

Tee time play for kids

Watch This Space Every Friday For A Place You Can Take Your Children To And Have Fun. This Week, Kamini Mathai Goes Golfing



**CHENNAI for
CHILDREN**

What to see: Tom Thumb at AKDR Golf Village

Where: 3/381, Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR), Mettukuppam, Chennai - 600097 (around 400 metres after Fortune Hotel); Ph: 2496 1617

When: 7 am to 7 pm (until they get floodlights, after which you can play till 9 pm)

How much: Rs 50 per adult to enter. Children under 15 can get in free. A game of Tom Thumb, which is their nine-hole mini golf course or putting range, costs Rs 100. Renting a club is Rs 10.

Age group most likely to be fascinated: Three years and above.

What you're likely to see: Since AKDR Golf Village has just opened, rules and regu-



FUN WORLD: Children have a gala time at AKDR Golf Village

lations and prices are still pretty fluid but the management is putting them in place pretty fast. The Tom Thumb mini golf course is perfect for children (above the age of three) and they are bound to enjoy their session here. If your child finds the adult clubs too heavy, you can ask Prithvi, the person in charge of Tom Thumb, for the kid's club. Unfortunately, though,

AKDR only has one of these available on rent. But the adult clubs aren't too heavy at all and most children use them. Now, the course has nine holes, each with varying grades of difficulty.

The first hole for instance is the simplest with just a straight shot involved. The second hole, with a mound in the centre and two drain holes in between is a lot tougher.

Things get more exciting on the third hole, which has two little sand triangles on the way where you can get stuck forever. One of the holes even has a little granite barricade with just the tiniest of ways through.

It's really a lot of fun for both adults and children, the only thing is you have got to watch your children closely in between the holes.

It's pretty tempting to just leap across from one hole to the next because they are so deceptively close but just one slip and your children can get muddy... muddy wet... and that can pretty much put a dampener on your outing. Those more serious about Tom Thumb can use the score card but for the rest, there's enough fun in just trying.

In terms of refreshments, AKDR has a café here. There's not much on offer right now but there will be soon, we were assured. Best time to go would be around 4.30-5 in the evening as Tom Thumb is in the open.

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