



Treks in Dhauladhars – Mcleodganj, and Dharamshala

Mcleodganj is famous among travelers for various reasons. Some find the culture intriguing, some like it's food, some go there for peace and serenity and some just revel in the beauty of Dhauladhars. But those who love to walk and hike those mountains, it is an absolute paradise out there. Let's look at some of them.



Sunset Point (6,300 ft.)

This one will find a place in your list of 'most beautiful sunsets in my life.' What makes this place magical is the sight of mighty Dhauladhars on the opposite end. You would walk through the scenery to reach the sunset point, and as the sun sets, a golden orange glow will lit up those mountains situated precisely opposite the sight point.



Bhagsu Nag Temple, Bhagsu waterfall and Shiva Café (7,000 ft.)

Bhagsu is an easy trek located at upper Mcleodganj and is one of the main tourist attractions here. A 2kms trek from Mcleodganj town center leads to Bhagsu Nag temple and Bhagsu waterfalls. Shiva Cafe is a little further of this place.



Galu Temple and Waterfall (6,700 ft.)

Dharamkot village, couple of km away from Mcleodganj, has a character which imbues a cosmopolitan yet Himalayan vibe. Gallu Devi temple is a 2kms short hike away from Dharamkot. It is also a spot for the official beginning of the Triund trek.



Guna Devi Temple (7,500 ft.)

Guna Devi is a small shrine located 8 km away from Mcleodganj. The Gaddi community reveres the temple, and a deity is a form of Kali. The trail is scenic, especially the panorama over Bhimaghastri pass. Two trails lead to the Guna Devi temple.



Triund (9,350 ft)

Triund is the most famous trek from Mcleodganj. Strolling among cloudy trails, locating herds of sheep, seeing the beautiful evening sky are just a few rewards. The trek level is easy, and it passes through the forest with some steep ascents and a few rocky sub-trails.



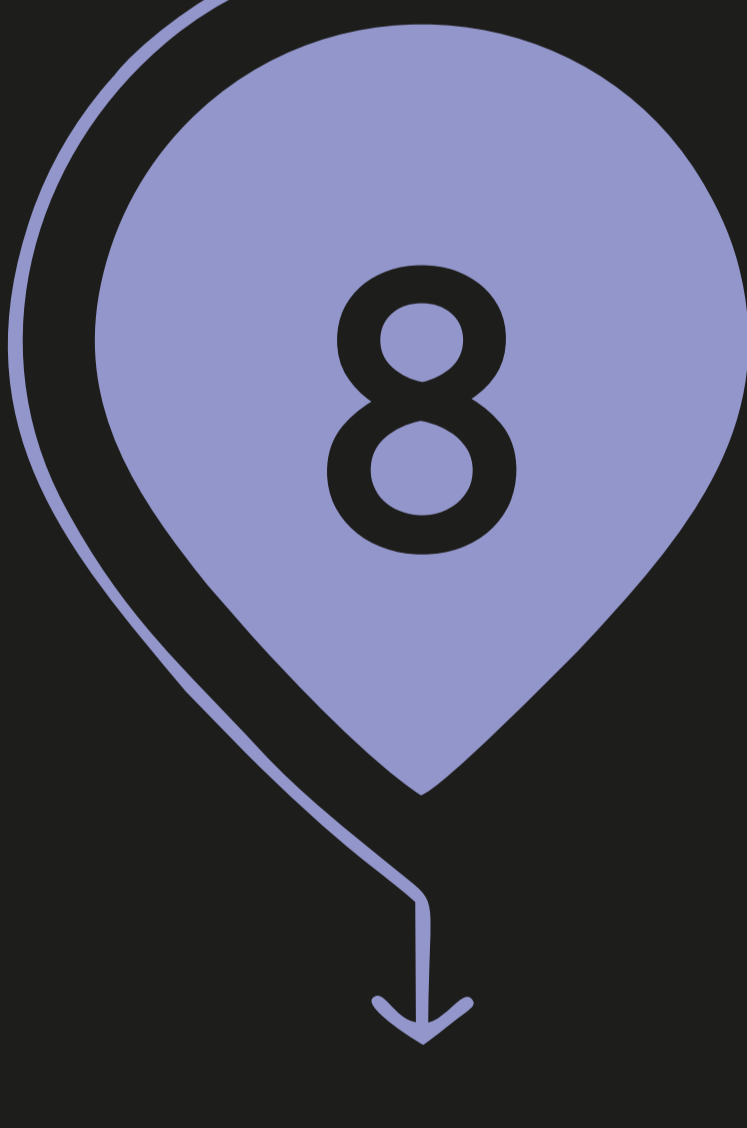
Ilaka / Snow line (10,800 ft.)

From Triund, you may further trek to snow line (there is a cafe which goes by this name), or Indrahhar Pass for much more magnificent views and better solitude. If you decide to do so, plan for an overnight stay at either snowline cafe or camp for the night. Do take a guide along, especially if you're doing it in winters.



Indrahhar Pass (14,000 ft.)

Indrahhar pass connects Kangra valley and Chamba. This pass is a moderate level trek which passes through Triund, meadows of Ilaqua and Lahesh caves. Amongst the breathtaking views that you would witness on the trek are of the Manimahesh peak and Pir Panjal ranges. It is at least a 4-day trek and could get a little trying for first-timers.



Kareri Lake (9,600 ft.)

Nestled in Dhauladhars, Kareri Lake lies towards the west of Mcleodganj, and Dhauladhars glaciers feed this tranquil Himalayan lake. The long trek starts from Kareri village (11.5 km away from the lake). Nyud stream runs alongside the trail. The difficulty level is moderate, but there are few steep stretches and gets 'difficult' in winters due to heavy snow.



Minkiani Pass (13,100 ft)

Minikiani pass lies in western Dhauladhars, further of Kareri lake. The trail is comparatively tricky than Kareri lake and requires a guide. With an altitude of 4000 meters, this walk can get arduous. Trekkers get rewarded well for the effort as they cross several streams, creeks, beautiful villages, and dense forests.



Manimahesh Lake (13,750 ft.)

Manimahesh is a high altitude lake situated in the neighborhood of Dhauladhars with Manimahesh peak in the background. Trek to this lake from Mcleodganj takes nearly 8-10 days, and if you choose to start the trek from Hadsar, then it can be done in two days covering a distance of 13.5 km (one way).

Himalayan Travel Tips

- Have Buffer Days
- Stay Warm & Hydrated
- Avoid Alcohol
- Carry Required Clothing, Food & Water
- Drive with Caution & Care
- Start Early, Sleep Early



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- Spread Smiles Not Plastic
- Stop Littering
- Bring Back Your Own Trash
- Avoid Plastic Water Bottles