

Project Update: September 2013

As an effort to involve the visitors themselves in managing the solid waste littered on Kas plateau, we, along with the Satara Forest Department and the Joint Forest Management Committee have started a programme where visitors are helping to transport the segregated waste to the nearest city which can then be sent to recycling units. For the same, we are widely circulating the attached poster.

An Invite to be part of the Kas plateau Solid Waste Management Initiative

The waste story so far....
 Every year thousands of visitors come to Kas pathar to see the mass blooming of wild flowers. Sadly, each year, tourists leave behind tonnes of waste, waste that is proving to be a burden to both the plateau itself, and the local communities that call the plateau slopes their home.

After many months of forehead-slapping, the Satara Forest Department and the Kas pathar Van Samiti have come up with a sustainable waste management system- wherein the tourists themselves help keep Kas clean and green.

You too, can be part of this simple initiative and here's how-

The problem: Kilos of waste left behind by the visitors



As an eco-tourist, we request you to help transport a certain amount of this waste down to Satara in your car/ bus, a trip that would have cost the two waste collectors most of their income. All you have to do is pick up 2-3 neatly tied waste sacks and load it in your vehicle





Once at Satara, you simply have to place the bags in any waste bin on your way.

Here's where YOU can contribute immensely

The Pathar heroes- who collect, segregate, weigh & store around 50kg of waste generated per week



Questions looming in front of the plateau managers

- 1) We can't burn the waste, due to environmental & health costs !!!
- 2) We can't store it for long, as dogs can create a havoc !!!
- 3) No recycling units nearby, so waste has to be transported regularly to Satara, increasing the cost !!!

Our tie up with the ragpickers at Satara ensures that this segregated waste is properly disposed off with



★ Waste removal is quick, simple and sustainable

★ You are now part of the system, and can proudly call yourself a responsible ecotourist

★ The Satara Forest Dept. has agreed to acknowledge your help on the official Kas plateau website: www.kas.ind.in

To Participate please contact:
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There is no alternative to reducing waste.....

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