

Harishchandragad Trek | Pune

🕒 1 night, 1 day

Overview

The Harishchandragad Trek is one of the most iconic and rewarding treks in Maharashtra as it is situated in the Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife sanctuary which is part of the Sahyadri Mountain range. Located at a height of around 1424 meters, this historic fort is a mix of adventure, history, spirituality and nature, which is loved by trekkers, photographers and nature lovers from every corner of the country.

You'll find yourself hiking through beautiful forest paths, rock formations and amazing mountain scenery before arriving at the expansive fort plateau. The most spectacular feature of Harishchandragad is the massive concave cliff, known for its breathtaking scenery, hypnotising sunset and cloud formations unique to the area. The Fort is also home to some of the historic sites like the ancient Harishchandreshwar Temple, Kedareshwar Cave, Pushkarni Lake, and many more rock-cut caves that embody the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Harishchandragad is believed to be of 6th century origin and has seen the rule of many dynasties such as Kalachuris, Rashtrakutas and Marathas. It is one of the most important among the historic forts of Maharashtra due to its ancient architecture, temples, caves and water reservoirs.

The area is a paradise during the monsoon season with valleys, waterfalls and vibrant landscapes covered in mist, and it's pleasant during the winter months with stunning panoramic views of the surrounding Sahyadri ranges. The Harishchandragad Trek offers a variety of adventures, from history, photography, and camping, to an escape into nature, it is

sure to be an unforgettable experience and one of the most popular trekking routes around Mumbai and Pune.

Why Harishchandragad Trek is Famous:

The Harishchandragad Trek is famous for its iconic Konkan Kada, one of the most spectacular cliffs in Maharashtra, offering breathtaking views of valleys, mountains, and cloud formations. It is considered one of the best trekking destinations in the Sahyadri ranges due to its combination of natural beauty, historical significance, and adventure.

The trek is especially popular for:

- The legendary Konkan Kada viewpoint
- Stunning sunrise views from Taramati Peak
- Ancient Harishchandreshwar Temple and Kedareshwar Cave
- Dense forest trails and scenic mountain landscapes
- Monsoon waterfalls and mist-covered valleys
- Historical fort architecture and ancient caves
- Overnight camping and trekking experiences
- Spectacular photography opportunities
- Rich cultural and spiritual heritage
- One of the best weekend treks near Mumbai and Pune

The combination of adventure, history, spirituality, and breathtaking scenery makes Harishchandragad one of the most loved and sought-after treks in Maharashtra.

Harishchandragad Trek Quick Information:

- **Location:** Pachnai Village, Maharashtra
- **Trek Difficulty:** Moderate.
- **Trek Endurance:** Medium to High
- **Trek Length:** Approx. 4-5 km
- **Trek Duration:** 3 hrs one-way
- **Best Time to Visit:** June To February

Batches

- **July 2026:** 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31
- **August 2026:** 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
- **September 2026:** 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

Inclusions

- Private Bus Transportation (Pune to Pune)
- Breakfast & Tea
- Lunch (Veg Thali Unlimited)
- Permit and Forest Entry Charges.
- Trek Expertise Charges.
- First Aid Charges.

Exclusions

- Travel till pickup points
- 5% GST on booking amount
- Personal expenses
- Mineral water, soft drinks, snacks, or extra meals
- Medical evacuation expenses
- Insurance coverage
- Expenses caused due to weather conditions, roadblocks, or unavoidable circumstances

Route Map

**Pune → Pachnai Village (Base Village) → Forest Trail → Rocky Mountain Paths →
Harishchandragad Fort → Taramati Peak → Konkan Kada → Harishchandreshwar Temple
→ Pushkarni Lake → Base Village → Pune**

Highlights

- Explore the historic Harishchandragad Fort
- Witness breathtaking views from Konkan Kada
- Trek to Taramati Peak, the highest point on the fort
- Visit the ancient Harishchandreshwar Temple
- Explore the famous Kedareshwar Cave
- Walk through scenic forest trails and valleys
- Experience beautiful monsoon landscapes and waterfalls
- Enjoy camping under the stars on the fort plateau
- Capture stunning sunrise and sunset views
- One of the most iconic treks in Maharashtra

Itinerary

Day 1:

09:00 PM: Reporting at Fergusson College Main Gate, FC Road(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/s9XG6adoPmQs4FR78>)

09:30 PM: Pickup from Nashik Phata(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ByUaj8VEH5MgV94G6>)

Day 2:

03:30 AM: Reach Base Village, Arrive at Pachnai village and relax for some time before the trek begins.

04:00 AM: Start Trek Towards Harishchandragad, After freshening up, begin the early morning trek through scenic forest trails and mountain paths.

06:00 AM: Reach Harishchandragad Top, Reach the fort and rest briefly before heading towards Taramati Peak.

06:30 AM: Reach Taramati Peak, Enjoy a mesmerizing sunrise over the Sahyadri mountains. Spend time relaxing, soaking in the views, and capturing memorable photographs.

07:30 AM: Breakfast Time, Fresh breakfast will be served before proceeding towards Konkan Kada.

09:00 AM: Explore Konkan Kada, Spend quality time at the legendary cliff point and enjoy breathtaking valley views.

10:00 AM: Begin Descending, Start the descent while exploring important spots like the

Harishchandreshwar Temple and Pushkarni Lake on the way.

01:30 PM: Reach Base Village, Freshen up and enjoy an unlimited vegetarian lunch.

03:30 PM: Return Journey Begins, Start the journey back towards Pune.

08:00 PM: Reach Pune.

Arrival time may vary depending on traffic conditions and the group's trekking pace.

Why Trekkers choose Xplorers:

- Experienced trek leaders with proper safety protocols
- Professionally organized waterfall treks
- Large community of solo travelers and female travelers
- Comfortable transportation arrangements
- Verified trekking routes
- Friendly trekking environment
- Safety-first trekking approach
- Well-managed group coordination
- Our goal is to make every trek safe, exciting, and unforgettable

Things To Carry

(Highly Required and Mandatory Things)

- Valid ID proof
- Waterproof backpack or rain cover
- Trekking shoes with strong grip
- Trekking pants
- Full sleeve T-shirts
- Raincoat or windcheater
- Water bottles (2–3 liters)
- Energy Bar and snacks and dry fruits.
- Torch or headlamp
- Personal medicines and first aid kit

(Required but Optional Things)

- Extra clothes for return journey
- Slippers or floaters
- Sweater or jacket
- Electrolyte or glucose powder
- Portable charger
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Toiletries and facewash
- Sanitizer and face mask

Safety Guidelines

- Follow trek leader instructions.
- Avoid risky waterfall selfies.
- Wear proper trekking shoes.
- Do not litter in forest area.
- Respect local customs and temples.
- Avoid alcohol and smoking during the trek.
- Carry rain protection during monsoon.

Important Notes

- Friday night departures are highly recommended to avoid heavy weekend rush.
- A minimum of 10 participants is required to operate Friday batches.
- If the minimum count is not achieved, bookings will automatically be shifted to the Saturday batch.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing via email or WhatsApp to the Xplorers Adventure team.

- More than 30 days before departure: 25% cancellation charges
- 15–30 days before departure: 50% cancellation charges

- 07-14 days before departure: 75% cancellation charges
- Less than 03 days before departure: No refund
- If Trek gets canceled we will refund "Trek Amount" only
- No show: No refund

Refunds, if applicable, will be processed within 7-14 working days after cancellation confirmation.

Convenience fees, payment gateway charges, taxes, flight/train/safari/activity permits, and third-party bookings are non-refundable.

FAQs

1. Which route is best for Harishchandragad Trek?

The Pachnai route is ideal for beginners, while the Nalichi Vaat and Khireswar routes are preferred by experienced trekkers looking for a more challenging adventure.

2. How much time does it take to complete the Harishchandragad Trek?

The trek usually takes around 3 to 5 hours one way, depending on the route you choose and your walking pace.

3. What is the height of Harishchandragad Fort?

Harishchandragad stands at an elevation of approximately **4,670 feet (1,424 meters)** above sea level.

4. What should I carry for the Harishchandragad Trek?

Carry trekking shoes with good grip, a water bottle, rainwear during monsoon, snacks, a flashlight, warm clothing during winter, and personal medicines.

5. Are washroom facilities available during the trek?

Basic washroom facilities are available at the base village. There are very limited facilities once you start the trek.

6. Is parking available at the base village?

Yes, parking is available at the base village for those arriving by their own vehicle.

7. Can I join the trek as a solo traveler?

Absolutely! Many solo travelers join Harishchandragad treks and enjoy the experience with fellow trekking enthusiasts.

8. Is Harishchandragad safe during the monsoon?

Yes, it is safe when you trek with experienced leaders and follow all safety instructions, especially on slippery sections.

9. Are there any caves on Harishchandragad?

Yes, the fort is home to ancient caves that are often used by trekkers for rest and overnight stays.

10. Is drinking water available on the fort?

Natural water cisterns are available on the fort for most of the year, but it's always recommended to carry sufficient drinking water.

11. What makes Harishchandragad different from other treks?

Harishchandragad is known for its rich history, ancient temples, scenic trekking routes, caves, and the spectacular Konkan Kada viewpoint.

12. Which nearby places can I visit after the trek?

You can explore Taramati Peak, Kedareshwar Cave, Malshej Ghat, Pimpalgaon Joga Dam, and Naneghat, all of which are popular attractions near Harishchandragad.

Pickup point

[View on Google Maps →](#)