Igatpuri Camping | Fireflies Festival Camping 2025 | Rs 1399 per head

1 night, 1 day

Overview

About Igatpuri Fireflies Camping
Experience Magical Fireflies Camping at Igatpuri During Kajwa Mahotsav

Looking for the best fireflies camping near Mumbai or Nashik? Our hidden lakeside campsite in Igatpuri is the perfect destination during the Kajwa Mahotsav, a seasonal firefly festival that lights up the jungle just before the monsoons. If you've ever wondered about fireflies—how they glow or why they appear in large numbers during this time—Kajwa Mahotsav is your chance to witness nature's light show up close.

Nestled deep inside a scenic forest, our Igatpuri fireflies camping site is intentionally offbeat, giving you a raw and authentic nature escape. With lake-facing tents and stunning sunset views, it's a haven for nature lovers, landscape photographers, and stargazers. Evening tea and snacks are served as the sky starts glowing—not just from the sun, but from thousands of twinkling fireflies.

Fireflies camping for kids a magical night in nature, watching glowing insects light up the forest like twinkling stars. The *fireflies effect* creates a magical, twinkling ambiance in nature, enchanting both kids and adults during fireflies camping nights. Fireflies emit light through a natural chemical reaction called bioluminescence, creating their iconic glow in the dark.

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Why should you visit Igatpuri for fireflies camping?

Because it's one of the few places in Maharashtra where you can see fireflies in their natural habitat, dancing through the trees and grasslands. It's a magical experience for kids, couples, and weekend travelers looking for something truly unforgettable.

Arrive early to enjoy sunset and maximize your stay. Wake up to birdsong and catch the sunrise over our private, serene Secret Camping Lake. Bird watching, photography, and bonfires under a starlit sky make this a complete camping experience. Indian toilets and secure parking are available on-site for your comfort.

Check-out is at 10 am, but don't rush—our campsite manager will guide you to nearby sightseeing spots so you can make the most of your visit. Whether you're looking for camping near Mumbai, camping near Nashik, or a peaceful weekend getaway filled with natural wonders, our fireflies camping in Igatpuri is your perfect escape. Fireflies glow at night to attract mates, using their bioluminescent light as a natural signaling system.

Igatpuri Fireflies Camping Upcoming Batches:

- May: 17th,24th,31st
- June: 7th,14th

Alternate Fireflies Camping near me

Purushwadi Fireflies Festival Camping	Tribal village camping, guided firefly walks
Bhandardara Fireflies Camping	Cafeteria, Fireflies forest, secluded stay
Rajmachi Fireflies Camping	Fireflies Lonavala, Easy Trek and Comfortable Stay
Panshet Fireflies Camping	Fireflies Festival Pune 2025, Comfortable stay by the lake
Malshej Ghat Fireflies Camping	Fireflies Mumbai Pune, Rustic Camping nearby Lake
Prabalmachi Fireflies Camping	Fireflies Mumbai , Easy Trek and Camping

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Karjat Fireflies Camping	Fireflies Mumbai , Camping with small trek
Igatpuri Fireflies Glamping	Large tents, Jain Food only, Music
Sandhan Valley Fireflies Camping	Includes Sandhan Valley half trek

Igatpuri Fireflies Camping Highlights

- Location: Hidden Lakeside Campsite, Igatpuri
- Rainy Backup: Comfortable Dormitory-style Homestay if it rains
- Facilities: 2 Indian-style toilets available on-site
- Campfire Vibes: Chill around the bonfire under the stars
- Music: Enjoy speaker music to keep the vibes alive
- Limited Barbecue: Veg & Non-Veg options on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Local Food Delights: Veg, Non-Veg & Jain food available
- Lakeside Bliss: Perfect for sunset moments, selfies & relaxation
- Night Fireflies Walk: Witness the magical fireflies trail after sunset

Fireflies in Igatpuri create a breathtaking natural light show during pre-monsoon nights, making it a top destination for fireflies camping.

Please Note: Igatpuri Fireflies Festival 2025

- Firefly sightings depend on weather—nature's surprise element!
- Morning Breakfast: Fresh, local breakfast included
- Transport: Pickup from Kasara Station available for groups of 6 or more

This isn't just camping—it's a nature-powered adventure full of glowing moments and lakeside charm. Ideal for couples, friends, families, and solo travelers looking for a peaceful yet thrilling weekend escape.

Igatpuri Fireflies Festival Camping Cost (Plan A - Without Transport)

- Child (9 to 4 yrs): Rs. 849/- (per person)
- Adult (10 yrs and above): Rs. 1399/- (per person)

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Igatpuri Fireflies Festival Camping Cost (Plan B - Kasara to Kasara)

- Child (4 to 9 yrs): Rs. 1349/- (per person)
- Adult (10 yrs and above): Rs. 1899/- (per person)

Igatpuri Fireflies Camping Itinerary - Plan A (Own Transport)

Day 1 - Saturday - Fireflies event

- 04:00 pm - Check-in at the campsite
- 04:30 pm - Indoor and Outdoor Games
- 05:30 pm - Snacks and Tea (Maggi)
- 06:00 pm - Tent Allotment
- 06:30 pm - Watch Sunset and Relax in your tent.
- 07:30 pm to 08:30 pm - Barbeque (Limited - Veg/Non-Veg)
- 09:30 pm - Dinner (Veg/Non-Veg)
- 10:00 pm - Bonfires and Music on Speaker
- After dinner explore the nearby areas to view fireflies

Day 2 - Sunday Morning - Fireflies event

- 08:00 am - Wake up and freshen up.
- 08:30 am - Breakfast and Tea (Poha)
- 09:00 am - Swimming with Life Jacket
- 11:00 am - Check out from the campsite.

Igatpuri Fireflies Camping Itinerary - Plan B (Kasara to Kasara)

Catch CSMT - Kasara fast local

Day 1 – Saturday:

- 11:42 am CSMT

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- 11:49 am Byculla
- 11:55 am Dadar
- 12:02 pm Kurla
- 12:06 pm Ghatkopar
- 12:22 pm Thane
- 12:38 pm Dombivli
- 12:47 pm Kalyan
- 01:58 pm Kasara

02:00 pm - Arrive at Ksaara railway station and start the journey towards the campsite by local jeep.

Lunch at own Cost.

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Day 2 - Sunday Morning:

- 08:00 - Wake up and freshen up.
- 08:00 to 08:30 – Tea and Breakfast (Poha)
- Games: Badminton, Cricket
- 09:00 am - Swimming with Life Jacket
- 10:30 am - Check out from the Igatpuri Campsite. Start the return journey towards Kasara railway station.
- 12:00 pm - Reach at Kasara station and disperse.

Please Note:

- Swimming with the life jacket.
- If it Rains then there will be a homestay (Dormitory Type).

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- Male & Female Separate Stay.
- 2 Indian Toilets are available at the campsite.
- No Western Toilets are available.

Inclusions

- Transport for Plan B
- Evening Snacks, Dinner (Veg and Non-veg), and Breakfast
- Tent Stay on a sharing basis with a camping mat
- Swimming with a life jacket
- Morning breakfast
- Indian toilets available

Exclusions

- Any transportation.
- Lunch for day 1.
- All kinds of Extra Meals / soft drinks ordered.
- Any kind of personal expenses.
- Any kind of cost which is not mentioned in the cost included above.
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, and bad weather.
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required.

Highlights

- Hand sanitizer and spray (must)
- Torch with extra batteries
- Blanket
- Extra pair of clothes & towel
- Comfortable footwear
- Warm clothing (during winter)
- Personal medicines (if any)
- Mosquito repellent cream

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- Sun cap and Sunscreen
- Identity proof (must)

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.

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, or 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 at 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, jewelry, 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.

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- 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 speakers are not allowed inside the homestay or camping tents.
- Drinking/smoking,/eating is not allowed inside the tents.
- If you damage the tent, or 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

Firefly Eggs – Tiny Beacons of Life

Where are fireflies eggs laid?

Female fireflies lay their eggs in moist soil, leaf litter, moss, or under logs—anywhere dark, damp, and safe. These spots help protect the eggs from predators and drying out. Fireflies Habitat is warm, humid environments like forests, grasslands, and near water bodies with moist soil and minimal light pollution.

How many eggs do fireflies lay?

A single female firefly can lay 50 to 500 eggs, depending on the species. Fireflies bioluminescence is produced through a chemical reaction that occurs when a substance called luciferin reacts with the enzyme luciferase in the presence of oxygen, creating their iconic natural glow.

Do fireflies eggs glow?

Yes! Many species have bioluminescent eggs. They emit a faint greenish glow—a built-in defense mechanism to warn predators that they're not tasty. Fireflies go through four stages—egg, larva, pupa, and adult—but adults fireflies die soon in only a few weeks, just long enough to mate and lay eggs.

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How long before they hatch?

Firefly eggs usually hatch in 3 to 4 weeks. Once they hatch, the larvae (sometimes called "glowworms") continue to glow and live in the soil for months—even up to 2 years for some species—before becoming adult fireflies.

Firefles Fun Fact Fireflies bioluminescence is a chemical reaction involving luciferin and an enzyme called luciferase, combined with oxygen. This reaction produces cold light (no heat), which is incredibly efficient—better than any light bulb humans have made.

If you're heading for fireflies camping, tread gently—you're walking above hundreds of tiny glowing eggs and larvae getting ready for their moment in the night sky. Fireflies glow through a process called bioluminescence, where a chemical reaction between luciferin, luciferase, oxygen, and ATP produces light without heat.

Ah, the classic fireflies everywhere spotting challenge!

How many you can see on a tree depends on a few magical variables:

Factors That Affect Firefly Visibility on a Tree:

1. Time of year – Late May to early June is peak season (during Kajwa Mahotsav).
2. Weather – Warm, humid nights with no wind are perfect.
3. Type of tree – Trees with dense, broad leaves or shrubs close to water sources attract more.
4. Location – Forested or less light-polluted areas like Igatpuri, Bhandardara, or Rajmachi can have *hundreds* lighting up a single tree.

You might spot 50 to 200+ fireflies flickering across the branches of just *one* tree, especially if it's near water or a clearing. It's like nature's own Christmas tree—no wires needed.

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Want to make a fun interactive game or visual for your visitors around this? Could be perfect for a kids' zone or Instagram story!

Fireflies are disappearing due to habitat loss, light pollution, and pesticide use, which disrupt their life cycle and natural glowing signals. Climate change is also affecting their breeding and survival patterns.

Can women feel safe at the fireflies campsite?

Absolutely! The campsite is a safe and secure place for women and children. Our staff is always present to assist you and ensure your safety.

Will the food provided be sufficient? Can I request additional food if needed?

Rest assured, the food we provide is plentiful and filling. However, if you need extra food, you can easily order it directly at the campsite and pay for it there.

Is Jain food available at the campsite?

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Yes, we do offer Jain food. Please let us know in the comments section when making your booking.

Are there any wild animals in the vicinity?

No, there are no wild animals in the area surrounding the campsite.

Are unmarried couples permitted to stay at the campsite?

Absolutely! Camping is a wonderful experience for everyone, and we have no restrictions on who can stay at our campsite.

Are toilet facilities available at the campsite?

Yes, we have Indian-style toilets available at the campsite for your convenience.

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Can single female travelers sign up for these events?

Yes, we have a 60-40% or more male-female ratio on our events, and single female travelers are welcome to join us.

Is cash payment or spot payment accepted?

We do not accept cash payments. Registration is only possible with 100% upfront payment via Paytm, UPI, NEFT, IMPS, Payment Gateway, or Google Pay. On-the-spot payments are not accepted, as we need to make advance bookings for buses, jeeps, and other arrangements.

Places to visit around Igatpuri

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Igatpuri is a small hill station in the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is in the Western Ghats. Here are some places near Igatpuri where you can visit:

Bhandardara Dam It is about 28 km from Igatpuri and is a beautiful hill town called Bhandardara. You can go to the Bhandardara Dam, the Wilson Dam, the Randha Falls, and the Kalsubai Peak, which is the highest point in Maharashtra.

The **Tringalwadi Fort** is an old hill fort about 17 kilometres from Igatpuri. The fort has a wide view of the hills and rivers around it.

The **Amruteshwar Temple** is an old Shiva temple about 20 kilometres from Igatpuri. People know the building for its intricate carvings and design.

The **Ghatandevi Temple** is a well-known temple that is about 10 kilometres from Igatpuri on the road between Nashik and Mumbai. The temple is for the goddess Ghatandevi, and there are beautiful mountains all around it.

Vaitarna Dam is a beautiful dam about 8 kilometres from Igatpuri. The dam is surrounded by green hills and is a great place for picnics and walks through nature.

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Fun Facts about fireflies

What is the lifespan of a firefly?

In the wild, the life expectancy of a firefly is approximately one year on average. Adult fireflies typically only live for about two months, but their entire life cycle can span anywhere from a few months to a year. Given that there are over 2,000 different species of fireflies on the planet, their life spans will inevitably differ to some degree.

What causes fireflies to blink?

Fireflies use blinking to communicate with one another. The lights that flash are part of a way for male fireflies to attract females when they are trying to mate.

Each species of firefly has its own distinctive flash pattern, and the males and females belonging to the same species are able to recognise one another's patterns. Males use flashing to seek possible mates, and females use flashing to reply and signal their interest.

Why do fireflies glow in unison?

Fireflies produce a synchronised glow to attract potential mates. When the population reaches a specific density, all of the fireflies begin to blink at the same time. The firefly can find a mate more quickly through synchrony than any other method. The males will fly around and flash, and the females will mimic their behavior by flashing. After that, the males will fly toward the females, and the process will start again.

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What is the best time to see fireflies?

When you have the best chance of seeing fireflies depends on the species, as well as the location. Generally, the most active time of year for fireflies is during the summer, from May to August. The months leading up to the monsoon season, specifically May and June, are the best months to view these fireflies in their natural habitat. Because they are only active at night, fireflies spend most of their days on the ground among tall grasses. Because they like to hide in the tall grass, fireflies are difficult to spot unless you get down on your hands and knees to look for them.

What do fireflies eat?

They feed on other insects and prefer to live in damp areas, but fireflies are nocturnal. Carnivorous when they are in their larval stage, fireflies feed on soft-bodied insects that live on or in the ground, such as snails, slugs, worms, or even

other larvae of other insects. There are species of adult fireflies that do consume the nectar and pollen that they find on plants. They will go to various plants to obtain

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sufficient amounts of nectar and pollen. Some adult fireflies continue to feed on the larval invertebrates and soft-bodied insects they consumed when they were younger.r them.

Where to see them?

Fireflies Festival Mumbai, we have got you covered with the best destination where you can spot them in thousands. We will have to travel into the countryside away from light pollution. Around Mumbai, there are many destinations to spot Fireflies in Rajmachi Village, Siddhagad Wadi, Prabalmachi village, Bhandardara, Ghatghar, Kothaligad, Kondane Caves and Purushwadi many more.

Best months to see fireflies?

May and June, right before the monsoon season, are the best times to see these fireflies in their natural habitat.

How to see fireflies without using a torch?

To see fireflies without disturbing them, avoid using a flashlight or other artificial light. Here are some ways to watch fireflies without trying to hurt them:

- Pick a dark location: Fireflies are most active at night, so avoid artificial lights and light pollution.
- Let your eyes 15-20 minutes to acclimate to the darkness. This improves firefly visibility.
- Be patient: because fireflies are unpredictable, seeing them may take some time. Wait quietly for them.
- Watch for firefly patterns: Fireflies blink in patterns.
- A red light is preferable over a white light if you need to use a light source. Red light doesn't effect fireflies compared to white light.

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- Respect their environment: Because fireflies are sensitive to their surroundings, avoid disturbing them while they are active.
- Don't touch fireflies or use insect repellant or other pesticides.

Are fireflies endangered?

There are different species of firefly, and some of them are on the endangered species list while others are not. Some places have seen a drop in the number of fireflies because of things like habitat degradation, pollution, and the use of chemicals such as pesticides.

In India, the Western Ghats are home to fireflies that are now considered "vulnerable" because their habitat is being lost and broken up by things like deforestation and development. Fireflies in other parts of India are not on the list of endangered species right now, but their populations may need to be protected in the future through conservation efforts.

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How to conserve them

Conservation activities for fireflies can help safeguard their populations and preserve their survival in the wild. Here are some things you can do to help save fireflies:

- Protect their habitat. Fireflies can only live in certain places, like damp, humid places with little light pollution. People can help save fireflies by keeping these habitats safe from deforestation, urbanisation, and other human activities.
- Reduce the use of pesticides and other chemicals. Chemicals and pesticides can hurt fireflies and their homes. Lessening how much they are used can help to lessen these bad effects.
- Educate the public: letting people know how important fireflies are and what dangers they face can help to get more people involved in conservation. Programs that teach schools, communities, and tourists about fireflies can help with conservation and support for them.
- Support organisations that work to protect fireflies and their habitats. There are many groups that do this kind of work. You can help these groups' efforts by giving money or time to them or by volunteering.
- Responsible tourism means that when you go to places where fireflies live, you should respect their homes and try not to bother them. Don't use bright lights, don't catch or touch the fireflies, and follow any rules or guidelines set by the local government.

Are Fireflies Going Extinct?

No, fireflies as a whole are not extinct, but some species are endangered or declining, especially in places where their habitats are being destroyed.

Why Are Fireflies extinct or Disappearing?

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1. **Habitat Loss** – Urbanization, deforestation, and agriculture destroy the moist, dark environments fireflies need to thrive.

2. **Light Pollution** – Artificial lights disrupt firefly mating signals (they use bioluminescent flashes to find mates).

3. **Chemical Use** – Pesticides and pollution can kill firefly larvae and affect their ecosystems.

4. **Climate Change** – Shifting seasons, floods, and temperature changes mess with firefly breeding cycles.

Can We Save Fireflies Extinction?

Yes! Conservation efforts and awareness are growing. You can help by:

- Avoiding pesticide use
- Reducing outdoor lighting during firefly season
- Supporting eco-tourism and fireflies festivals (like the **Kajwa Mahotsav**)
- Preserving green spaces

So the next time you're at a **fireflies camping event**, you're not just enjoying a magical show—you're also supporting awareness and habitat preservation!

Fireflies Camping Pune

Fireflies Camping near Pune is a magical pre-monsoon escape where nature lights up the night sky with glowing fireflies. Ideal from late May to early June, this unique experience offers serene lakeside stays, forest treks, and a break from city chaos. Popular destinations include Panshet, Rajmachi, Marutiwadi, and Malshej Ghat—all within a few hours' drive from Pune. For adventure seekers, combine camping with scenic treks like Rajmachi Fort Trek or Andharban Jungle Trail. Whether you're looking for a romantic getaway or a family nature trip, fireflies camping around Pune promises wonder, peace, and a rare connection with nature.

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- Activity Camping
- Destination Maharashtra
- Duration 2 to 4 Days
- Reviews