Thatharana Trek

Dharamshala - Kharota - Thatharana Top - Kharota - Dharamshala

TreksGroup Trek

Tour Basics •

Duration: 02 Days, 01 Night	**Route:** Dharamshala - Kharota - Thatharana Top - Kharota - Dharamshala

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About This Trip •

The Thatharana Trek is a lesser-known but stunning trekking route in the Dhauladhar range of Himachal Pradesh, near Dharamshala. Ideal for those seeking a peaceful, offbeat experience away from the crowds, this trek offers panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, dense forests, and picturesque meadows.

Trek Overview

- Altitude: ~2,800 meters (9,186 feet)
- Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate
- Starting Point: Kharota or Ghera village (near Dharamshala)
- Duration: 1–2 days (ideal for a weekend trek)

What to Expect

The trail to Thatharana winds through pine and deodar forests, opening up to lush alpine meadows and eventually leading to a wide ridge that offers sweeping views of the Dhauladhar mountain range and the Kangra Valley below.

On clear days, trekkers are rewarded with breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, making Thatharana an ideal location for overnight camping. The trail is also blessed with rich flora and fauna, offering opportunities to spot native bird species and immerse yourself in the region’s natural beauty.

Camping and Facilities

While there are no permanent structures at the top, camping is allowed, and trekkers often pitch tents near the summit. Local guides and porters can help arrange food, tents, and other essentials. There are no toilets or shops along the trail, so it's important to come prepared.

Best Time to Visit Thatharana Trek

The ideal time to undertake the Thatharana Trek is between March–June and September–November, when the weather is pleasant, the skies are clear, and the views are spectacular. During winter, the trail often remains snow-covered, making it more challenging and better suited for seasoned trekkers.

Why choose the Thatharana trek?

- Less crowded than popular treks like Thatharana
- Offers stunning views with a peaceful atmosphere
- Great for beginners or weekend adventurers
- Can be extended to nearby trails like Kareri Lake or Indrahar Pass

Safety in the Mountains

1. Dogs (Stray or Wild):
Dogs encountered on the trail are generally not dangerous but can be territorial. If you come across a dog showing signs of aggression:

- Stay calm, do not panic or run.
- Slowly retreat without turning your back.
- If needed, use your backpack or a stick to place a barrier between you and the dog.

2. Bears:
Thatharana is often referred to as “The Bear Valley.” Although bear encounters are extremely rare, they are possible due to increasing human activity. To stay safe:

- Stick with your group or guide.
- Avoid using deodorants or scented products.
- Do not leave food exposed or unattended.

In case of a bear encounter:

- Do not run. Bears can outrun humans.
- Speak in a calm, steady voice while slowly backing away.
- Most bears will not follow if they don't feel threatened.

If a bear charges or attacks:

- Drop to the ground at the last moment
- Lie face down with your legs slightly apart, or curl into a ball
- Cover your neck and head with your hands.
- A backpack can provide added protection
- Stay still and do not fight back or shout.

3. Stinging Nettle (Bichu Buti):
This plant has powerful medicinal properties, but is covered with fine hairs that cause irritation and allergic reactions upon contact.

- If stung, do not scratch the area.
- Wash immediately with soap and water.
- Apply a cool, moistened cloth to soothe irritation.
- Discomfort usually subsides on its own within a short time.

How to Reach Thatharana Trek

The Thatharana Trek is well-connected by various modes of transportation, making it accessible from major cities in North India.

By Road:
You can reach the starting point of the Thatharana Trek (usually Bhagsu or McLeod Ganj near Dharamshala) via bus, taxi, or private car. Regular buses and cabs are available from Delhi, Chandigarh, Pathankot, and Amritsar.

- Delhi to McLeod Ganj: Approx. 480 km
- Chandigarh to McLeod Ganj: Approx. 250 km
- Pathankot to McLeod Ganj: Approx. 90 km

By Air:
The nearest airport to Thatharana is Chandigarh Airport, about 185 km from McLeod Ganj. Alternatively, you can fly into Kangra (Gaggal) Airport, which is much closer, just 20 km from Dharamshala, offering limited but direct flights from Delhi.

By Train:
The closest major railway station is Pathankot Railway Station, around 95 km from McLeod Ganj. From there, you can hire a taxi or take a bus to reach Dharamshala or Bhagsu.

Stay Categories & Options •

Twin Sharing	Persons: 2	INR 1,499.00	~~INR 1,699.00~~	Save INR 200.00
Triple Sharing	Persons: 3	INR 1,499.00	~~INR 1,699.00~~	Save INR 200.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Kharota to Thatharana | Dist: 5km | Time: 5to 6 hr | Altitude: 1898m to 2875m

- Your adventure begins in Kharota, where you'll meet your guide and set off on the trek. The trail takes you past the scenic Kangra Valley view, gradually ascending through pine forests and rocky paths.
- By afternoon, you'll reach your campsite at Thatharana, where you can unwind amidst the breathtaking mountain landscape.

Meals: Dinner

Night: Camping at Thatharana Top

Day 2: Thatharana to Kharota | Dist:5km | Time: 3 to 4 hr | Altitude: 2875m to 1898m

- Wake up to the lap of the Himalayas, and enjoy a hearty breakfast with a warm cup of tea before beginning your descent.

- Soak in the peaceful surroundings as you make your way back down to Kharota, arriving by afternoon, completing an unforgettable Himalayan trekking experience.

Meal: Breakfast

Night: Nil

Inclusions •

1 Dinner (Rice or Roti & Daal or Sabzi)

1 Breakfast (Bread Omellete 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 cost arising due to natural calamities.

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

Bonfire.

Any travel expenses for reaching the starting point of the trek.

FAQs •

Q: Where is the Thatharana Trek located?

A:

The Thatharana Trek is located in the Dhauladhar mountain range near Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The trail typically starts from Kharota or Ghera village, both accessible from Dharamshala.

Q: What is the total distance of the Thatharana Trek?

A:

The trek is approximately 5–6 kilometres (one way), depending on the starting point.

Q: What is the distance of the Thatharana Trek from Dharamshala?

A:

Thatharana is about 15–18 kilometres from Dharamshala by road (to the base village). From there, it’s a 5–6 km uphill trek to the summit.

Q: What is the distance of the trek from Kharota?

A:

From Kharota village, the trekking distance to Thatharana is around 5 kilometres.

Q: What is the height of the Thatharana Trek?

A:

The Thatharana summit is situated at an altitude of approximately 2,800 meters (9,186 feet) above sea level.

Q: Is the Thatharana Trek part of Dharamshala tourism?

A:

Yes, Thatharana is a rising offbeat destination near Dharamshala, attracting trekkers looking for solitude, natural beauty, and a short escape into the mountains.

Q: What is the altitude of the Thatharana Trek?

A:

The altitude at the summit is approximately 2,800 meters (9,186 feet) above sea level.

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