

Kagbhusandi Lake Trek

An emerald lake under Hathi Parvat, on the old route between Bhyundar and Vishnuprayag

DURATION	6D / 5N	DIFFICULTY	Difficult
MAX ALTITUDE	16,600 ft	DISTANCE	40 km
BASE CAMP	Bhyundar Village, near Govindghat	REGION	Garhwal
PRICE	₹25,500 per person · Transportation included.		

About this trek

Kagbhusandi is one of the hardest lake treks in the Garhwal and one of the least visited. The trail leaves the Valley of Flowers route at Bhyundar, climbs through the Semartoli meadows and crosses Kankul Khal, a pass at about 16,000 ft, before dropping to the lake. Snow lies on the pass into July. Long days, exposed ground, no villages after the first night: for trekkers with several high treks behind them.

Day by day

Day	Route / activity	Distance · time · stay
1	Rishikesh to Govindghat Rishikesh → Joshimath → Govindghat Road day past Joshimath to Govindghat on the Alaknanda.	270 km · 10 hrs drive · Govindghat (guesthouse)
2	Govindghat to Bhyundar Govindghat → Pulna → Bhyundar Up the Pushpawati valley on the Ghangaria trail, leaving it at Bhyundar village.	9 km · 5 hrs trek · Bhyundar (camp) · 9,200 ft

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3	Bhyundar to Semartoli Bhyundar → Semartoli A steep climb out of the valley to the Semartoli meadows.	7 km · 6 hrs trek · Semartoli (camp) · 12,500 ft
4	Semartoli to Kagbhusandi Tal over Kankul Khal Semartoli → Kankul Khal → Kagbhusandi Tal The pass day: scree and snow to Kankul Khal, then down to the lake.	9 km · 8–9 hrs trek · Kagbhusandi (camp) · 16,600 ft
5	Kagbhusandi Tal to Semartoli Kagbhusandi Tal → Kankul Khal → Semartoli Back over the pass while the snow is firm.	9 km · 7 hrs trek · Semartoli (camp)
6	Semartoli to Govindghat, drive to Joshimath Semartoli → Bhyundar → Govindghat → Joshimath The long descent to the road. Drive to Rishikesh the next morning.	16 km · 7 hrs trek + drive · —

What is and is not included

Included

- Qualified trek leader and support staff
- Forest and camping permits
- Twin/triple sharing tents or guesthouse as noted
- All meals on the trek
- Safety equipment and first-aid support

Not included

- Personal trekking gear and rentals
- Personal expenses and travel insurance
- Anything not listed under inclusions

Things to carry

- Trekking shoes with ankle support
- Backpack (40-60 L) with a rain cover
- Three warm layers and a padded jacket
- Poncho or rain jacket
- Sun cap, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Two one-litre water bottles

Upcoming departures

06 Oct – 11 Oct 2026	7 seats left
20 Oct – 25 Oct 2026	15 seats left
06 Jun – 11 Jun 2027	12 seats left
20 Jun – 25 Jun 2027	4 seats left
06 Jul – 11 Jul 2027	Sold out
20 Jul – 25 Jul 2027	10 seats left

Seat counts are live on the website; this sheet shows them as of 03 Sep 2026.

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