

Our trip to Naukuchiatal, Nainital and Sattal

Tour Route - Delhi-Naukuchiatal-Nainital-Sattal-Delhi

Delhi - Naukuchiatal			
Destination	Time	Distance	Remarks
Start - Delhi	3:55am	0	
Toll Rs 15/-	4:45	50kms	
Toll Rs 30/-	5:30	62kms	
Gajraula	5:40	16 kms	
Toll Rs 50/- at Joya toll plaza	5:50	17 kms	
Toll Rs 15/-	6:15	65kms	Moradabad-Bareilly Expressway
Toll Rs 15/-		1km	
turn to kemri, the road is bad		2kms	
Bilaspur	7:30	29kms	break at woodpecker. spent 40 mins
Rchd hotel	10:55	77kms	
TOTAL	6 hours	319 kms	

Naukuchiatal or 'lake of nine corners' a less explored place in the hilltown of Uttarakhand, has one of the deepest lakes here. The depth measured near to 175ft, is a paradise for angling and bird watching. Just nearby the lake at waking distance was our resort, so we had the liberty to walk down to enjoy the scenic lake and its surroundings. Birds are a plenty, so early morning and evening treks are promising. There is a Hanuman temple nearby, there is a 52m Hanuman statue with an artificial cave like the one in Vaishno devi.

What to see round Naukuchital

Naukuchiatal

The taal is heaven when the lotus is in flower. There are various species of fish here of varying sizes. The water rich, bluish green colour is surrounded by hills, and has many birds around. It is said that if you see all the nine corners of the lake it is a blessing as no one has been able to ascertain the point where the nine corners are visible. Boating can be done in the lake. Tourist Rest House run by KMVN just overlooks the lake.

Bhimtal Lake (4 kms from Naukuchiatal)

Named after the Pandava brothers this emerald green Bhimtal Lake is the largest lake in Uttarakhand, ideal for boating. Its other attractions include the 17th century Bhimeshwar Temple complex along with a 40-foot high dam. It is close to Nainital and there are a few stay options also available.

Ranikhet (40 kms from Naukuchiatal)

Ranikhet is a tranquil little hill station that offers some of the most excellent vistas of the Himalayas. One can also enjoy the lovely walkways here. The winters too are enjoyable here, to enjoy the tranquil beauty, majestic himalayas, the well equipped golf club, army museum and so on.

Sattal (6 kms from Naukuchiatal)

Sattal is comparable to Westmoreland of England. It has many striking attractions and one can only gasp at its scenic beauty. As one approaches Sattal, the first lake to come into view is the old Nal Damyanti Lake. On moving ahead, one encounters the ashram of Stanley Johns, an American Missionary. The next lake is the Panna or Garude Lake. As you move down, there is a cluster of three lakes known as Ram, Laxman and Sita Lake. Purna Tal and Sukha Tal are also attractions that shouldn't be missed.

Ramgarh & Mukteshwar

Ramgarh is emerging as a popular destination and is at an elevation of 1,729 meters above sea level. Better known as the Fruit Bowl of the Kumaon region, it houses verdant orchards of apple, apricot, peach and pears. Ramgarh offers a pristine ecosystem and a gigantic view of the Himalayas. One can also visit the Tea Gardens and the Ghodkhal Temple at Ramnagar.

Mukteshwar is a pleasing place situated at an elevation of 2,285 meters above sea level. Its name comes from the 350-year old temple Mukteshwar Dham, whose residing deity is Lord Shiva. Developed by the Britishers as a research and education institute in 1893, Mukteshwar affords a distinctly visible 180-degree view of the majestic Himalayan range. This trip is a perfect getaway from the hustle bustle of the city.

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