



Pinnawala Mahamevnawa Amadhara Buddhist Monastery

This is a small village monastery located in a former coconut plantation. You will get to see people coming and going, taking advantage of all the spiritual aspects of Buddhist daily life. This is a popular stop for people visiting the nearby Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.

You can visit us without an appointment, but if you would like to guarantee that a monk is available to take you on a tour or ask questions, or if you are a professional tour guide, please contact us at info@mahamevnawa.lk or call 070 31 33 961.

Things to See and Do

- Meditate
- Visit the English library
- Talk with monks about Buddhism
- Get meditation instructions from the monks

What to Bring

- Water bottle. Free drinking water available.
- Umbrella to protect from sun.
- Shoes that can be easily removed
- If you like, flowers to offer at shrines.

Attractions near the monastery

- Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Dedigama Kotawehera, ancient stupa ruins
- Pinnawala Zoo

Distance from...

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage: 1.1 km

Pinnawala Zoo: 1.8 km

Our headquarters in Polgahawela: 25 km

Kandy: 42 km

Monastery Open Hours

Everyday 8 am to 9 pm

Evening Puja: 6pm

Directions

As you travel people will be happy to help you on your way if you mention to them that you are going to Mahamevnawa (maha MAY oo naa wa) Buddhist Monastery.

By train: Get off at the Rambukkana Station. Walk to the bus stand and get a bus heading to Kegalle, and get off at Bathamure Handiya (3 km). From there take a three wheeler to Mahamevnawa Bhavana Asapuwa. It is also not expensive to take a three wheeler all the way from the station.

From Kegalle: Take a bus heading to Rambukkana and get off at the Bathambure Handiya. From there you may walk or take a three wheeler to Mahamevnawa Bhavana Asapuwa.

From Colombo: Get a bus heading to Kandy and get off at Karandu-pana Handiya and take a bus heading to Rambukkana and get off at Bathamure Handiya. From there you may walk or take a three wheeler to Mahamevnawa Bhavana Asapuwa.

From Kandy: Get a bus heading to Colombo and get off at the Karandu-pana Handiya. Take a bus heading to Rambukkana and get off at Bathamure Handiya. From there you may walk or take a three wheeler to Mahamevnawa Bhavana Asapuwa.

Monastery Information:

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