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The Madras High Court has refused to lift the temporary stay on operating boating services for tourists on Pykara Lake in the Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu.

## **Pykara Lake**

It is situated at a distance of about 20 km from Ooty, in the Nilgiri district of Tamil Nadu.

It is formed as a result of the construction of the Pykara Dam over the Pykara River.

The Pykara River, which originates from the Mukurthi peak, is the largest river in the district and is revered by the Todas, an Adivasi community, who consider it to be sacred.

The dam also has a powerhouse, which is one of the oldest power plants in South India and is generating about 60 megawatts of electricity.

A few hundred meters north of the lake, the river tumbles down the rocks to form the famous Pykara Falls.

Pykara Falls consists of two cascades that fall from a height of about 55 meters and 61 meters, respectively.

The lake is surrounded by the thick forest of Mukurthi National Park (MNP). As part of the Western Ghats, it MNP has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012.