Second nature walk at Lake

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Calcuttans can walk the wild side on Saturday night by joining the second nature walk at the Lakes.

“We are restricting the number of participants to 15-20 so that each one can experience the magic,” said Arjan Basu Roy of NGO Nature Mates-Nature Club, who is organising the walk.

An IT professional, a merchandiser, a writer and a zoology student are among those who have signed up. Registrations are still open but “very few” spots remain to be filled.

“I have heard that there are fishing cats and palm civets in the area. If I am lucky, I will get a chance to see them as well as different species of birds and owls that live in the trees,” said Sunando Majumdar, writer and a nature photography enthusiast.

Basu Roy cautioned against expecting too much. “A nature trail cannot be tailor-made. We cannot ensure that you will be able to see a roosting butterfly or a hooting owl. It’s not like Animal Planet. For five minutes of action, you may have to wait for five months!” he said.

If torches were short on the first nature walk on January 12, this time the walkers will be provided with head lights. Six people will guide the gang. While the first nature walk was free, this time there is a registration fee of Rs 200, which would go into sustaining future walks.

The group is considering holding walks at Subhas Sarobar, Bonobitan, Deshbandhu Park, Maidan, Victoria Memorial and The Tollygunge Club.
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