

ANCIENT DIMBULAGALA HILL HIDDEN FROM LOCAL/FOREIGN TOURISTS.

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Dimbulagala Hill, which is about 18 kilometers away from Polonnaruwa Kaduruwela town, is an ancient place that is not much visited by tourists. Dating back to the 1st century BC, this Dimbulagala Buddhist center is an important place with black water pond, blue water pond, Buddhist colleges, Pulligoda paintings, panels with Brahmic word, stone Buddha statues. I engaged in a field visit to collect this kind of information. Similarly, because of my native village, I am very fond of this study. Local and foreign tourists do not pay attention to this tourist place because of their ignorance about this place. There are many reasons for it. Namely, limited historical records, remote location, weak tourism promotions, limited local knowledge and rumors, limited infrastructure, unrecognized cultural diversity, there are many activities to attract tourists to Dimbulagala. That is, the infrastructure should be developed systematically. For that, the support of the government as well as the local communities should be taken. Likewise, Dimbulagala Mountain has plant communities rich in dry zone biodiversity. Tourists should be informed about this. Research and Development: Invest in research and development to identify and showcase lesser-known attractions and historical aspects of Dimbulagala. This will allow for a more diverse and enriching tourist experience. Similarly, brochures and tourist advertisements should be published in the vicinity of famous tourist spots about Dimbulagala. Dimbulagala area is inhabited by various peoples like Sinhala, Tamil, Adivasi... They have their own culture. State or non-state organizations should intervene to show their cultures in front of tourists. The people of Dimbulagala village should be given knowledge about hospitality management. Similarly, tourists should be allowed to try things like Udesa water sports in the vicinity of Dimbulagala Lake. By considering all these details, the historical place called Dimbulagala can attract tourists from home and abroad.

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