

Sandhan Valley Fireflies Camping 2025

Overnight

Overview

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Experience the magic of Sandhan Valley Fireflies Camping with Treks and Trails! Nestled in the Western Ghats, Sandhan Valley transforms into a glowing paradise during the pre-monsoon fireflies season. Watch thousands of fireflies light up the night sky in a mesmerizing natural display.

Enjoy camping under the stars, scenic views, delicious meals, and a thrilling night trail. Perfect for nature lovers and weekend adventurers near Mumbai and Pune. Samrad is base village for Ratangad and Sandhan Valley Trek. From village you can see Ratangad, Ajoba fort, Kalsubai peak. Campsite will be near Lake. This is the best spot for astro-photography.

Experience the enchanting glow of fireflies in Bhandardara during the Bhandardara Fireflies Season, a natural pre-monsoon wonder. Join the Sandhan Valley Fireflies Festival, where thousands of fireflies light up the forest. These magical insects use bioluminescence to attract mates, creating a glowing spectacle you can enjoy while camping in the scenic beauty of Sandhan Valley.

Sandhan Valley Fireflies Festival Camping Event Details

- Region: Bhandardara

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- Cost: Rs. 1999/- per person
- Village: Samrad
- Sandhan Valley Exploration
- Fireflies Forest Walk
- Camping Under the Stars in Nature's Glow

Fireflies Festival Camping Event Itinerary – Sandhan Valley Kajwa Mahotsav

Day 1 – Saturday

Embark on a magical weekend as we head to **Sandhan Valley** to witness the mesmerizing **Kajwa Mahotsav** (Fireflies Festival). Begin your journey by catching the CSMT–Kasara local train.

CSMT–Kasara Local Train Timings:

- 11:42 am – CSMT
- 11:49 am – Byculla
- 11:55 am – Dadar
- 12:02 pm – Kurla
- 12:22 pm – Thane
- 12:38 pm – Dombivli
- 12:47 pm – Kalyan
- 01:58 pm – Kasara

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02:00 pm – Assemble at Kasara railway station. Transfer to Samrad village, nestled in the heart of Bhandardara, near Sandhan Valley, by local private vehicles.

05:00 pm – Arrive at the scenic campsite. Get settled and absorb the serene environment.

05:30 pm – Enjoy a warm cup of tea while soaking in the wilderness.

07:00 pm – Gather around for a cozy campfire session under the open sky.

09:00 pm – Relish a delicious homemade dinner (Veg/Non-Veg options available).

10:00 pm onwards – Set out on a guided fireflies forest walk. Watch the magical glow of thousands of fireflies during this enchanting part of the Sandhan Valley fireflies trek—a surreal experience during the Kajwa Mahotsav.

Sleep under the stars, surrounded by nature and the gentle shimmer of fireflies.

Day 2 – Sunday | Fireflies Festival Camping in the Valley of Shadows – Sandhan Valley

06:00 am – Wake up amidst nature at our fireflies camping site in Bhandardara, feeling refreshed by the cool breeze of the valley.

06:30 am – Enjoy a simple local breakfast while soaking in the morning calm of the surrounding hills.

07:00 am – Head out for a short walk to the iconic Valley of Shadows – Sandhan Valley. Witness the majestic start point of this mystical canyon, one of Maharashtra's most dramatic landscapes. (This is a scenic visit – no full fireflies trek.)

09:30 am – Check out from the campsite. Begin your return journey to Kasara railway station in private local vehicles.

12:30 pm – Arrive at Kasara station and disperse, carrying unforgettable memories of the fireflies festival, Sandhan Valley, and the surreal glow of the Bhandardara fireflies—a unique spectacle of fireflies Maharashtra.

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Itinerary

Where is Samrad Fireflies Camping located?

Samrad Fireflies Camping is located in the Bhandardara region of Maharashtra state in India. It is situated near the village of Samrad, which is approximately 160 km from Mumbai and 185 km from Pune.

What is the best time to go camping for fireflies in Samrad?

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



How do I get to Samrad Fireflies Camping?

You can take a bus or rent a private vehicle to get from Mumbai or Pune to Igatpuri, which is the closest town to Samrad Fireflies Camping, and from there you can take a bus

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to get there. To get to Samrad from Igatpuri, you can either board another bus or hire a jeep and make the journey on your own. You also have the option of driving to Samrad Fireflies Camping, another option. You can take the Mumbai-Nashik highway (NH-160) from either Mumbai or Pune, and then switch to the state highway (SH-21) that heads in the direction of Bhandardara. A short distance separates the village and the camping area that travelers can stay at.

Fireflies festival Pune dates 2025?

We have regular batches for the Fireflies festival from Pune. We conduct fireflies camping at Bhandardara, Rajmachi, Igatpuri, Vaitarna, and more.

Fireflies are insects that use light to communicate with each other. The fireflies emit a greenish-yellow light from their abdomens. This is because they have a chemical called luciferin in their bodies which reacts with oxygen and produces light. Please chat with us to book your spot for the Fireflies festival in Maharashtra.

Kajwa Mahotsav 2025 dates Nashik?

The fireflies festival is a new event that the local villagers of Maharashtra have created. It is aimed at promoting eco-tourism and wildlife conservation in India. Kajwa Mahotsav 2025 dates Nashik will be from May last week till June 2nd week. Fireflies near Nashik can be seen in the Bhandardara kajava festival, Vaitarna, fireflies Igatpuri regions.

The fireflies festival will occur in the Bhandardara Jugnu region of Maharashtra, near Mumbai. This is one of India's most popular tourist destinations, with various activities to offer tourists, such as camping and trekking. If you have any questions about Fireflies festival Bhandardara 2025 dates please chat with us.

Which is the best location for fireflies camping near Mumbai?

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The fireflies festival is a yearly event in May and June, and it is located near Mumbai. The festival celebrates the start of monsoons and has been marked by the local people who have lived there for many years.

Bhandardara Fireflies Camping is one of the best locations for fireflies camping near Mumbai. There are many different activities during this festival, including watching fireflies and enjoying their glow, listening to traditional folk music, or just spending time with family and friends. Bhandardara Kajwa festival is the most popular spot for fireflies camping.



Firefly in Hindi or Fireflies in Marathi?

Fireflies are called जुगनू or Jjugnu in Hindi, and काजवा or Kajwa is the Marathi word for fireflies.

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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.

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.

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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 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

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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.
- 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?

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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.

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.

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

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Inclusions

- 1 Evening tea and snacks, 1 Dinner and 1 Breakfast
- Tented stay on sharing basis
- Travel from Kasara to campsite and back to Kasara by local vehicle
- Treks and Trails charges

Exclusions

- Transportation till Kasara 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.
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars.
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets.
- Sleeping material (Sleeping bag or 2 bed sheets)
- 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 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 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 get cancelled, 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.

Pickup point

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