

Overview

About Peb Fort Trek

Trekking near <u>Mumbai</u> to Peb Fort or Vikatgad around four km from Neral Railway Station. Peb Fort is a delightful trek in the Monsoon season. Also known as the Vikatgad Trek, the hike passes through a local village and many waterfalls. The Trek near the Foothills of <u>Matheran's</u> offers all that a trekker can ask for climbing ladders, navigating rock patches, ancient caves, dense forest, ridge walking, pleasant weather. Peb Fort <u>Trek</u> can be combined with a Matheran visit, or you can trek till Panorama point Matheran. Excellent for new trekkers, a village guide or guided tour will make the Trek more enjoyable.

Peb Fort History

It is assumed that this fort derived its name Peb from the 'Goddess Pebi' at the base of the fort. Historical references indicate that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj used the caves on the fort as silos for grain storage.

The cave on the fort is occupied by disciples of Swami Samarth, a great saint. They have contributed a lot to the development of this fort for the last ten years. They have managed successfully to keep the cave and the fort clean and maintained the dignity of the Peb fort. Near to this cave are meditation caverns, which are underground. These caverns are still in good condition. One has to crawl into these, and only one man can enter at one time.

In monsoon, two of these are filled with water. On the top, we can go by climbing the fort's wall; On the top, we can see some remnants. The main attraction here is the bastion on the topmost part. Bastion faces the mountain of Matheran. Here we can see the ridge connecting the mountains of Matheran and Peb. When we stand here, we feel like to be at the top of the world.

On the other side of the fort is a temple of a deity. Here is a big cistern. The disciples are constructing a good temple here. We can reside here for some time. The beautiful waterfall on the way is the main attraction here. The surrounding scenery looks marvellous from the cave in the monsoon. We also see the pinnacles of Navara-Navari, Bhatoba and Irshalgad Fort, and Chanderi Fort, Prabalgad Fort, Kalavantin Durg and Malanggad and also Nakhind Ridge. This trekking is pleasant in all seasons.

Peb Fort Trek Event Details

- Peb Fort Height is 2100 feet above sea level
- Peb Fort Type is Hill Fort
- District Raigad
- Peb Fort Trek Difficulty is Medium and Risky
- Peb Trek nearest railway station is Neral
- Cost for the Trek: Rs. 999/- per person

Peb Fort Trek Event Itinerary

Catch Karjat fast local from CSMT.

CSMT - Karjat fastlocal time table.

- 05:46 am Mumbai CSMT
- 05:53 am Byculla
- 05:59 am Dadar
- 06:06 am Kurla
- 06:10 am Ghatkopar
- 06:25 am Thane
- 06:41 am Dombivli
- 06:50 am Kalyan
- 07:27 am Neral

07:30 am - Meeting point at Neral railway station.

07:45 am - Have Breakfast.

08:30 am - Starts trek towards Peb Fort.

11:30 am - Reach on top of Peb Fort. Explore and have packed Lunch.

12:30 pm - Leave for Dasturi Naka, Matheran.

02:00 pm - Reach at Dasturi Naka and take taxi for Neral station.

06:00 pm - Reach Neral railway station and disperse.

Please note

- Please carry packed lunch for this trek
- Please wear trekking shoes for this trek with a good grip.
- People may board the same train from their respective stations of convenience.
- Missing the train is missing Peb Trek, no refund will be provided.
- If you wrongly booked for different date or batch. And you want to change date within 3 days of departure, then transfer charges will be applied which will be Rs. 200/- per person.

Inclusions

- 1 veg Breakfast
- Local taxi from Dasturi Naka to Neral
- Matheran Forest entry charges
- Trek Leader Expertise Charges
- E-certificate

Exclusions

- Lunch for the trek
- Travel till Neral and back
- Mineral water/lime water/ purchased for personal consumption

- All kinds of Extra Meals / soft drinks ordered
- Any kind of personal expenses
- Any kind of cost which is not mentioned in the cost includes above
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required

Highlights

- 2/3 liters of water.
- Lunch for the trek
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on trek.
- One Day Backpack 20 to 30 liters.
- Good Torch must with extra battery.
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars.
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets.
- Rains are expected, so pack your bags accordingly to save them from getting wet.
- Double pack your valuables / phones in plastic bags.
- Rainwear / Poncho / Waterproof jacket etc. if you don't want to get wet.
- Sun Cap and Sunscreen.
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine.
- Identity Proof.
- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles.

Cancellation Policy

- 75% refund if notified via phone conversation 8 or more days prior to the event date.
- 50 % refund if notified via phone conversation 4 to 7 days prior to the event date.
- No refund if the cancellation requested is less than 3 days prior to the event date
- No show No Refund.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another date against cancellation.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another person against cancellation.
- If the event gets canceled we will refund "Trek Amount" only.

- If the event is canceled due to any natural calamity, political unrest or other such reasons beyond our control the same cancellation policy will apply.
- Refunds won't be issued if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns or a personal medical emergency.
- Your booking cannot be shifted to another date if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns, or a personal medical emergency.
- If your area is prone to flooding, traveling from a flooded area, heavy traffic, heavy rains, missing the train, or any other reason, if you cannot attend the event, we won't issue a refund or shift you to another date.
- Management won't be held responsible if you are stuck due to heavy rains, traffic
 jams, personal emergencies or floods during the event.
- If you are bringing kids, please understand the possibility of getting stuck or delayed. You might have to stay back due to heavy rains, floods, bus breakdowns, and rush at the trekking destination. We won't be able to refund or shift you to another date. You will have to wait it out till the weather clears.
- Due to bad weather, floods, sudden changes in government rules, and overcrowding at the destination trek, the organizer has the right to change the trekking destination.
- During the trek, due to any circumstances seen or unseen trek leader has the right to cancel the trek for safety reason. No refund shall be issued.

Treks and Trails Event Rules

- Kindly carry one Identity proof, at least for the trek with your address.
- We all are going for an adventurous and exciting trekking expedition; please Do Not misinterpret it as a PICNIC or LEISURE TOUR.
- The leader's decision will be final, and all the members should abide by it.
- We do not destroy or dirty the archaeological, historical monuments, natural habitat on the trek.
- Swimming is not allowed in the lake or water tank on the forts. Locals use that water for drinking.
- Putting your feet in water tanks or on the canon is not allowed on our treks.
- Any addiction is strictly prohibited, e.g. drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco anyone caught doing it will have to exit the trek without a refund and travel back on own expense.

- People caught smoking or drinking alcohol will be asked to exit the event on an immediate basis.
- Please do not carry or wear any valuables, ornaments, jewellery, etc. If carried, then we Do Not take any liability for the same.
- Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Trekking, or any adventure activity is potentially risky.
 For all these events, you are at your own risk. Organizers are not responsible for any accident or compensation in whatsoever manner.
- We should strictly follow the code of conduct to avoid troubling our fellow trekkers or other people from our group or outside.
- Listening to music on earphones or Bluetooth speakers is not allowed while trekking.
- Bluetooth speaker not allowed inside the homestay or camping tents.
- Drinking/smoking,/eating is not allowed inside the tents.
- If you damage the tent, break the tent poles, you will have to pay us for the whole new tent on MRP.
- If you are late for the bus pickup and are not reachable on the phone during your bus pickup, the trek leader will leave without you, and we will provide no refund.
- Please check things to carry and wear trekking shoes on our treks.

Itinerary

Are you an adventurer who loves trekking? Completing a trek can be a life-changing experience that leaves you with unforgettable memories. To commemorate your achievement, TreksandTrails provides e-certificates to all participants who successfully complete their trek. These e-certificates include your name, the name of the trek you completed, the date of completion, and a digital signature from TreksandTrails. They are a perfect way to showcase your accomplishment to the world and share your trekking journey with your loved ones. By receiving an e-certificate from TreksandTrails, you can proudly display your achievement on your social media platforms and inspire others to embark on their own adventures.

Here are some FAQs about our e-certificates:

Q: What is an e-certificate for trekkers and hikers?

A: An e-certificate is a digital certificate awarded to participants upon completion of a trek or hike. It serves as proof of participation and achievement.

Q: How do I receive an e-certificate from TreksandTrails?

A: Upon completion of your trek or hike with TreksandTrails, you will be sent an email with a link to your e-certificate. You can download it from the link and save it on your device or share it on social media platforms.

Q: Can I share my e-certificate on social media platforms?

A: Yes, you can share your e-certificate on all social media platforms. The e-certificate is designed to be easily shareable, so you can show off your achievement to your friends and family.

Eligibility Criteria for a Trekking Certificate:

To be eligible for a trekking certificate, individuals must demonstrate adherence to safety rules, teamwork, and cooperation.

Participants must achieve the following requirements for earning a trekking certificate: completion of the trek; physical fitness; teamwork and cooperation; knowledge of safety rules; environmental awareness; a positive attitude; great attendance; and punctuality. We appreciate their commitment to the sport of trekking and acknowledge their achievements.

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1. Why Should you Join Peb Fort Vikatgad Trek?

Mumbai trekkers know the Hill Station of Matheran for its grand landscapes and peaceful environment. However, there is a lesser-known gem hidden within it: Peb Fort, also called Vikatgad Trek. Peb fort is located at the southernmost point of Matheran and offers breathtaking views of Neral on one side and Horseshoe Point. This Matheran trek surrounded by impenetrable forests will make you feel like you have been brought to another planet.

Peb trek is a short but challenging trek that awaits hikers willing to go through this beautiful yet rugged terrain that bends up and down steep hills with little space between them. You can also take advantage of rock climbing or waterfalls nearby! Vikatgad Peb fort is perfect for those who want a trek without having to travel far from Mumbai.

2. How to reach Peb Trek Base village Anandwadi?

Anandwadi is located within walking distance from Neral Station on the Central railway. Your return train ticket will cost Rs 60 from CSMT to Neral railway station. Neral is also the nearest railway station to Matheran. <u>Trek groups Mumbai</u> organise the Peb Trek on weekends from Mumbai and Thane.

3. How many routes are available for Peb Fort Trek?

Tucked away in the Matheran is a hidden treasure of Maharashtra. The monsoon season brings about its most charming side as rich green woodlands are covered with fog blankets. Trek to Peb Fort near Karjat is one such trail that provides spectacular views, waterfalls and rock climbing opportunities all in one day.

Five trek routes join at the Peb fort, and Mumbai trekkers prefer Neral to Anandwadi to Peb Fort to Junction 134 on the Neral Matheran road. If you plan to descend instead of climbing, you can start the trek from Junction 134. It is advisable to join a trekking group in Mumbai for this trek near Karjat.

The other three routes are we suggest guides and post-monsoon season for the below three treks.

- 1. Vangani to Nakhind Ridge to Peb Fort to Junction 134
- 2. Panvel to Maldunge village to Peb fort
- 3. Vaghachi wadi to Peb Fort

4. Is there a water source available on the Peb Fort?

It is better to carry your water and packed food for Vikatgad Peb Trek. Most water sources are polluted on the trek.

5. Are there waterfalls on Peb Fort trek?

Tapalwadi Waterfall and Anandwadi Waterfall are sister waterfalls situated at the base of Peb fort. There are many waterfalls near Junction 134 on Neral Matheran Road.

6. How difficult is the Peb fort trek route?

The hiking trail near Matheran is crowded during the weekends, and thousands of trekkers either descend or ascend the Peb fort trek route. Trek route is slippery in sections, has one rock climbing patch, a large traverse, few steel ladders to climb and descend. Good hiking shoes are a must for this trek. Watch out for falling rocks on the Peb Vikatgad.

7. Can we pitch a camping tent on Matheran trekking at Peb Vikatgad Trek?

Camping is not allowed by the forest department on the Vikatgad fort trek route.

8. Famous trekking in Matheran routes?

Matheran is a hill station near Mumbai. Maharashtra trekkers from all over come to Matheran for its scenic beauty, including waterfalls, caves, and rock climbing opportunities. Some of the popular Matheran trek routes are available in the area are Peb Trek, Dodhani to Matheran Trek, Garbett Point Trek, One Tree Hill Point Trek. You'll see numerous different kinds of plants, snakes and animals along the way as you get closer to your destination.

9. How to trek with kids during a trek?

Trekking with kids can be a fantastic family adventure! Here are some tips to make it a great experience: Choose trails suitable for their age and abilities. Pack plenty of snacks, water, and their favorite treats to keep their energy up. Encourage them to explore and appreciate nature along the way. Take regular breaks for rest and games. Ensure they have comfortable shoes and dress in layers for the changing weather. Embrace the adventure together and create lasting memories. Have fun!

10. Which trek do you recommend for kids around Mumbai?

For kid-friendly treks near Mumbai, there are several options to choose from. Sondai, Karnala, and Lohagad offer scenic trails with moderate difficulty suitable for children. Prabalmachi, Matheran, and Korigad provide a mix of nature and historical exploration. Jambulmal and One Tree Hill are ideal for shorter treks with beautiful views. Dodhani

Village in Matheran is another excellent choice for a family-friendly trek. Each of these destinations offers a unique experience and a chance for kids to connect with nature while enjoying the outdoors.

Kids trek near Mumbai - click here

In case your question is not listed above, you can email us at highfive@treksandtrails.org

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Reviews

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