



It's rocking

Natch Bharat! Natch the famous too busy the all-time super hit movie Sholay echoes in one reaches Ramataganah, just westward where Gabbar Da abba was. Who would have ever imagined Sholay that was shot in Ramataganah would be such a big hit and that the movie would rock over three decades. I guess such is the magic of Ramataganah (Sholay).

Ramataganah is particularly called the 'Rock Climbers' Mecca' at 2000s AD. It is spread over 8-9 kms to rail station comprising seven major hills, many tributaries and large boulders. A weekend or a holiday would mean that you get to see the rock climbers of Bangalore doing what they do the best, climbing these magnificent rock faces and enjoying the view of the place.

The boulders of all kinds and shapes in Ramataganah present challenges to a climber and an experienced climber, making the trek up to the hill more and more exciting. The texture of the rock varies up off the shore in case you are not careful enough. But what the heck, there is nothing but in having few boulders here and there when you want to do some good bouldering.

As you explore the landscape you will find few good rappelling faces, you could just be ropes and start rappelling or you could use the boulder to get up the main face and then rapel down. The rock face near the pond on the hill have some protected routes and if you are confident enough, know the basics of rock climbing and have climbing gear and equipments that is harness, carabiners, locking device, ropes, quick draws, climbing shoes and a good partner to help, you could do some real rock climbing all day long.

Whatever the case may be any activity in adventure sports has to be a calculated risk and it is important to take the calculated risk more seriously. The rock are always there to climb only if it is fun safe.

The splendid landscape surrounding the hill are picture perfect and give enough room to a few more women to click around. Every shot and every frame can reflect the way one feel about the rock.

Every place has a history, so does Ramataganah have a vibrant one shot out to most valley present — it is the largest circus marketing center. The name Ramataganah was officially christened in 1940, originates from the village Ramagan or the fort Hill of Ravalwada betta (hill of bad land).

Ramataganah is around 50 kms from Bangalore on the Bangalore Mysore highway and is the taluk center for Bangalore Rural district. Situated on the banks of the river Arkavati, mention of Ramataganah is recorded as early as 268 AD during the rule of Alavaras to Gangas, Chalukas, Chalukyas, Hoysalas, Vijayanagar rulers, Koppayyasa, Mysore kings, Hyder Ali, Tipu Sultan and the British.

The hill has a lot from temple that is built in the Dravidian style. In many other the place was of good strategic significance. It is also believed that saint Sri Rameswarcharya had visited the hill. There is a mention of Ramagan in Ramapur, 16th-century works of Ramachandrayya and in Ramana acharya.

As a traveler who would like to just visit as an adventure sport enthusiast wanting to scale the rock faces, Ramataganah simply rocks. All you need to do is have a rocking time and keep the place after too.

Sholay country



A rock climber's delight



Care to climb every mountain

