

KARNATAKA CLIMBERS AND EXPLORERES LAUNCHES 'HIGH ALTITUDE TREKKING AND TRAINING PROGRAMME' TO DODITAL AND DARWA TOP IN UTTARAKHAND In collaboration with and under the aegis, guidance and expertise of THE KARNATAKA MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION (R)



HIGH ALTITUDE TREKKING AND TRAINING EXPEDITION TO

DODITAL AND DARWA TOP - UTTARAKHAND

2 BATCHES IN MAY 2024

Programme co-ordinators - B-1: Praffula – 9611866200 & B-2: Ajay Shah - 9845423269 ABOUT THE PROGRAMME:

Karnataka Climbers and Explorers is launching a high-altitude trekking, camping and training



programme to **Dodital** is a lake situated at an altitude of 3024 Mts in the Aassi Ganga valley of Uttarakhand. The place is popularly referred to as 'Ganesha Katal' by the locals as they believe that Lord Ganesha was born here. On the right side of this enchanting lake is a small Ganesha temple adding to the belief of the locals. It is a freshwater lake that serves as the primary source for the Aassi Ganga river that merges downstream with

Bhagirathi. Being a fresh water lake, trout fish is farmed here. The approximately 40 km trek to the crystal green Dodital Lake starts from Agoda village. The trail leading to the lake is peppered with astounding and cute mountain villages – Agoda, Bebra and Maanji to name a few, thick vegetation,

lush green surroundings and bubbly streams. As one proceeds to higher reaches, you will find yourself in the midst of enchanting pine, deodar and silver oak trees - all the way up till Dodital. Set at an elevation of 4150 mts, Darwa Top, also known as **Darwa Pass** is a gorge that connects the Ganga and Yamuna river valleys. Darwa Top lies 5 kms ahead of Dodital and it is the highest point of the trek. The climb to the pass from Dodital is the crux of



this trek. From the pass, one can get excellent view of mesmerising mountain peaks like Swargarohini, Banderpunch, Draupadi ka Danda, Srikantha, Jaonli, and Deonli. The pass is a gateway to Yamunotri via Hanuman Chatti. Even the popular winter destination of Dayara Bugyal can be reached via Darwa pass. In short, this trek is a rewarding experience for both the beginner as well as the seasoned hiker as walking amidst dense forest, treading on narrow mountain trails alongside deep river gorges, crossing streams, wilderness camping, negotiating steep climb and finally treading on knee-deep snow (in winter) - all of these experiences staying within manageable altitude is not only welcome but quite rare too.

The group strength is restricted to 15 and registration would be on first come first basis. So, why wait, enroll, participate, explore and learn in the beauty and the mystery of the Himalayas – while taking a break from the hustle and bustle of city life.

PROGRAMMME DETAILS:

| Period | BATCH- 1: 01.05.2024 to 06.05.2024 | | |
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| | BATCH -2: 08.05.2024 to 13.05.2024 | | |
| Duration | 06 days (Uttarkashi to Uttarkashi) 07 days (Dehradun to Dehradun) | | |
| Nature of Programme | Trekking, camping, fun filled evenings with campfire (if permitted). | | |
| Group Strength | Minimum: 15; Maximum: 20 | | |
| Age Group | 15 to 50 years (exception for experienced trekkers) | | |
| Trek Distance/Altitude | 40 Kms approx. – Max 4150 mts (13,612 ft) approx | | |
| Grade | Easy / Moderate | | |
| | Rs.16,380/- (Rs. 15,600 + GST Rs.780/-) (Uttarkashi to Uttarkashi) * However | | |
| | will include transport from Dehra Dun to Uttarkashi and back | | |
| | In terms of food, accommodation, administrative expenses, tent age; complete | | |
| Cost | camping facilities, technical gear, experienced instructors, guides, camp helpers, | | |
| COSL | Basic outdoor training etc. | | |
| | * Up to Dehra Dun and back, the participants will have to make own transport | | |
| | arrangements as per their convenience. The group coordinator will guide you | | |
| | on transport from Bengaluru to Dehra Dun and back. | | |
| | 25.02.2024 by payment of full fee. PARTICIPATION CONFIRMATION WILL BE | | |
| Registration | ONLY ON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT. SO, IN CASE YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, | | |
| | REGISTER STRAGHT AWAY IRRESPECTIVE OF THE LAST DATE MENTIONED | | |
| Mode of Payment | Contact the respective batch coordinator. They will guide you on the bank | | |
| wode of rayment | remittance information etc. | | |
| | Upto 30 days before date of departure: - Rs.2,500/- | | |
| | 20-30 days before date of departure: - Rs.3,500/- | | |
| General cancellation | 10-19 days before date of departure: - Rs.4,500/- | | |
| charges | 05-09 days before date of departure: - Rs.5,500/- | | |
| | < 05 days before date of departure: - Rs.6,500/- | | |
| | (Plus, transport cancellation charges / GST element if any) | | |
| Briefing | All details pertinent to the expedition like items to carry, bus timings, reporting | | |
| | point, contact numbers etc., will be given on the day of briefing which will be | | |
| | held at least 10 days prior to the date of departure. | | |

Please note that registration will close once the target number is reached irrespective of the last dates mentioned. So, do not delay.

Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing – Barry Finlay

BATCH - 1 Programme co-ordinator - PRAFFULA: 9611866200

| DAY | DATE | PROGRAMME |
|-----|------------|---|
| 01 | 01.05.2024 | Report at the pickup point in Dehradun: PICK UP DEHRADUN (<i>Programme commences</i>) AND DRIVE TO AGODA VILLAGE – 7 HOURS – OVERNIGHT IN HOMESTAY |
| 02 | 02.05.2024 | TREK - AGODA VILLAGE TO MANJI CAMP (2875 MTS.) VIA BEBRA – 11 KMS – 4 TO 5 HOURS |
| 03 | 03.05.2024 | TREK – MANJI TO DODITAL (3024 MTS) – 6 KMS – 2 TO 3 HRS |
| 04 | 04.05.2024 | TREK - DODITAL TO DARWA TOP (4150 MTS) AND BACK – 9 KMS - 6 TO 7 HRS. |
| 05 | 05.05.2024 | TREK – DODITAL TO BEBRA (2400 MTS) – 15 KMS – 7 TO 8 HRS |
| 06 | 06.05.2024 | TREK – BEBRA TO AGODA AND ONWARD TO DEHRADUN via UTTARKASHI (<i>Programme ends</i>) OVERNIGHT IN RISHIKESH / DEHRADUN |
| 07 | 07.05.2024 | Departure Dehradun |

BATCH - 2

Programme co-ordinator - Ajay Shah - 9845423269

| DAY | DATE | PROGRAMME | |
|-----|------------|---|--|
| 01 | 08.05.2024 | Report at the pickup point in Dehradun: PICK UP DEHRADUN | |
| | | (Programme commences) AND DRIVE TO AGODA VILLAGE – 7 HOURS – | |
| | | OVERNIGHT IN HOMESTAY | |
| 02 | 09.05.2024 | TREK - AGODA VILLAGE TO MANJI CAMP (2875 MTS.) VIA BEBRA – 11 | |
| | | KMS – 4 TO 5 HOURS | |
| 03 | 10.05.2024 | TREK – MANJI TO DODITAL (3024 MTS) – 6 KMS – 2 TO 3 HRS | |
| 04 | 11.05.2024 | TREK - DODITAL TO DARWA TOP (4150 MTS) AND BACK – 9 KMS - 6 | |
| | | TO 7 HRS. | |
| 05 | 12.05.2024 | TREK – DODITAL TO BEBRA (2400 MTS) – 15 KMS – 7 TO 8 HRS | |
| 06 | 13.05.2024 | TREK – BEBRA TO AGODA AND ONWARD TO DEHRADUN via | |
| | | UTTARKASHI (Programme ends) OVERNIGHT IN RISHIKESH / DEHRADUN | |
| 07 | 14.05.2024 | Departure Dehradun | |

The best view comes after the hardest climb - Anonymous

Prospective participants should be physically and medically fit with a love for the outdoors. Outdoors demands leaving your comfort zone. Participants should not be suffering from any ailments related to lungs, heart or asthma, hypertension etc.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Average trek per day would be around 09 kms.
- Maximum height gained during the trek 4150 meters (12,600 ft) approx.
- Tented accommodation (separately for ladies and gents)
- Excellent wholesome vegetarian food
- Excellent & enjoyable route for first timers
- Experienced and qualified lead from organiser's side will accompany the team. In addition, qualified and experienced instructors will join from Uttarkashi
- A centralised medical kit will be carried.
- Submission of medical fitness certificate mandatory
- Participation in a couple of pre-expedition day outings essential
- Must comply with central and state health guidelines as prevailing then.

| Inclusions: | Exclusions: | |
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| Uttarkashi to Uttarkashi – Full board Transport from DD to Agoda and back Lunch during onward and return travel Taxes All camping logistics Permits | Insurance Tips (if any) Breakfast on day-1 Dinner on day-6 Cost incurred in change of route/plan due to natural calamities etc. Emergency evacuation costs (assistance in arrangements will however be provided) Overnight stay / food on day 6 (In Dehradun) | |

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR ONLY.

Mountains are places of great purity where man becomes more than a man



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