

Bhairavgad Shirpunje Ghanchakkar Trek

1 night, 1 day

Overview

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The Bhairavgad Shirpunje Fort Trek (1145m) is one of the best post-monsoon treks in Maharashtra, especially known as a hidden flower trek with meadows blooming after rains. Believed to be almost 2500 years old, this fort now has only a few ruins left on top. You'll find two large caves—one housing a shrine of Lord Bhairavnath and the other used as a residence in the past. Several ancient water tanks can still be seen. The beautifully carved and painted idol of Lord Bhairavnath is well maintained by local villagers, adding a spiritual touch to this adventurous climb.

History of Bhairavgad

The Bhairavgad Shirpunje Ghanchakkar Trek is an ancient fort trek in the Sahyadris, dating back thousands of years. Once a place of strategic importance, today only ruins remain, but the fort still tells stories of the past. On the top, you'll find two big caves—one dedicated to Lord Bhairavnath and the other once used for living. This offbeat trek takes you through lush green forests, offering a mix of nature, history, and adventure. Rock climbing routes have also been added, making it exciting for thrill seekers. From the fort, you can also spot nearby peaks like Ghanchakkar and Muda. Visiting Bhairavgad is like walking through history while enjoying stunning Sahyadri views.

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Bhairavgad Shirpunje Fort Trek Details

- Region: Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra
- Base Village: Shirpunje
- Trek Difficulty: Medium – a balanced mix of challenge and fun
- Height: 4,035 feet (1,145 m) above sea level
- Trek Time: Around 1.5 hours one way
- Type: Ancient hill fort within the Kalsubai–Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary
- Water Sources: Natural water tanks on the fort
- Key Attraction: Cave shrine dedicated to Lord Bhairavnath
- Cost: ₹1499 per person (includes travel, guide, and meals)

Ghanchakkar Bhairavgad Shirpunje Trek Itinerary

Day Zero - Saturday 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 – Bhairavgad Shirpunje Trek

12:30 AM – Meet your Trek Leader and fellow trekkers at **Kasara Railway Station**. Get ready to start your adventure with a fun, like-minded travel community.

12:45 AM – Travel together in a private local vehicle towards the base village, sharing stories and excitement along the way.

05:00 AM – Arrive at **Shirpunje Village**. Freshen up and enjoy a warm breakfast to fuel up for the climb.

06:00 AM – Begin the trek! 🌿 Walk through misty trails, colorful flowers blooming after the monsoon, and clouds drifting around the Sahyadris.

07:30 AM – Reach the **top of Bhairavgad Fort**. Explore the ancient temple, caves, and feel the thrill of climbing the iconic Ghanchakkar ladders. For safety, we climb only up to Ghanchakkar and descend from there.

09:30 AM – Start descending, soaking in panoramic views of lush valleys and the joy of trekking together as a group.

11:00 AM – Return to the base village.

11:30 AM – Relish a delicious local lunch and share your favorite trek moments with your new friends.

13:30 PM – Begin the return journey towards Kasara station.

04:30 PM – Arrive at **Kasara Station**. Trip ends with happy memories, new bonds, and the satisfaction of completing an **offbeat, safe, and adventurous trek**—perfect for solo

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travelers and women trekkers too!

Please Note

- People may board same train from their respective stations of convenience.
- Missing the train is missing Bhairavgad Shirpunje Trek, no refund will be provided.

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.

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.

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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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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?

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

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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.

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.

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Inclusions

- Kasara to Kasara travel by private local jeep
- 1 veg breakfast and 1 veg lunch
- Trek leader expertise charges
- E-certificate

Exclusions

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

Highlights

- 2/3 liters of water.
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on the trek
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars.
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets.
- Good Torch must with an extra battery.
- One Day Backpack 20 to 30 liters.
- Sun Cap and Sunscreen.
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine.
- Identity Proof.

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- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect you 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 Trek 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 habitats 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 their 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.

Reviews