

## Volunteer Trash Cleanup Project in Yagirala Rainforest to Celebrate Earth Day 2014

April 28, 2014 -- [Rainforest Protectors of Sri Lanka](http://www.RainforestProtectors.org) (RPSL) successfully completed a trash cleanup project at Yagirala Rainforest on Saturday April 26, 2014 to celebrate Earth Day which fell on April 22. Yagirala is a 2,000 hectare Rainforest situated in Kalutara district and is home to a Buddhist forest monastery perched on a rock.

Unfortunately some visitors to the forest leave behind their non-biodegradable plastic, polythene and liquor bottles which accumulate over time causing an eye sore as well as health hazards. Twelve volunteers from the RPSL association, including four students from Vavuniya and a few locals helped cleanup over one hundred arrack bottles and beer cans as well as other non-biodegradable waste such as plastic and polythene scattered along pathways in the forest and bathing locations.



Rainforest Protectors of Sri Lanka wish to thank the Yagirala Temple priest for hosting the volunteers and coordinating with the local Police to ensure proper action is taken against polluters in the future. While we hope the authorities will take immediate action to keep this Rainforest clean and beautiful, we also urge visitors to Sri Lanka's Forests and National Parks to follow ethics and not leave behind any waste that can pollute our precious environment.

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