Kareri Lake Trek

Kareri Village - Kareri Lake - Kareri Village

TreksGroup Trek

Tour Basics •

Duration: 02 Days, 01 Night	**Route:** Kareri Village - Kareri Lake - Kareri Village

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About This Trip •

The Kareri Lake Trek is one of Himachal Pradesh's most scenic and beginner-friendly Himalayan treks. Located near Dharamshala in the Kangra district, this trail takes you through dense pine forests, wooden bridges, gushing streams, and charming Gaddi villages before opening up to the stunning high-altitude Kareri Lake (3,000 m), formed by the melting waters of the Minkiani Pass glacier.

Why Kareri Lake Trek is Special

- Crystal-clear alpine lake with reflections of the surrounding mountains.
- Ideal for beginners, families, and weekend trekkers.
- Beautiful forest trails, meadows, and stream crossings.
- Close to Dharamshala & McLeodganj, making it easy to reach.
- Rich Gaddi culture, offering a glimpse of local Himalayan life.

Trek Distance & Difficulty

- Total distance: ~24 km (round trip)

- Duration: 2–3 days
- Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
- Highest altitude: ~3,000 meters

This trek can be completed comfortably over a weekend, and even first-timers can enjoy it with a moderate level of fitness.

Best Time to Do the Kareri Lake Trek

- March to June: Pleasant weather, spring forests, clear views.
- September to November: Crisp skies and post-monsoon greenery.
- Winter (Dec–Feb): Lake remains frozen; trek becomes difficult and requires proper gear.

How to Reach Kareri Village (Starting Point)

- Nearest Town: Dharamshala (22 km)
- Nearest Airport: Kangra Airport (Gaggal)
- Nearest Major Junction: Pathankot

Stay Categories & Options •

Twin Sharing	Persons: 2	INR 2,499.00	~~INR 2,699.00~~	Save INR 200.00
Triple Sharing	Persons: 3	INR 2,499.00	~~INR 2,699.00~~	Save INR 200.00
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Itinerary •

Day 1: Kareri village to Kareri Lake | Dist: 14km | Time: 8to 9hr | Altitude: 1890m to 2934m

- You'll begin your trek by meeting your guide at either Kareri Village.
- From there, the trail winds through a scenic coniferous forest filled with pine, oak, and rhododendron trees.
- About halfway, you'll reach Reoti, where you can take a break before continuing toward Kareri Lake.
- The final leg of the journey becomes rockier as you near the lake.
- Once you arrive, you'll spend the night in tents by the lakeside.

Meals: Dinner

Night: Camping

Day 2: Kareri Lake to Kareri village

- Start your day with a stunning sunrise over Kareri Lake.
- Enjoy a warm cup of tea and a hearty breakfast by the serene lakeside before beginning your descent along the same enchanting forest trail.
- The return journey to Kareri Village typically takes about half the time of the ascent.
- Upon reaching the village by afternoon, you can continue onward to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

Night: Nil

Inclusions •

1 Dinner (Rice or Roti & Daal or Sabzi)

1 Breakfast (Bread Omelette or Maggie)

Tea (Morning and Evening)

Tents (sharing basis)

Sleeping Bags or Blankets

Exclusions •

Water Bottles.

GST 5%.

Entry Fees by the Forest Department.

Trek Gears.

Medical Expenses.

Any costs arising from natural calamities.

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

Bonfire

Any travel expenses incurred to reach the starting point of the trek.

FAQs •

Q: Where is Kareri Lake located?

A:

Kareri Lake is a high-altitude freshwater lake situated in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, India. It lies at an elevation of about 2,934 meters (9,626 feet) above sea level.

Q: How difficult is the Kareri Lake Trek?

A:

The trek is rated easy to moderate, making it ideal for beginners with a good level of fitness. The route features gentle climbs winding through forests, meadows, and rocky terrain.

Q: What is the best time to do the Kareri Lake Trek?

A:

The best time to trek to Kareri Lake is between April and June or September and November, when the weather is favourable, and the trail is easily navigable. The monsoon season, from July to August, should be avoided due to slippery paths and the risk of landslides.

Q: How long is the trek to Kareri Lake?

A:

The trek covers approximately 26–30 kilometres (round trip), depending on the starting point (Kareri Village or Nohli Bridge). It usually takes 2 days to complete, with an overnight stay near the lake.

Q: Do I need a guide for the trek?

A:

While experienced trekkers may do it solo, first-time trekkers are advised to hire a local guide for navigation, safety, and local insights. Guides can be arranged from Dharamshala or Kareri Village.

Q: Are camping and food available on the trek?

A:

Yes, tents and meals are typically provided by trekking organisers. Independent trekkers can also bring their camping gear. There are small shops and homestays in Kareri Village, but no permanent facilities near the lake.

Q: Is there mobile network connectivity on the trek?

A:

Mobile network coverage is generally available up to Kareri Village, but becomes unreliable or non-existent beyond that, especially near the lake.

Q: Are permits required for the Kareri Lake trek?

A:

No special permits are currently required for Indian citizens. However, it’s always good to check with local authorities or guides for any updates, especially for foreign nationals.

Q: Are there any risks on the Kareri Lake trek?

A:

The trek is generally safe, but natural hazards like slippery trails, sudden weather changes, or encounters with wild animals (like stray dogs or, very rarely, bears) require basic caution and awareness.

Q: Can I trek to Kareri Lake during winter?

A:

Yes, but only if you're well-prepared and have prior experience in snow trekking. Snowfall can block trails, and temperatures drop below freezing. Always check conditions beforehand and go with an experienced guide.

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