

Safety measures to be abided by the tourists during monsoon

At beaches

Port department and tourism department have issued instructions to not conduct any water activities in water bodies like sea and beaches from 1st June 2022 to 31st August, 2022. Water sports are completely banned during this time. Hence, anybody indulging in water activities will be punishable offence.

Considering local attractions, the local administration issued **Prohibition orders**, under the disaster management act, which **MUST** be followed by tourists:

- One must **AVOID** visiting beaches during high tides
- One must **NOT** swim in the sea during monsoon

At trekking sites

Group Treks on hill forts and other treks will be encouraged

Solo treks must be **AVOIDED**

AVOID visiting places that are prone to landslides.

Utmost care must be taken while walking at slippery places

At waterfalls

Safety instructions given by the local authorities/ respective departments under whose jurisdiction the waterfall comes, like the forest, irrigation department etc., must be abided.

- When visiting a waterfall, **AVOID** consuming alcohol
- Tourists must **NOT** stand under the waterfall, especially during rainfall
- Take utmost care at the skirts of a deep valley
- **DO NOT** take selfies under the waterfall or near the valley

Other instructions:

- Adventure tour operators/ companies/ individuals organizing monsoon tours **MUST** follow all the rules & regulations mentioned in the Adventure Tourism policy, 2021. The policy can be downloaded from the policies section of www.maharashtratourism.gov.in
- During heavy rainfall and flows, tourists must **NOT** enter the water bodies like dams, lakes, rivers as well as water streams
- During flood/water logging on roads, the **tourist vehicles** must **NOT** take their vehicles on the roads that are flooded. They **MUST** wait for the water level to decrease.