

## Dodital Trek : The classic route

**Location:** Uttarakhand  
**Duration:** 7 Days  
**Grading:** Moderate

**Webpage:**

[http://www.team4adventure.com/trips/trek\\_dodital\\_07d/index.php](http://www.team4adventure.com/trips/trek_dodital_07d/index.php)



**Overview:** The Dodital trek is a short, easy to moderate trek, through dense forests, across small stream crossings, large meadows and magnificent Himalayan landscapes.

Our trek route starts from Kalyani ( sangam chatti ) road head near Uttarkashi and finishes at Hanuman Chatti. The route is a nature lovers delight. Maximum altitude reached on the trek would be 4250 m at Darwa summit.

Dodital is a beautiful lake, surrounded by thick forest of oak, fir and rhododendron. The lake is approximately hexagonal in shape, and is inhabited by golden trout, which gives its name. ( Dodi means trout in the local language ). Reference to the Dodital Lake are there in the Puranas, where it has been described as one of the holy lakes. It is the source to about 80 rivulets which merge to form the Assi Ganga, due to which the valley is also called Assi Ganga valley ( Assi means 80 in the local language ). The Assi Ganga meets the Bhagirathi at Gangotri.

We would further trek beyond the Dodital lake, across Bakaria khaga pass (also known as Darwa pass ) near the Darwa top, to camp at the vast meadows of Kanasar. Darwa top offers magnificent views of Banderpoonch and Swaragrohini massifs.

### Itinerary:

#### **Day 1: Delhi to Kalyani ( 1550 m ) near Uttarkashi**

Board early morning ( 6:55 AM ) Shatabdi express from Delhi for Haridwar. Meet our trek coordinator at Haridwar Railway station. Drive 7 hours to Kalyani ( near Uttarkashi ), for the overnight stay at camp "Kufon Basics". Short orientation program while relaxing around a campfire. Discuss the trek and the geography that you would be passing through.

#### **Day 2: Kalyani to Agoda/Bevra ( 2400 m ) - Trek 4/5 hours**

Start the trek from Kalyani ( Sangam Chatti ). After crossing a foot bridge, trek about 8 kms of moderate to stiff uphill climb. Camp would be established ahead of Agoda village. Overnight in tents.

#### **Day 3: Agoda/Bevra to Dodital lake ( 3307 m ) - Trek 6 hours**

After an early breakfast, trek for 6-7 hours of gradual walk of about 16 kms. The walk would be through dense forest of Oak, Rhododendron and Fir. Trail is well marked. The lake is roughly hexagonal in shape, surrounded by thick forest. The

lake is inhabited by golden trout in abundant numbers. It is said that these were initially planted by British explorers.

**Day 4: Dodital to Darwa pass ( 4100 m ) to Kanasar ( 3900 m ) - Trek 5 hours**

Uphill trek from Dodital to Darwa pass ( traditionally known as Bakaria Khaga Pass ). Spectacular view of peaks like Banderpoonch and Swargrohini. After the pass, the route opens up into meadows. We would camp at Kanasar which is shortly after crossing the Darwa pass.

**Day 5: Kanasar to Darwa summit ( 4250 m ) - Hike 4 hours**

From Kanasar a short climb leads to the Darwa summit. From here one gets an excellent sight of Himalayas with an unobstructed all around view. Return to Kanasar by afternoon for a hot lunch, and relax for the remaining day. Overnight in tents.

**Day 6: Kanasar to Kandoli ( 2800 m ) - Trek 6 hours**

Descend from Kanasar, across meadows of Seema. Set up camp at Kandoli after trekking through forests.

**Day 7: Kandoli to Hanuman Chatti ( 2400 m ) to Delhi - Trek 2 hours, Drive 7 hours**

Short trek to reach Hanuman Chatti. Drive 7 hours to reach Dehradun to board overnight train for Delhi.

## Travel Advisory

### PACKING LIST

Personal torch, small daypack/backpack to hold the day walk necessities, all clothing/luggage in rucksack/soft bags suitable to be carried on ponies, warm clothing, inner fleece body warmer lining, comfortable shoes suitable for hikes/treks, windproof jacket, warm headgear/balaclava, gloves, trekking pole, cameras, personal medication ( first aid would be provided ), sun protection and moisturizing cream etc.

### GENERAL NOTIFICATION

- Trekking programs in the Himalayas not necessarily would always run exactly as scheduled. Allow for unplanned long days or early camps due to weather disruptions or similar causes.
- Any additional expenses which might occur due to delays, weather disruptions, medical evacuation etc. would need to be borne by the participants. All participants are recommended to have a travel insurance that covers trekking and wilderness travel.

### JOURNEY

- Participants from Delhi are recommended to travel by the following trains:
  - + Delhi to Haridwar: 2017 Dehradun Shatabdi Express on day 01, or 4041 Mussoorie Express reaching on day 01 early morning
  - + Haridwar to Delhi: 4042 Mussoorie Express on day 07 or 2206 NDLS Dehradun AC Special