

Bhairavgad Shirpunje to Ratangad Trek

2 nights, 2 days

Overview

Bhairavgad Shirpunje to Ratangad For Range Trek

An Offbeat Sahyadri Trek You Can't Miss – Open Only for One Month

If you're looking for a raw wilderness experience away from the usual crowded trails, this trek is for you. From ancient forts to hidden caves, wildflowers to starry skies, this journey offers everything a true trekker dreams of.

This exclusive range trek connects Bhairavgad (Shirpunje) to Ratangad, covering some of the most untouched landscapes of the Sahyadris. Starting from the 2,500-year-old Bhairavgad Fort, we move through rugged mountain passes and climb the longest continuous ladder in the Sahyadris at Ghanchakkar. The trail then leads us through Gawaldev and Muda, past ancient shepherd caves, and up to Katrabai peak before reaching the jewel of the Sahyadris, Ratangad Fort. The trek finally winds down to the forest village of Samrad.

Along the route, trekkers will:

- Witness rare wildflowers blooming across forest trails
- Have chances to spot leopards, vultures, and other wildlife
- Learn camping skills like pitching tents and cooking in the outdoors
- Share and enjoy local food together in the wilderness

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- Walk along ridges with views of Bhandardara Lake and the surrounding peaks

This is more than just a trek. It is a raw, offbeat Sahyadri expedition through history, culture, and nature that only a handful of trekkers will experience.

Bhairavgad to Ratangad Trek Details

- Region: Ahmednagar
- Trek endurance level: High
- Trek difficulty level: Moderate
- Trekker Fitness and Endurance: Medium and BMI under 30
- Good fitness and prior trekking experience is required.
- Cost: Rs. 4999/- per person

- Forts & Peaks - Bhairavgad Ghanchakkar Gawaldev Muda Katrabai Ratangad

- Receive a trekking E-certificate on completion of Bhairavgad to Ratangad Trek

Bhairavgad to Ratangad Trek Itinerary

Day 0 - Friday Night

Mumbai Participants

Catch CSMT – Kasara local

Kasara slow local

- 09:32 pm - CSMT
- 09:40 pm - Byculla
- 09:50 pm - Dadar
- 10:00 pm - Kurla
- 10:06 pm - Ghatkopar
- 10:27 pm - Thane
- 10:51 pm - Dombivli
- 11:03 pm - Kalyan

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- 12:13 am - Kasara

Pune participants

- Board Indrayani Express train from Pune at 06:35 pm
- Reach Kalyan 08:50 pm (have dinner before you board the local train)
- Board above local train till Kasara

Day 1 – Saturday | Into the Wilderness

12:30 am – Meet our Trek Leader at Kasara Railway Station.

12:45 am – Travel by private vehicle towards the base village, Shirpunje.

05:00 am – Arrive at Shirpunje. Freshen up and enjoy breakfast.

06:00 am – Begin our trek through the ancient Sahyadri route, ascending towards Bhairavgad Shirpunje and Ghanchakkar.

07:30 am – Reach the summit of Bhairavgad Shirpunje. Explore the fort and visit the temple for blessings.

08:30 am – Continue trekking towards the Ghanchakkar ladder.

10:30 am – Reach Ghanchakkar peak and take in the breathtaking views of the Sahyadris.

12:30 pm – After lunch, move towards Gawaldev. En route, explore Muda and the Gawaldev temple.

05:30 pm – Arrive at our campsite deep in the wilderness. Participants will set up tents together and take part in camp activities like pitching tents and cooking meals.

09:00 pm – Dinner under the stars. Experience a true million-star stay.

10:00 pm – Rest in tents surrounded by nature.

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Day 2 – Sunday | Peaks, Lakes, Forts & Forest Trails

05:00 am – Wake up to the first light of dawn in the Sahyadris. Freshen up and get ready for the day.

05:30 am – Enjoy a hot breakfast amidst the wilderness.

06:00 am – Begin the trek towards the mighty Katrabai peak, a trail filled with raw mountain beauty.

09:00 am – Continue trekking through ancient forest paths towards the historic Ratangad Fort.

11:30 am – Arrive at Ratangad. Explore the fort, its caves, and panoramic Sahyadri views.

12:30 pm – Begin the descent from Ratangad towards Samrad village.

02:30 pm – Reach the base village and enjoy a well-deserved local lunch.

If time permits, we'll also visit the mystical Reverse Waterfall nearby.

05:00 pm – Start the return journey to Kasara by private local vehicle.

08:00 pm – Arrive at Kasara Railway Station and disperse with memories of a true Sahyadri wilderness trek.

Important Notes

- Participants can board the same train from their station of convenience.
- This is true wilderness camping – trekkers will actively help with tent pitching and cooking.

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- The entire trek is through dense forest routes. All trekkers must carry their garbage back to their town – Leave No Trace.
- There are no toilet facilities on this trek.
- Missing the train means missing the Bhairavgad to Ratangad Range Trek. No refund will be provided.
- This trek requires good physical fitness and prior trekking experience.
- Timings may vary depending on weather conditions and group pace, as this is a long range trek.
- A WhatsApp group will be created 4 hours before the trek for smooth coordination.

Dates and Rates

- Sorry no more departures available. You could get in touch with us at highfive@treksandtrails.org if you'd like to make a booking.

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, Treks and Trails 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 Treks and Trails. 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 Treks and Trails, you can proudly display your achievement on your social media platforms and inspire others to embark on their own adventures. We offer the best trekking near Mumbai options.

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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 Treks and Trails?

A: Upon completion of your trek or hike with Treks and Trails, 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.

Is the Bhairavgad Trek suitable for beginners?

Yes, the Bhairavgad Trek is suitable for beginners. While the trail poses a moderate level of difficulty, individuals with basic fitness levels and a willingness to overcome challenges can enjoy this trek.

What's the difficulty level of the trek?

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The Bhairavgad (Shirpunje) Ghanchakkar Trek offers a medium-level challenge. While it's not overly strenuous, a moderate level of fitness is recommended to enjoy the journey comfortably. It's suitable for individuals with average physical activity levels and a desire to embrace both the natural beauty and historical elements of the trek.

Are there any accommodation options near Bhairavgad?

While there might not be luxurious accommodation options at the fort or its immediate vicinity, there are camping opportunities available for trekkers who wish to spend a night. Many trekkers opt for camping at designated sites on the fort, enjoying the beauty of the night sky

Are there any guides available for the trek?

Yes, local guides and trekking groups often offer their services for the Bhairavgad Ghanchakkar Trek. Hiring a guide can be advantageous, especially if you're unfamiliar with the terrain or the route. Experienced guides are well-versed in the trail, ensuring your safety and helping you make the most of the trek by sharing historical and natural insights.

What are the attractions near Bhairavgad?

Besides the trekking adventure itself, the Bhairavgad Ghanchakkar region offers additional attractions. Nearby, you can explore other historic forts and temples, such as Koldher Fort and Bahiri Cave Temple. These sites are rich in history and provide opportunities for further exploration. The surrounding landscape also offers stunning viewpoints, making it a paradise for photographers and nature enthusiasts. Engaging with the local culture, interacting with villagers, and experiencing their lifestyle can add a unique dimension to your trip.

What's the significance of the caves on the hill?

The caves on the hill hold historical and spiritual significance. One cave is dedicated to Lord Bhairavnath, offering a space for worship and reflection. The other cave once served as a living space, providing a glimpse into the lives of those who inhabited the fort in the past. These caves contribute to the layered narrative of the trek, showcasing its cultural and historical depth.

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Can I do rock climbing on this trek?

Absolutely! An exciting addition to the trek is the rock climbing route that has been established. This initiative brings an adventurous element to the journey, allowing you to engage with the terrain in a unique way and add an extra layer of thrill to your trekking experience.

What should I carry for the Bhairavgad Trek?

Carrying essentials is key for a comfortable trek. Items like sturdy walking shoes, sufficient water, energy-boosting snacks, a basic first aid kit, and weather-appropriate clothing are recommended.

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

Whatsapp 8828004949 (Monday to Saturday, 11.30 am to 7.00 pm only)

Inclusions

- Kasara to Kasara travel by local vehicle
- Day 1 – 1 veg breakfast, 1 veg lunch and 1 veg dinner
- Day 2 – 1 veg breakfast and 1 veg lunch
- Tent stay on sharing basis
- Treks and Trails expertise charges
- Forest entry fees
- E-certificate

Exclusions

- Travel till Kasara and back
- Entry fee for foreign nationals
- 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.

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- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather.
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required.

Highlights

- 3 liters of water Compulsory
- Good Torch must with extra battery Compulsory
- Sleeping bag or 2 bedsheets and sleeping mat Compulsory
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on trek Compulsory
- A proper backpack No side bags and jholas
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets
- Sun Cap and Sunscreen
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine
- Warm cloths
- Extra pair of cloths, napkin
- Identity Proof
- One Plate, Mug for tea, Spoon
- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles

Cancellation Policy and Charges

- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.