

# Harishchandragad: Fireflies & Clouds Special

## Highlights

Region: Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary

Trek Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Highlight of the trek: Jungle walk around fireflies, Clouds Gathering at Kokankada, Kedareshwar Temple & Taramati Peak

## Day wise Itinerary/Journey

### From Pune

8:30 PM: Departure from Pune

2:30 AM: Arrival at Pachnai village, Introduction & Night trek begins

5:00 AM: Reach Kokankada & witness blanket of clouds

7:30 AM: Breakfast & visit Kedareshwar temple, If time permits Taramati peak

12:30 PM: Arrival at Base village, Lunch & Depart back to Pune

## Includes

- Pune to Pune travel in Bus
- Morning Breakfast
- Fireflies night trek
- Lunch
- Trek Badge & Trek Guide
- Primary First aid

## Excludes

- Anything not mentioned

## Must Know

The Harishchandragad Trek is a popular adventure for trekkers from Pune and Mumbai, offering a blend of natural beauty and historical significance. Located in the Ahmednagar district, Harishchandragad Fort stands at an elevation of approximately 4,650 feet, providing breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. The trek can be approached via multiple routes, with the Pachnai route being the most favored for its moderate difficulty and scenic vistas. This trek is ideal for both beginners and experienced trekkers, making it a must-visit destination for adventure enthusiasts.

One of the main attractions of the Harishchandragad Trek is the KokanKada, a concave cliff that offers panoramic views of the Konkan region. This spot is particularly popular

among photographers and nature lovers, especially during sunrise and sunset. The fort itself is home to several ancient temples, including the Harishchandreshwar Temple and the Kedareshwar Cave, which are adorned with intricate carvings and hold significant historical value. Exploring these sites provides a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the region.

For trekkers starting from Pune or Mumbai, the journey to Harishchandragad involves a drive to the base village, followed by a trek that typically takes around 3 to 4 hours to reach the summit. The trail is dotted with lush greenery, waterfalls, and diverse flora and fauna, making the trek a refreshing escape from city life. The experience is further enhanced by the hospitality of the local villagers, who offer home-cooked meals and accommodation options. Whether you are seeking adventure, history, or a serene getaway, the Harishchandragad Trek promises an unforgettable experience

### **Safety**

- Adhere to the instructions provided by Trek Leaders consistently.
- Uphold decorum throughout the trekking experience.
- Enjoy the journey and immerse yourself in the natural surroundings.
- Refrain from consuming alcohol during or prior to the trek.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited.
- Please avoid littering along the trails.
- Never leave the group/leaders un-informed
- Do not use loudspeakers while on the trails

### **List of things to Carry**

- Personal water bottle (minimum 3 liters)
- Sun cap and sunscreen
- Quick-dry or Dri-Fit clothing (Avoid Jeans)
- Extra set of clothes (Top, Bottoms, Socks, Jacket)
- Lightweight hand towel
- Personal medications
- Personal Hygiene Kit (Wet Wipes, Facewash, Sanitizer)
- Dry snacks (such as biscuits, dried fruits, and fresh fruit)
- Ziplock or reusable plastic bag for wet/changed clothes
- Sturdy shoes with good grip
- Identification proof

Trekkers can wear Slippers/Sandals during bus travel