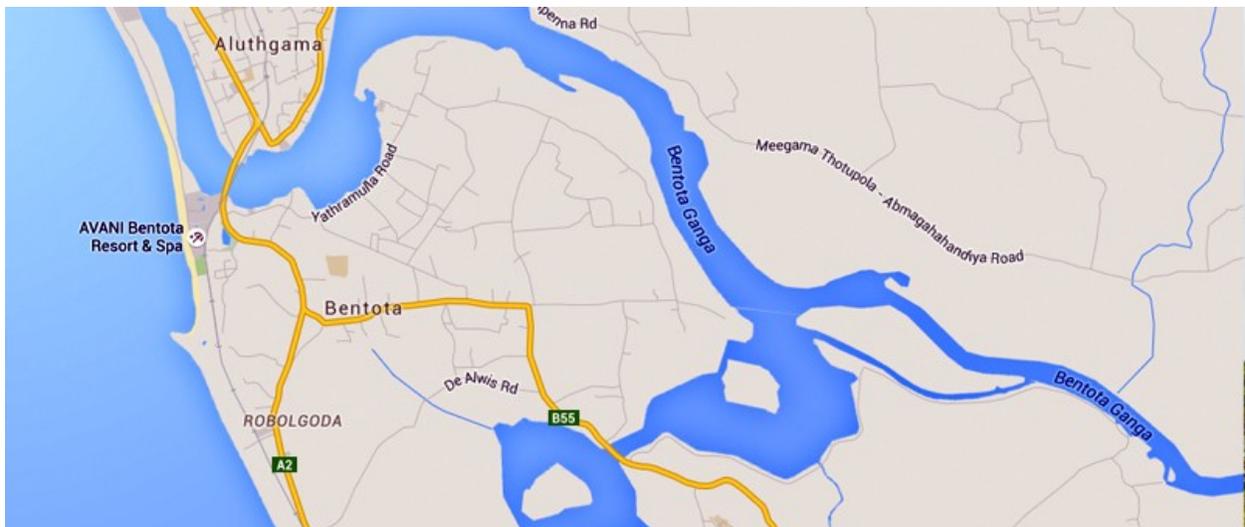


River that flows through 28,000 years old civilization

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Walallawita is situated in the Kalutara District of the Western Province. It is blessed by nature, possessing ecological treasures such as primeval tropical forests (the Yagirala Reserve being the largest, comprising nearly 10,000 acres of natural forest), an abundance of natural resources and labour, and a salubrious climate. As a whole, it consists of hilly areas, plains and valleys. A worthy aim would be to introduce and promote tourism in Walallawita, as also to promote the Pahurukanda temple and the Yagirala Nature Reserve as focal points for the development of other potential tourist attractions in the area.



Walallawita has rich mineral deposits: graphite, gems, and a variety of industrial clays. Even today, you can visit the Bogodakanda plumbago mine. Walallawita is located roughly mid-wetland, in the path of the south-west monsoon blowing in from the Indian Ocean. The climate is moderately tropical; the warmest months are April and August, and the coldest is December. In Walallawita, there are approximately four major rivers and streams whose length exceeds 100 kilometres. There are also many other minor freshwater sources in the area.



Humans lived in the Walallawita region as far back as 28,000 years ago. Unexcavated caves belonging to the Pahurakanda temple bear evidence to this, according to expert archaeologists. The list of reserves in the area are the Yagirala Forest Reserve, Kalugala Proposed Reserve, Haycock Reserve, Halawalkele Government Forest, Meegahatenne Reserve, Uggalkaduwa-Pareigama Natural Forest, Paniyawala Reserve and the Ittapana Mangrove Forest.



Historically and culturally significant places in the vicinity include the ancient Pahurakanda temple and its surroundings, and the Weligalpotte monastery. Other attractions are Bangalakanda, Didduwa Island, Pahala Hewessa, Uthumgama-Panagala stream, Gonkaradola stream, Batahendola stream and Yattapata Water. Bentota river cruise is the most romantic way to reach

Walallawita and it takes about 6 hours from the departure point at Bentota. See the wildlife as you travel up the Bentota River to your stopping point, Pahuru Kanda Temple is about a 1km climb from the river.