga ranges. Kudremukh National Park is under the Global Tiger Conservation Priority I, which has been developed by the Wildlife Conservation Society and World Wide Fund, USA. The rivers Nethravathi, Tunga and the Bhadra originate within the Kudremukh National Park. A temple of goddess Bhagavathi is also situated within the park. **Jamalbad fort** is extremely rewarding as it presents a panoramic view of the surroundings situated at an elevation of 1700 feet and was

formerly called the Narasimha Ghada built by Tipu Sultan. It is an old hilltop fortification which is located in the Kudremukh Hills, 65 km from Mangalore. Jamalabad is a very popular trekking destination and has been classified as a medium difficulty trekking site.



DHARMASTHALA

Dharmasthala (<http://www.shridharmasthala.org/>) is an temple town on the banks of the Nethravathi River in the Belthangadi taluk of the Dakshina Kannada district. Dharmasthala Shri Manjunatha Swamy Temple, represents religious tolerance here, the Jain Theerthankara is worshipped on the same consecrated grounds as the native Daivas and Lord Manjunatha (Lord Shiva). Other places include **Shri Chandranatha Swamy Temple, Shri Annappa Swamy Betta, Shri Bahubali Hill, S.D.M.Oriental Library, Manjusha Museum, Vintage Car Museum, Jama Ugrana, Aquarium.**

