Chennai-based World Storytelling Institute attempts to link storytelling with nature walk

The skill of storytelling in nature and about nature can be a great experience for people of all ages. It is quite different from reading it from the book, it is experiential narration leading to creation of direct mental images and lighting up the brain.

Although, storytelling is a skill, anyone can learn it. The key is to start simple with a few well crafted openers and prompts and slowly enhance competence through self-reflection and practice.
According to the Director of the Chennai-based World Storytelling Institute, Dr. Eric Miller, since storytelling and nature go so well together, his institute is compiling a list of places in forest areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka. It is thought that telling a story can be a great way to add interest and wonder to a walk through the forests and nature parks.

The list will give addresses of the forest areas in the Western Ghats mountains such as the Annamalai mountains and the Nilgiri mountains and the Eastern Ghats mountains, where people could walk in nature in parks and public places where there are many trees, places where one has to pay admission, sacred groves, etc.,

The list would also include walk in forest areas including, with government permission, in national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and reserve forests, and/or go trekking.

The first list of 16 such forest areas consisting of Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve; Anamalai Tiger Reserve; Aralam National Park; Bandipur National Park; Eravikulam National Park; Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary; Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park; Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve; Karimpuzha National Park; Mudumalai National Park; Mukurthi National Park; Nagarhole National Park; Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary; Silent Valley National Park; Sri Venkateswara National Park; Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary and Friends of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.