Road network and transportation facilities in Sri Pada Mountain area ? influence on flow of people along the trails

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Sri Pada Mountain is one of the most sacred places in Sri Lanka in the Peak Wilderness protected area which is covered by 3 districts. The purpose of climbing the mountain ranges mainly from worshiping the foot print on the top of the Mountain (believed to be the footprints of the "Load Buddha" and other religions have their own perspectives) to site seen. There are many trails to climb the Sri Pada Mountain. Sri Pada Mountain season starts from full moon day (Poya day) of December of each year and ends in full moon day of the following year. Average climbers to the top of the mountain said to be 2-3 million per season each year.

This paper discusses the distribution of road network and other associated facilities with the transportation to find the influence on the flow of people for future planning.

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