

A. Gangotri Nandanvan Tapovan Trek

High Altitude Grade: **

Summer - 8 days

Gaumukh is where the waters of Ganga trickle down from the glaciers. The sages called it 'Gaumukh', because in the distant past, it probably appeared like a cow's mouth; though today, it no longer appears so. From Gangotri you move along the beaten track towards Chirbasa, which is on the treeline. From here you can have a clear view of the Bhagirathi Peak. Beyond Chirbasa the terrain becomes really desolate and barren. In fact, it

has been referred to as the Arctic Tundra by many trekkers.

From Chirbasa you reach Bhojwasa.

Gaumukh Glacier is just four kilometers ahead. To reach

Nandanvan, you take a detour from Bhojwasa. Here, you

get the first glimpse of

Shivlinga Peak, like an

ice-cream cone rising towards the sky. Nandanvan is another day's-trek

ahead. From Gaumukh to Tapovan the ascent is steep, and as you climb

the view of the surrounding peaks becomes clearer. They appear to be just

a stones throw away. Nandanvan situated at the base of the Bhagirathi

group of peaks, and can be reached after crossing the Gangotri Glacier. It

is an alpine meadow nestling in the shadow of the Bhagirathi peaks.



Rishikesh - Uttarkashi - Gangotri -
Bhojwasa - Tapovan - Nandanvan -
Bhojwasa - Gangotri - Rishikesh

- Day 1** All the participants are requested to assemble at GMVN - Tourist Rest House, Muni-ki-Reli, Rishikesh. Dinner and overnight at TRH, Muni-ki-Reli, Rishikesh.
- Day 2** Drive to Gangotri 252 kms. Hot lunch enroute. Dinner and overnight at TRH, Gangotri.
- Day 3** 14 kms trek to Bhojwasa with packed lunch. Dinner and overnight at TRH Bhojwasa.
- Day 4** 10 kms trek to Tapovan with packed lunch. Dinner and overnight in camp.
- Day 5** Trek to Nandanvan 8 kms through Gangotri Glacier, with packed lunch. Dinner and overnight in camp.
- Day 6** 12 kms trek to Bhojwasa with packed lunch. Dinner and overnight in TRH Bhojwasa.
- Day 7** Trek to Gangotri 14 kms with packed lunch. Dinner and overnight in TRH Gangotri.
- Day 8** 252 kms drive to Rishikesh. Lunch enroute. Arrival Rishikesh. Tour concludes.