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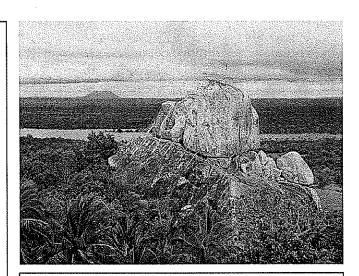
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Aradhana Gala (The rock of invitation)

This is located at the top of the Mihinthale mountain. This is said to be the rock where Mahinda Thero stood with his disciples and spoke to king Devamnampiyatissa who was chasing after a deer at the bottom of the mountain. Others believe that Sumana Samanera (novice monk) got on to the top of this rock and invited the deities and gods of the heavens above to listen to the sermon of the Mahinda Maha Thero.

http://www.angelfire.com/planet/heritagesl/mihinthalawa/mihinthale.htm

Arhat Mihindu's words to the King Devanam Piyatissa

"Samana mayan Maharaja - Dhamma Rajassa Savako- Imaya Aanukampaya – Jambu Deepan idha gatha."

We are the disciples of the great teacher, Buddha who has discovered the Noble Path to the total emancipation and have come here from Jambu Deepa (Dambadiva) to be of assistance to you.

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It was in Sri Lanka in 246 BCE that the Buddhist apostle Arhat Mahinda Thero, special envoy of his father (Asoka, 264 - 267 BCE King of India), met King Devanampiyatissa (307 - 267 BCE) on the full moon day in the month of Poson and officially introduced Buddhism to Sri Lanka. Therefore, Mihintale is the place to be during this time. It commemorates the establishment and the Dispensation of The Buddha (Buddhasasana) in Sri Lanka. Therefore this is a very important religious day for all Buddhists.

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